



2026 WATER TESTS



Great Lakes, Great Dogs!



SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026
RAMONA PARK
PORTAGE, MICHIGAN

2 DAYS
4 LEVELS
BWD • WD • WRD • WRDX



www.glnewfclub.org





Welcome!

GREAT LAKES, GREAT DOGS!



On behalf of the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club, we are thrilled to invite you to our 2026 Water Tests at beautiful Ramona Park in Portage, Michigan.

Our club is dedicated to preserving and promoting the working abilities of the Newfoundland. These water tests celebrate the remarkable instincts, strength, and intelligence that make our dogs such extraordinary water workers and cherished companions.

Whether you are a first-time entrant or a seasoned participant, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and well-organized event for you, your dog, and your family.

We look forward to seeing you on the water!

~ The Great Lakes Newfoundland Club



JUDGES

SUE MARINO & DONA BAKER-AUSTIN



DATE

September 12 – 13, 2026



LOCATION

RAMONA PARK

8600 Sprinkle Road, Portage, Michigan 49002



DAYS & LEVELS

2 DAYS • ALL 4 LEVELS

BWD • WD • WRD • WRDX



ENTRY LIMITS

Saturday: 25 entries

Sunday: 20 entries

Non-Newf entries accepted if Newf entries do not fill.



LEVELS OFFERED

BWD • WD • WRD • WRDX



IMPORTANT ENTRY DATES

Entries open NCA members..... 7/29/26

Entries open Non-members..... 8/8/26

Entries close..... 9/2/26
at 11:59 PM





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SITE & ACCOMMODATIONS



ABOUT THE SITE

Ramona Park is a public park located in Portage, MI.

There is ~190' of beach that we can use and the dogs are generally swimming about 20 feet from shore. The water can be fairly clear until about 10 feet from shore where it becomes slightly murky.

There is plenty of parking, modern bathrooms, lots of shade in the spectator area and two pavilions. There is little to no shade in the parking area so please come prepared to crate your dog near you in the shaded spectator area near the beach.



NO PRACTICE

There will be **NO** practice at the test site.



DOGS NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH

We have a special permit which allows dogs on the beach during test hours **ONLY**.



SITE OBSERVATION

The test site may be **OBSERVED** after 5:00 PM on Friday, September 11, 2026. Site closes at dusk.



Please note: this is a City Park and is open to the public — be sure to clean up after your dog.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Please confirm pet policy prior to booking.

PROPERTY	ADDRESS	DISTANCE	PHONE
 Candlewood Suites (pet fee)	3443 Retail Place Dr, Kalamazoo, MI	5.2 mi / 10 min	 269-270-3203
 Baymont Inn	3800 E. Cork St, Kalamazoo, MI	5.6 mi / 10 min	 269-344-8300
 Quality Inn	3820 Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI	4.4 mi / 7 min	 269-381-7000
 RV: Fort Custer Nat'l Rec. Park	5163 Fort Custer Drive, Augusta, MI	17.8 mi / 24 min	 269-731-4200
 RV: Cold Brook County Park	14467 E. MN Ave, Climax, MI	13.6 mi / 17 min	 269-746-4270



EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE

VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo

 5348 S. Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI 49002

 **269-382-5228**



Approximately
10-15 minutes
from Ramona Park.

Use your preferred GPS app for the quickest route.





PLANNING YOUR WEEKEND



IMPORTANT DATES

1	Entries Open – NCA Members	July 29, 2026
2	Entries Open – Non-Members	August 8, 2026
3	Entries Close	September 2, 2026 • 11:59 PM EDT
4	Catalog Ad Deadline	September 2, 2026
5	Meal Reservation Deadline	September 2, 2026



MEALS & HOSPITALITY



- Continental breakfast provided by GLNC
- Lunches available both days
- No-host dinner • Saturday evening • 6:30 PM
Restaurant TBD
- Donations gladly accepted

V Venmo: @Debbie-Meyer-69



OFFICIAL 2026 EVENT MERCHANDISE

Celebrate the 2026 Water Tests



- Official 2026 Water Test Merchandise
- Exclusive event designs
- Shop closes
September 22, 2026



 **SCAN TO SHOP**

Order early to ensure delivery before the event.





Become a SPONSOR!



