

# Great Lakes Newfoundland Club 2026 Draft Test Premium

April 25 -26, 2026



Waterloo Recreation Area

Deer Run Shelter

11500 Seymour Road,  
Grass Lake, Michigan

49240

Judges:

Dwight Gorsuch and Bethany Karger  
BDD, DD/TDD, DDX/TDDX



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 May 2022 and effective July 1st, 2022.



Saturday test limited to 12 BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, or TDDX entries

Sunday test limited to 12 BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, or TDDX entries

Minimum of 5 BDD/DD/TDD/DDX/TDDX entries per day required to hold test

Earliest date for postmark or online entries: NCA members:

**Saturday, February 28th, 2026**

Non-NCA members:

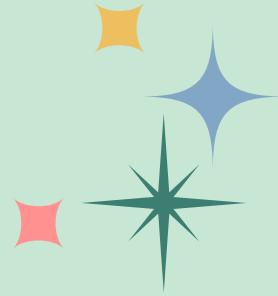
**Tuesday, March 10th, 2026**

All entries close at 11:59 PM EDT on **Wednesday, April 8th, 2026**



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## About the Site

Waterloo Recreation Area is the largest state park in the Lower Peninsula and home to a diverse array of camping options (modern, rustic and equestrian campgrounds, backpack-only sites and overnight lodging facilities), 11 inland lakes, a trail system, the DTE Energy Foundation Trail, a visitor center, and excellent fishing and hunting opportunities.

## Location

Waterloo Recreation Area - Deer Run Shelter  
11500 Seymour Road, Grass Lake, Michigan  
49240

## Driving Directions

From the east (Detroit): Take I-94 west to exit 150 (Mt. Hope Rd). North (right) onto Mt. Hope 3 miles to Seymour Rd. Turn left (West) on Seymour Road and go ~2 miles to the Portage Lake Unit which will have a state park sign on the right. Take the 2nd right in the park to the Deer Run Shelter. From the west (Kalamazoo): I-94 east to exit 147 (Race Rd). Go North (left) on Race Road ~3 miles, until it ends at Seymour Rd. Turn Right (East) on Seymour to the Portage Lake Unit which will have a state park sign on the left. Take the 2nd right in the park to the Deer Run Shelter. Follow above directions, or use GPS to Portage Lake Campground, Grass Lake MI.

**DO NOT map to Waterloo Recreation Area!**

You can also map to a restaurant called Portage Lake Parlor, 12227 Seymour Rd, Grass Lake, MI & the entrance to the test site at the Portage Lake Unit will be approximately 1 mile WEST of the restaurant.

For those camping, you'll take the first right in the park, to the campground. Test Site Parking is at the 2nd right in the park

**Please call Tim Tepatti (248-808-5296) if you need help with directions.**

## Parking

Because our tests are held in a State Recreation Area, there is a fee for parking. **Michigan Residents** will need a Michigan Recreation Passport. These are available when you purchase your license tabs for the year. If you do not have one, you can purchase it at the park for \$15 + \$5 processing fee.

**Non-Michigan Residents** can purchase a Daily Pass for \$12 per day or can purchase a yearly Non-Resident Passport for \$42 + \$1.50 processing fee, which is good until the end of the calendar year (2026). You can purchase these ahead of time at [MiDNRReservations.com/](http://MiDNRReservations.com/) Store. There is a 3 week delivery time. You can also purchase them at the park.

## Weather

The weather in Michigan at this time of year is often unpredictable. Please be prepared for warm, cool, cold, or wet conditions. There is a covered shelter for us to eat under, but not enough room for crating. You are welcome to bring your own canopies. For setup, the entrants can come in on Friday April 24th, 2026 but it's a public park so consider that before leaving equipment there. There is no security at night & you assume all risk for belongings left at the site. Camping is permitted by tent, trailer, or RV in the Portage North, Central, and South areas on the map below. Reservations can be made online, or by calling 1 (800) 447-2757



## 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 \$50.00 for all single or team entries.

Online entry is available and is preferred at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org>

Entries will only be accepted from NCA members online or postmarked Saturday February 28th, 2026, or later.

