



The Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty Back-to-Back Draft Tests Premium List

Hosted by: North Central Newfoundland Club

Monday & Tuesday, May 13th and 14th, 2024

Judges Monday: Karrie Cook and Donna Thibault
Tuesday: Karrie Cook and Pam Saunders

Bayfront Festival Park, 700 W Railroad Street, Duluth, MN

Monday test limited to 15 DD, TDD, DDX, or TDDX entries
Tuesday test limited to 15 BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, or TDDX entries

Earliest date for postmark or online entries:

NCA members: **Monday March 4th, 2024**

Others: **Thursday March 14th, 2024**

All entries close at 11:59 PM EDT on **Wednesday, April 24th, 2024**

Permission to hold these NCA Draft Tests has been granted by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America in accordance with the Draft Test Regulations revised on May 2022 and effective on July 1st, 2022

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***** We recommend entrants bring a pop-up tent for shade/shelter. *****

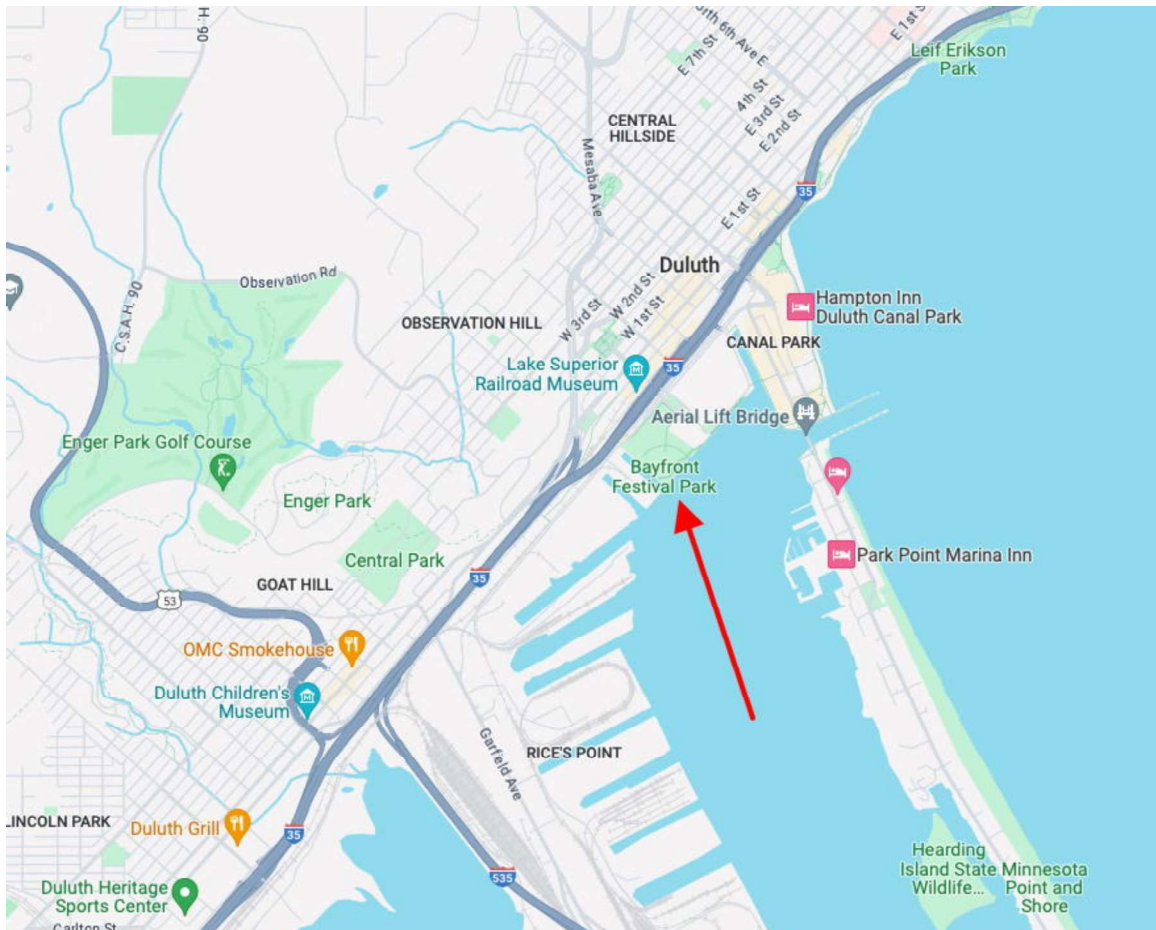
An inherent risk of exposure to Covid-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Covid- 19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending/entering this event, you assume all risks related to potential exposure to COVID-19.