Every sponsorship helps create an outstanding experience for exhibitors, judges, volunteers, and our dogs.

*Thank you for helping make the 2026
Great Lakes Newfoundland Club Water Tests a success!*

BWD



BEGINNER
WATER DOG



\$10

WD



WATER DOG



\$25

WRD



WATER
RESCUE DOG



\$50

WRDX



WATER RESCUE DOG
EXCELLENT



\$100



*Choose a Sponsorship
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Judges' Gifts



Title Awards



Hospitality



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EVERY SPONSOR RECEIVES



Recognition on the Sponsor
Appreciation Board at
the Water Tests



Recognition in the Official
Water Test Catalog



Our sincere appreciation for
supporting Newfoundland
Working Events



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Or visit:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/261806302394051>



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GREAT LAKES NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



NEWFOUNDLAND

Water Test Entries



AKC SUSPENSION: Dogs and/or handlers/exhibitors/owners/co-owners that are suspended from the AKC are unable to enter NCA events. In addition, dogs suspended from AKC events are not allowed on the test grounds.



ENTRY LIMITS

DAY	MAXIMUM ENTRIES	LEVELS OFFERED
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026	25	BWD • WD WRD • WRDX
Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026	20	BWD • WD WRD • WRDX

Four (4) WRDX positions are reserved each day.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 Entries Open – NCA Members July 29, 2026
- 2 Entries Open – Non-Members August 8, 2026
- 3 Entries Close September 2, 2026
• 11:59 PM EDT
- 4 Catalog Ad Deadline September 2, 2026
- 5 Meal Reservation Deadline September 2, 2026

ENTRY POLICIES

- Minimum of five entries required each day.
- Priority given to dogs that have not yet earned the title entered.
- Unfilled WRDX positions will be filled from other divisions.
- No entries accepted before opening dates.
- Lottery held if entries exceed limits.

ENTRY FEE

\$50 Per Test

Online entry is recommended and preferred.



<https://workingentry.ncadogs.org/>

ENTRIES CLOSE

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
11:59 PM EDT**



After this time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, substituted, or altered.



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ENTRY *Information*



Online and mailed entries
receive equal consideration
and are processed
according to postmark date.



ENTRY PROCESS



Online entries receive
an electronic postmark.



Mailed entries receive
the USPS postmark.



If a postmark date exceeds
available entries, a lottery
determines accepted entries
and alternates.



Alternate lists are maintained
in postmark order.



MAIL ENTRIES



Checks payable to GLNC
Debbie Meyer
1450 N Lucy Montgomery Way
Olathe, KS 66061

- ✓ Signed Working Event Agreement
- ✓ Copy of your dog's AKC registration
- ✓ Request a hand-stamped USPS postmark whenever possible
- ✓ Waive signature if using Express Mail



ENTRY CONFIRMATION



Include a self-addressed
stamped envelope

OR



Provide an email address

OR



Text Debbie Meyer for confirmation
913-424-3019



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EXHIBITOR

Information



EXHIBITORS' NOTES



Bring your own water test equipment.



A U.S. Coast Guard–approved personal flotation device is required.



Suitable footwear must be worn in the water.



All tests are conducted under the 2026 NCA Water Test Regulations.



Current regulations are available at ncadogs.org.



ABOUT THE TESTS



These Newfoundland Water Tests are sanctioned by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America and sponsored by the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club.

All tests will be conducted under the current NCA Water Test Regulations. Exhibitors are responsible for becoming familiar with those regulations before competing.



BE PREPARED



Bring all required equipment.



Have your equipment ready for inspection.



Listen for judge's announcements.



Most importantly... have fun and enjoy the weekend!





SAFETY & SITE RULES



Dogs must be crated or leashed at all times.



Leashes may not exceed six feet and may not be retractable.



Dogs must remain under control at all times.



Dogs displaying aggressive or uncontrolled behavior may be excused or required to be crated.

OUT OF CONTROL DOG POLICY

Approved by NCA Board of Directors — November 11, 2023

If, in the opinion of the judge, any dog is out of control, the judge may signal the test director or his/her designee, who shall then notify the owner of the dog that the dog is out of control.

The owner shall then have the option to either correct the problem, or withdraw from the test. If the owner elects not to correct the problem, the dog shall be excused from the test and the owner shall be subject to the provisions outlined in the NCA Discipline Policy. The dog may not be allowed to remain at the test site.