Entries will only be accepted from Non-NCA members online or postmarked Tuesday March 10th, 2026, or later.

All entries close at the home of the Test Secretary on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, at 11:59 PM EDT. After that time, entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

## Online Entry

Note: 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.

If you wish to enter via postal mail, please make checks payable to Great Lakes Newfoundland Club and mail to:

Tim Tepatti  
4367 Stonehenge Ct.  
Troy, Michigan 48098 [ttepatti01@yahoo.com](mailto:ttepatti01@yahoo.com)

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

## 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 Draft Test Regulations on the page <https://www.ncadogs.org/forms.html>.

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.

## 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 30-pound bag of dog food inside a canvas sack. There will be two of each item for TDDX.

Weight Exchange: one 30# Bag, approximately 25"x 16" x 3"

## Unentered Dogs

Exhibitors' well-behaved dogs not entered in the tests are welcome to attend. However, these dogs must not interfere with the dogs being tested. They will be crated away from the official draft test area and must remain quiet.

## Spectators

Spectators are welcome to observe the Draft Test from designated areas but are not permitted to bring dogs.

## Photography and Use of Images

If you prefer to NOT be photographed or be in the proximity of any photographer during your exhibition, please notify the Test Chair PRIOR to your testing.

By attending this event, you hereby give your consent to publish and/or alter any and all photos and/or videos (hereby referred to as images) taken of you and/or your dog(s) that are present during this event, whether they are entered or not. You agree to waive any claim, action, lawsuit and further agree to indemnify and hold NCA, the host club, and any judge harmless from claims, actions, or lawsuits resulting from the use of these images and your participation in this event.

# Area Lodging & Camping

Please confirm the hotel's pet policies before booking!

## **Baymont by Wyndham**

1540 Commerce Park Dr.  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 719-8016  
Chelsea area 14 miles,  
17 min from site

## **Red Roof Inn**

3505 State St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(937) 328-1699  
Ann Arbor Area 30 miles,  
30 min from site

## **Comfort Inn Jackson North**

2435 Shirley Dr.  
Jackson, MI 49202  
(734) 433-8000  
Jackson area 11 miles,  
14 min from site

## **Hampton Inn & Suites**

2910 Jackson Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734) 994-1100  
Ann Arbor Area 27 miles,  
28 min from site

## **Baymont by Wyndham**

2035 Bondsteel Dr.  
Jackson, MI 4920  
(517) 539-3047  
Jackson Area 14 miles,  
17 min from site  
Your paragraph text

## **Camping**

Waterloo Recreation Area  
(734) 475-8307  
Main # for general questions)  
(800)447-2757  
(For Reservations)

## In Case of an Emergency

### **Emergency Veterinarian**

Ann Arbor Animal Hospital 2150 West  
Liberty  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
**(734) 662-4474**  
24 hour  
28 miles, 37 minutes from site  
Please call if possible, prior to arriving

### **Non-Emergency Veterinarian**

Lane Animal Hospital  
701 N. Main Street  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
**(734) 475-8696**  
14 miles, 18 minutes from  
site



### **Emergency Human Hospital**

Henry Ford Jackson  
Hospital  
205 N East Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49201  
(517) 788-4800  
12 miles, 16 minutes  
from site

### **Emergency Human Hospital**

St Joseph Mercy  
Chelsea  
775 S Main Street  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 593-6000  
15 miles, 20 minutes  
from site

## 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)



## Catalog Advertising

Please help support the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club and its 2026 Draft Test by placing a black & white ad in the draft test catalog. You can honor a Newf, a Newf's accomplishment, a club, advertise an event, or advertise your business.

The catalog's page size is 8 1/2" by 11".