About the Site

The draft tests are being held in conjunction with the Newfoundland Club of America's 2024 National Specialty being held at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth, Minnesota. It is right along the shore of Lake Superior. It is a popular tourist area located in downtown Duluth just off Interstate 35 and within walking distance of hotels, restaurants, and attractions such as the Aerial Lift Bridge. GPS: 46.77897, -92.10186

There will be no indoor crating, pavilion, or shade available, so please bring cover for your dogs, i.e., pop-up tents. A later section of this premium will give details on limited Reserved Crating. Portable toilets will be available right by the draft test. In addition, there will be food trucks on the National's grounds. More detailed information will be available closer to test time.

Note that you cannot crate your dog in your car because the parking lot is too far away for the safety officer to monitor. You will be able to unload/load your car next to the draft test, but you cannot park there.



Medical Care Locations

On Call Veterinarian	After Hours Emergency	Human Hospital
Waters Edge Animal Hospital & Urgent Care 332 East Central Entrance Duluth, MN 55811 (218) 464-4774 <u>8 minutes away</u>	BluePearl Pet Hospital 2314 W Michigan St Duluth, MN 55806 (228) 302-8000 6 minutes away	Essentia Health – St. Mary’s Medical Center 402 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 (218) 786-4000 6 minutes away

minutes away figures from Google Maps

Eligibility

NCA draft tests are open to only purebred Newfoundland dogs of either sex that are at least 18 months old on the date of the test. Other restrictions listed in the NCA rules also apply. Bitches in season are allowed but will be tested after all other entrants have been tested that day. Please inform a test committee member as soon as possible if you will be bringing a bitch in season to the test. They must be crated away from other dogs in an area designated by the test committee. At least one other bitch must be available to perform group exercises with any bitch in season. Bitches that have had an ovarian sparing spay are required to be tested as “Bitches in Season”.

Entries and Fees

Entry fee is \$45.00 for all single or team entries.

Online entry is available and is preferred at <https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc/>

Entries will only be accepted from **NCA members online or postmarked Monday March 4th, 2024, or later.**

Entries will only be accepted from **non-NCA members online or postmarked Thursday March 14th, 2024, or later.**

All entries close at the home of the Test Secretary on **Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 11:59 PM EDT.** After that time, entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

Note that to qualify for the 10-day earlier entry, either the owner or the handler must be an NCA member. If the dog is co-owned, either all the co-owners or the handler must be an NCA member.

Entries will be accepted online or by mail only. Entries postmarked prior to the appropriate opening date will be returned. Available entry slots will be filled according to the online entry date or the postmark date. All entries submitted online on a given date, no matter the time of day, will be treated equally, along with entries postmarked on that same day. Priority will be given to entrants who have not earned titles in the Division entered. If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates. All entries

received after the entry limit has been reached will be placed on an “alternate list” by order of those without titles, in order of postmark or online entry, followed by requalifiers in order of postmark or online entry. If withdrawals or absences occur prior to the start of the test, the test secretary will substitute entries from the alternate list. When notifying exhibitors of their entry numbers, exhibitors on the alternate list will be notified of their position on the list.

Entrants who learn they will be unable to attend a draft test must contact the test secretary immediately so exhibitors on the alternate list may be notified. Entry fee will be refunded if withdrawal of an entry is done prior to the closing date of the draft test. Entry fee will be refunded for those on the alternate list who cancel entry prior to the closing date. Entry fees will be refunded after the closing date if entrant tests positive for Covid 19. Entry fees will not be refunded for a dog on the alternate list who would have made it into the test had the dog been in attendance on the day of the test. Please refer to Draft Test Regulations Revised May 2022, Chapter I, Section 12: Entry Limitation – “Alternates and Refunds.”

If a handler has been assigned a spot in the test but their dog passes at a previous test, the handler must notify the Test Secretary by 6:00 p.m. the night before the test as to whether they will be withdrawing from the test (for which there will be no refund if after the closing date), requalifying in the same Division (if space is available or being added to the end of the alternate list), or transferring to a different Division. Should a test have an alternate list, the Test Secretary should note that any dog earning a title and subsequently requalifying will go to the end of the alternate list and the first alternate will move into the test. A dog that passes Beginner Draft Dog can either requalify or transfer to the Draft Dog test at a subsequent test. A dog that passes Draft Dog can requalify, change to a Team Draft Dog entry, or transfer to the Draft Dog Excellent test at a subsequent test. A dog that passes Draft Dog Excellent can either requalify or transfer to Draft Dog as a requalifier at a subsequent test should space be available for a requalifier.

If you wish to enter via postal mail, please make checks payable to **North Central Newfoundland Club** and mail to

Damian Burke
N3403 Forest Drive
New London, WI 54961
smeed1@mac.com

Please include a copy of the dog’s AKC or CKC registration papers and do not mail with “signature required.”

Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc, and the regional club hosting this event reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The NCA regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, which may include breaking windows to enter a vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress, or in harm’s way (for example, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm’s way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Out of Control Dog Policy

This policy was approved by the NCA Board of Directors on November 11th, 2023.

At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to itself or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.

At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash.

Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler.

*Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and **is excused from further participation in the event**. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels.*

*Examples of out of control behavior would include but is not limited to:
Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds.*

Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe.

*If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury **to dog or person** occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)*

Spectators and Unentered Dogs

Spectators are welcome at the Draft Test but are encouraged to not bring unentered dogs. Unentered dogs and dogs not currently being tested are not allowed in the official Draft Test testing areas. As a courtesy to the entrants, please keep unentered dogs quiet and keep them leashed or crated at all times. Unentered dogs are not allowed in the Reserved Crating area.

Trophies and Gifts

Each qualifying dog and handler team will receive an award to commemorate their achievement. Each entrant will receive a gift as a memento of their participation at the National Draft Test. We will also offer a special award for handlers earning their very first NCA working title.

Exhibitor Responsibilities

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing his/her own proper equipment. Each exhibitor is responsible for the knowledge of the official NCA Regulations governing a Draft Test and the applicable Standards of Performance. Regulations can be downloaded from the NCA website by choosing DraftTestRegulations on the page <https://www.ncadogs.org/forms.html>.

The test will take place in a public area where distractions can be present. The site is next to a bay off Lake Superior and dogs may be walking along the shore during a freight haul. The dogs will be working on a variety of surfaces such as grass, asphalt, concrete, brick, and a small wooden bridge. There is very little elevation change in the grounds.

All dogs not currently being tested should always be leashed or crated. They cannot walk any maneuvering or freight haul courses except during official course familiarization times. As a courtesy to other entrants, please try to keep your dogs quiet.

Online Entry

The preferred method of entering the draft tests is online at: <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org>

If you are an NCA member, you will provide your login and password. If not a member, you will provide the same contact information that you would provide on a paper entry. You will need to upload a copy of your dog's registration certificate, so please create an electronic version of that document ahead of time. You will be prompted for your credit card information to complete the entry. If you later need to pull or change your entry, that must be done through the test secretary and not using the online entry tool.

Weight Exchange Items

The DDX and TDDX tests require the entrant to perform a weight exchange. The test committee will provide the following items for this maneuver: one 10-pound bag of ice melt and one 20-pound bag of ice melt for the required total of 30 pounds for DDX. There will be two of each item for TDDX.

Weight Exchange: one 10# Bag and one 20# Bag



Test Schedule Monday, May 13th, 2024

Please note: No practice will be allowed on Sunday or on either test day.

NOTE: ALL entrants for the tests MUST BE checked in by 8:00 AM!!

7:30 – 8:00 AM

Entrants Check In (**ALL ENTRANTS MUST CHECK IN FOR ALL DIVISIONS**)

8:00 – 8:30 AM

Course familiarization for DD/TDD test

8:30 – 9:00 AM

DD/TDD Entrants meet with judges

Stewards meet with judges

9:00 AM

DD/TDD TEST BEGINS!!!

Basic control

Harnessing, hitching, and equipment check

Maneuvering course and basic commands

Three minute out-of-sight and freight load

Distance freight haul

To follow

Course familiarization for DDX/TDDX test

DDX/TDDX entrants meet with judges

Stewards meet with judges

To follow

DDX/TDDX TEST BEGINS

Maneuvers

To follow

Awards Presentation soon after the conclusion of the DDX/TDDX test

Lunch break will be at the judges' discretion.

Test Schedule Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

Please note: No practice will be allowed on Sunday or on either test day.

NOTE: ALL entrants for the tests MUST BE checked in by 8:00 AM!!

7:30 - 8:00 AM

Entrants Check In (**ALL ENTRANTS MUST CHECK IN FOR ALL DIVISIONS**)

8:00 - 8:30 AM

Course familiarization for DDX/TDDX test

8:30 - 9:00 AM

DDX/TDDX Entrants meet with judges

Stewards meet with judges

9:00 AM

DDX/TDDX TEST BEGINS

Maneuvers

To follow

Course familiarization for DD/TDD test

DD/TDD entrants meet with judges

Stewards meet with judges

To follow

DD/TDD TEST BEGINS!!!

Basic control

Harnessing, hitching, and equipment check

Maneuvering course and basic commands

Three minute out-of-sight and freight load

Distance freight haul

To follow

Course familiarization for BDD test

To follow

BDD Entrants meet with judges

Stewards meet with judges

To follow

BDD TEST BEGINS!!!

