

## **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR ARKANSAS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. Contestant shall drive and perform the regular duties of a professional truck driver.
  - The entering employer must be the contestant's primary employer;
  - Performing the regular duties of a professional truck driver must be the contestant's principle duty for the entering employer;
  - The contestant must have performed the regular duties of a professional truck driver for the entering employer a minimum of 1200 hours annually;
  - Performing the regular duties of a professional truck driver must have constituted no less than 60% of the contestant's hours worked for the entering employer;
  - Performing the regular duties of a professional truck driver is intended to include driving a commercial motor vehicle on streets and highways, as opposed to a non-commercial motor vehicle (except for Step Van Class), or driving within the terminal.
2. Contestant shall be continuously employed by entering employer for at least 12 months prior to entry in the state Truck Driving Championship and shall have regularly driven for 11 of the 12 months prior to entry. Exceptions are as follows:
  - This requirement may be waived if a driver who is otherwise eligible and whose change of employment arising solely out of his/her motor carrier employer going out of business, provided that all employers for whom the driver performed the regular duties of a professional truck driver for 11 months of the 12 months will verify to the entering employer that the driver has maintained an accident-free record as required by these rules.
3. Contestant shall have an accident free record 12 months prior to entry and participation in Truck Driving Championship. The only accidents which need not be counted against the contestant's accident free record are:
  - The contestant's vehicle was legally and properly parked.
  - The contestant's vehicle was stopped in traffic in compliance with a traffic sign or signal, or at the direction of a police officer.
4. Contestant shall meet the medical qualifications of the U.S. Department of Transportation as set forth in 49 CFR 391.41.
5. Contestant must have a valid CDL license with proper endorsement required for each class in which he/she participates. If entering the STEP VAN class a driver can have a CDL or non-CDL license, but if non-CDL he/she must drive step van or other Commercial Motor Vehicle with GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating) of more than 10,001lbs and less than 26,000 lbs. He/she must be employed by a motor carrier or be a dedicated owner operator in accordance with the current rulebook.
6. A driver may participate in the state contest in the state where he/she is occupationally domiciled. Under certain conditions, a driver may enter in a state in which the driver holds a CDL. In no event may a driver compete in more than one official State Truck Driving Championship in a given year.

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7. A driver may participate in only one class:
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| Straight truck                 | Five-axle sleeper berth tractor-semitrailer |
| Three-axle tractor-semitrailer | Tank truck                                  |
| Four-axle tractor-semitrailer  | Flatbed                                     |
| Five-axle tractor-semitrailer  | Twin trailers                               |
| Step Van                       |   |
8. A collision during practice or competition will disqualify a contestant.
9. A contestant who has won the same class of competition in two (2) consecutive State Truck Driving Championships shall not be eligible to compete in that class of competition at the following two (2) consecutive state Truck Driving Championships. Drivers who compete in the Step Van class are only required to sit out for 1 year following two straight TDC championships (1 year retirement period). After the required period of retirement has elapsed, he/she may again enter a Truck Driving Championship and compete in the specific class of competition from which he/she was retired, provided he/she is otherwise eligible.
10. The Truck Driving Championship Chairman shall disqualify any entrant in the State Truck Driving Championship who is found guilty of obvious misconduct, or of violating the rules governing eligibility, competition, and/or practice for State and National Truck Driving Championship competition.
11. Employees in the following job classifications are not eligible to enter Truck Driving Championship competition:
- Those employed principally for the movement of vehicles on private property generally referred to as “Spotters,” “Hostlers,” “Switchers,” or “Yardmen”
  - Owner-operators, driver-owners, or the like, except those operating regularly and exclusively in the service of a single employer for a period equal to the minimum length-of-employment requirements set forth herein
  - Employees used occasionally or intermittently as drivers
  - Employees who drive trucks incidental to the performance of their principal duties in the fields of supervision, training or maintenance
  - Employees compensated in any way for time spent practicing for a Truck Driving Championship.

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

- 1. Driver must have competed in Arkansas Truck Driving Championship for three consecutive years, current year included.**
- 2. Driver must have clean driving record for three consecutive years, current year included.**