Full Page Ad 8 1/2" by 11"	\$20.00
Half Page Ad 8 1/2" by 5 1/2"	\$15.00
3 Line Ad Maximum 240 characters including spaces	\$10.00

All artwork for full-and half-page ads must be submitted in camera ready format (JPEG).  
3-line ads are submitted as text. Email your ad submission to the Test Secretary, Tim Tepatti, at  
[ttepatti01@yahoo.com](mailto:ttepatti01@yahoo.com).

Pay for your ad using one of the following methods:

On-line at: <https://GLNC2026DraftTestCatalogAds>

or

Scan the following QR code

or



Postal Mail - fill out the form below and return to the Test Secretary with your check made payable to  
Great Lakes Newfoundland Club.

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GLNC Draft Test Catalog Advertising  
Due at the Secretary's address by April 15th

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

Full Page Ad (8 1/2" x 11")	- \$20.00
Half Page Ad (8 1/2" x 5 1/2")	- \$15.00
3 Line Ad (Maximum 240 characters including spaces)	- \$10.00 Total Enclosed

Make check payable to Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Mail this form to:

Tim Tepatti  
4367 Stonehenge Ct.  
Troy, Michigan 48098.

# Summary of Important Dates and Entry Details

**Saturday, February 28th, 2026** - First day to enter for NCA members - either online at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org> or postal mail according to postmark date.

**Tuesday, March 10th, 2026** - First day to enter for Non-NCA members- either online at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org> or postal mail according to postmark date.

**Wednesday, April 5th, 2026** - Last day for Test Secretary to receive catalog advertising and payments. Payments received online or at Test Secretary's postal address.

**Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EDT** - Last day and time to enter the test - either online at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org> or postal mail according to DATE RECEIVED by Test Secretary.

**Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 @ 11:59 PM EDT** - Last day and time to pull from the test for a full refund or change your entry- either by email, text, or phone call to the Test Secretary – Tim Tepatti (email) [ttepatti01@yahoo.com](mailto:ttepatti01@yahoo.com) (Phone) (248)808-5296

## **Saturday & Sunday, April 25th & 26th, 2026 - Draft Test**

The Test Secretary's email address: [ttepatti01@yahoo.com](mailto:ttepatti01@yahoo.com)

The Test Secretary's postal address:

Tim Tepatti  
4367 Stonehenge Ct.  
Troy, Michigan 48098



**Sponsorship Opportunities, Meals Information, and Merchandise availability will be released by the test entry opening date.**

# **Test Schedule Saturday, April 25th, 2026**

Please note: No practice will be allowed after the course is set on Friday.

**NOTE: ALL entrants for the tests MUST BE checked in by 7:30AM!!**

7:00- 7:30 AM Entrants Check In (ALL ENTRANTS MUST CHECK IN FOR ALL DIVISIONS)

7:45- 8:15 AM Course familiarization for DDX/TDDX test

8:15 - 8:45 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

Freight Haul Walk Through

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

Freight Haul Walk Through

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.**

# **Test Schedule Sunday, April 26th, 2026**

Please note: No practice will be allowed after the course is set on Friday.

**NOTE: ALL entrants for the tests MUST BE checked in by 7:30AM!!**

7:00- 7:30 AM Entrants Check In (ALL ENTRANTS MUST CHECK IN FOR ALL DIVISIONS)

7:45 - 8:15 AM Course familiarization for DDX/TDDX test

8:15 - 8:45 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

Freight Haul Walk Through

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

Freight Haul Walk Through

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

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY  
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Test Giving Club: Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

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(non NCA-Members) will be returned.

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

Send entries with \$ 50.00

Entry fee payable to:

Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

Return entries to the Test Secretary:

Tim Tepatti

4367 Stonehenge Ct.

Troy, MI 48098



## NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Waterloo Recreation Area, Grass lake, MI 49240

Test Giving Club: Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	

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

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### PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

\*\*Information on this form will be used 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      TE(6.15.19)

## 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.

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