Basic control

Harnessing, hitching, and equipment check

Maneuvering course and basic commands

One minute stay and freight load

Distance freight haul

To follow

Awards Presentation soon after the conclusion of the BDD test

Lunch break will be at the judges' discretion

Area Lodging & Camping

This draft test is part of the NCA National Specialty. The NCA has provided hotel information on the web page <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/shop/hotel>. That page lists both hotels with a negotiated rate for the event as well as nearby pet-friendly lodging. Please confirm the hotel's pet policies before booking.

The NCA has also provided information on RV camping, located on the page <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/shop/rvparking>. It lists both on-site camping, which can be reserved on that page, as well as nearby campgrounds

Draft Test Reserved Crating

There will be no indoor crating, pavilion, or shade available near the draft test, so entrants are urged to bring their own shelter, such as a pop-up tent. But we realize that this might not be possible for some entrants, so we are offering reserved crating in the draft test area under tents provided by the NCNC. There are a limited number of these crating spaces available, and they must be reserved.

Please note the following:

- Each tent will have shared space for two entered teams. You will have room for one Newf-sized crate, a chair, and some personal items.
- Dogs in reserved crating spaces should be comfortable sharing the tent with another crated dog.
- Please do not bring any unentered dogs to a reserved crating area.
- There is no charge for reserved crating.

Reserved Crating Reservation

First come first serve for these reservations

Postmarked by May 1st

Please reserve crating space for me under a tent near the draft test.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Mail reservation (postmarked by May 1st, 2024) to:

Damian Burke
N3403 Forest Drive
New London, WI 54961
smeed1@mac.com

Catalog Advertising

Please help support the NCNC and its 2024 Draft Test by placing an ad in the draft test catalog. The catalog's page size is 8 ½" by 11".

Full Page	\$20.00
½ Page	\$12.00

The preferred way to submit your ad is by emailing a PDF file to the Test Secretary at smeed1@mac.com.

You can honor a Newf, a Newf's accomplishment, a club, a business, or whatever you want in the ad. Simply fill out and postal mail the form below along with a check payable to North Central Newfoundland Club to:

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NCNC Draft Test Catalog Advertising

Postmarked by April 10th

Please reserve the following space in the catalog. I am sending the artwork via email.

Full Page Ad (8 ½" x 11") – \$20.00 _____

½ Page Ad (8 ½" x 5 ½") – \$12.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make check payable to **North Central Newfoundland Club**

Name: _____

E-mail _____

Phone: _____

Postal Mail this form (postmarked by April 10th, 2024) to:

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Summary of Important Dates and Entry Details

Monday, March 4th, 2024 – First day to enter for NCA members – either online at <https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc> or postal mail according to postmark date.

Thursday, March 14th, 2024 – First day to enter for everyone – either online at <https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc> or postal mail according to postmark date.

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 – Last day to send in catalog advertising – by postal mail according to postmark date for the check and by email for the copy.

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 @ 11:59 PM EDT – Last day and time to enter the test – either online at <https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc> or postal mail according to **DATE RECEIVED** by Test Secretary.

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 @ 11:59 PM EDT – Last day and time to pull from the test **for a full refund** or change your entry – either by email or postal mail according to **DATE RECEIVED** by Test Secretary.

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 – Last day to reserve Reserved Crating – by postal mail according to postmark date.

Monday & Tuesday, May 13th & 14th – The National Draft Test

The Test Secretary's email address for all of these is: smeed1@mac.com.

The Test Secretary's postal mail address for all of these is:

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth, MN

Test Giving Club: North Central Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	May 13, 2024	May 14, 2024

ENTER BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: 11:59 PM EDT, On: April 24, 2024. Entries postmarked before March 4, 2024 (NCA Members) or March 14, 2024 (non NCA-Members) will be returned.

Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date and time.

Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$ 45.00 Entry fee payable to: North Central Newfoundland Club

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Damian Burke
N3403 Forest Drive
New London, WI 54961

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

****Information on this form will be use for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC, NCA & CKC titles are allowed)**

Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC Registration

Owner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

AKC/ CKC/ ILP/PAL# _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder (s): _____
_____ Call Name: _____

Handler's Name: _____

****Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be A Valid Entry**

**** I understand that I enter my dog in this NCA Working Test at my own risk.**

I have read the Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the NCA Constitution and By-Laws and further agree to be bound by the Entry Agreement included in the premium for this test.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Owner/ Agent duly authorized make this entry)

Day Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____ NCA MEMBER: _____ YES _____ NO

NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I (we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time, resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or other persons.

I agree to grant to this club, and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

- The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked car or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. I understand that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Signature: _____