An "out of control dog" is defined as a dog that engages in behavior that, in the opinion of the judge, threatens the safety of any person or animal.



WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Animals in Distress



In the event it is necessary to rescue any animal(s) from the water during a test held under the auspices of the GLNC, I hereby waive and release all rights and claims I may have against the Newfoundland Club of America, the GLNC, their agents, members, landowner(s) and/or any person acting on their behalf.

I understand that the welfare of my dog(s) is my responsibility. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all liability for the rescue of any animal(s) necessary during these events.



Safety First, Fun Always!





GREAT LAKES NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB



TEST SCHEDULE

September 12-13, 2026



RAMONA PARK • PORTAGE, MICHIGAN



IMPORTANT

ALL LEVEL EXHIBITORS MUST CHECK IN BY 7:30 AM



7:00 – 7:30 AM



All Levels Check-In



7:45 AM



Judges Meet with WRDX Exhibitors
• Equipment Inspection



8:00 AM



Judges Meet with WRDX Stewards
• WRDX Pre-Swim (15 minutes)



8:15 AM



WRDX Test Begins



**FOLLOWING
WRDX**



BWD

- Exhibitor Meeting
- Equipment Inspection
- Steward Meeting
- Pre-Swim

**BWD
Test Begins**



WD

- Exhibitor Meeting
- Equipment Inspection
- Steward Meeting
- Pre-Swim

**WD
Test Begins**



WRD

- Exhibitor Meeting
- Equipment Inspection
- Steward Meeting
- Pre-Swim

**WRD
Test Begins**



Lunch Break

At the judges' discretion.



Awards Presentation

Presented shortly after the
completion of judging.



*Test schedule is tentative and may be
adjusted at the judges' discretion.*





DOGS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE



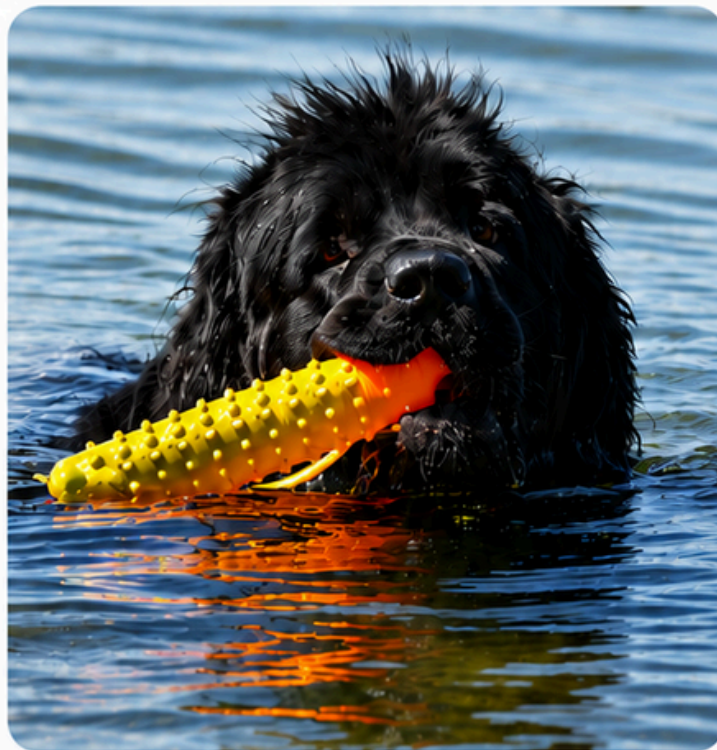
The NCA Water Rescue Tests are open to purebred Newfoundland dogs at least **six (6) months of age**. The word 'dog' in the NCA Water Rescue Test Regulations refers to either sex.



All entered dogs must have an **AKC/CKC registration number, AKC ILP/PAL number, foreign registration number, or AKC or foreign litter number.**



Bitches in season may participate in NCA Water Rescue Tests and will be tested at the end of the competition after all male dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area well away from male dogs and the official test area.



DOGS NOT BEING TESTED AT THE TIME
are not permitted in the official Test Areas.



Unentered dogs (except bitches in season) are welcome to join us at the test site. Please remember that all unentered dogs must remain well away from the main test area during judging so as not to disturb any competing dogs.



UNDER WATER



RETRIEVE ARTICLE CHANGE



Underwater retrieve articles have been difficult to find for many years — the 'old favorite' Splunky was discontinued. While exhibitors may use whatever item they choose to meet the regulations, the WDC and NCA Board have adjusted the height for underwater retrieve articles to **4.5 inches**, up from 4 inches, in accordance with the 2024 revision of the regulations.



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AWARDS

Each entrant will receive a hospitality gift for participating in our test.

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Each qualifier will receive a special trophy selected by the test committee.



GLNC MEETING

Saturday, September 12, during the lunch break, there will be a GLNC general meeting.



SILENT AUCTION

We will host a silent auction during the test on Saturday.
Bring your best finds —
proceeds support the club.



Thank you for your generosity and support!



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GLNC WATER TEST CATALOG ADVERTISING

An advertisement in the GLNC Water Test catalog is a great way to honor a mentor or friend, promote your kennel, brag about a new title, show off your dog, or send special wishes to the entrants.

- 🐾 All ads must be 'camera ready.'
- 🐾 Ads must be received by **September 2, 2026**. Make checks payable to GLNC.
- 🐾 Full page (8.5 × 11) — \$10.00
- 🐾 ½ page — \$5.00



Please send ads to Debbie Meyer, dmeyer_2@comcast.net



MEALS

- 🐾 Continental breakfast will be provided by GLNC.
- 🐾 Lunches for Saturday and Sunday may be preordered — sandwich platter with assorted chips, cookies, and a variety of fresh fruit.
- 🐾 Saturday night's no-host dinner will be at a local restaurant, to be determined.

To properly prepare for this event, please RSVP using the meal reservation form below.

MEAL RESERVATION FORM 🐾 DUE SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Saturday Lunch how many
Saturday Dinner how many
Sunday Lunch how many



Email: sheilatatman@gmail.com



Mail: Sheila Tatman, 9880 E Bingham Road, Traverse City, MI 49684



Text: 727-282-9291



2026 WATER TESTS

ALL-BREED TEST

All Breeds. All Welcome.

Our All-Breed Water Test is a great opportunity for dogs of all breeds to showcase their natural abilities, build confidence, and have fun in the water!



SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

RAMONA PARK
PORTAGE, MILEVELS OFFERED:
BWD | WD | WRD

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A fun and supportive environment
- NCA Water Test Judges
- Beautiful natural setting
- A test of teamwork and trust
- A weekend you and your dog won't forget!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



If Newfoundland entries do not fill, we will be allowing **ALL-BREED** entries to test.



ALL-BREED ENTRIES
MUST MAIL their entry forms
to the **TEST SECRETARY**.

*Bring your dog. Make some waves. Have some fun!*

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All-Breed Water Test Entry Form

2026 Great Lakes Newfoundland Club Water Tests



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OWNER INFORMATION

Owner _____

Co-owner _____

Address _____

City / State / ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DOG INFORMATION

Registered Name _____

Call Name _____

Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Registration Number _____

ENTRY INFORMATION

☐ Saturday

☐ Sunday

LEVEL (Check one)

☐ BWD

☐ WD

☐ WRD

FEES

Entry Fee \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



MAIL COMPLETED ENTRY TO:

Debbie Meyer
1450 N Lucy Montgomery Way
Olathe, KS 66061



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Ramona Park, Portage, MI

Test Giving Club: Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	DATE 1	DATE 2	DATE 3

ENTER BWD, WD, WRD, WRDX, BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: 11:59 pm, On: Sept. 2, 2026 Entries postmarked before July 29 (NCA Members) or August 8 (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 \$ \$50 Entry fee payable to: GLNC

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Debbie Meyer
1450 N Lucy Montgomery Way
Olathe, KS 66061

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: _____



Thank You!



FOR SUPPORTING THE GREAT LAKES NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB

Great Lakes, Great Dogs!

We look forward to welcoming exhibitors, volunteers, judges, stewards, families, and friends to beautiful **Ramona Park** in **Portage, Michigan**, for a wonderful weekend celebrating the working heritage of the Newfoundland.



Whether you're competing, volunteering, or cheering from the shoreline, we're excited to share this special weekend with you.

Safe travels—and we'll see you in September!

