



# ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

**June 26–27, 2026. Rogers, AR. Rogers Convention Center.**

This year's competition is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 26–27 at the Rogers Convention Center.

The competition consists of a written test, pre-trip inspection and driving skills test. Each driver may compete in one of the following classes:

- Three-axle tractor-semitrailer
- Four-axle tractor-semitrailer
- Five-axle tractor-semitrailer
- Tank truck
- Flatbed
- Twin trailers
- Straight truck
- Step van
- Sleeper

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Please carefully review and sign the enclosed State Eligibility Rules for 2026.
2. Drivers must be employed by an Arkansas Trucking Association member company.
3. The enclosed registration form and the driver entry and release forms must be received by the Arkansas Trucking Association no later than May 29, 2026. Driver entry and release forms must be completely filled out with no blanks. Copy of driver MVR, signature and photo may be submitted later.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All participants, family, friends and coworkers are invited to attend the awards banquet on Saturday evening. The entry fee for each competitor includes **one banquet ticket**, which will be distributed to company rep on Friday. If you plan to attend the awards banquet with guests, please indicate the additional number of tickets requested on the awards banquet form. Preorder banquet tickets for additional guests, including children, for \$75 each. **Banquet tickets purchased after June 19 are \$100 and will be assigned seating at general admission tables.**

- To volunteer, please contact the Arkansas Trucking Association at [getinfo@arkansastrucking.com](mailto:getinfo@arkansastrucking.com)
- To order Facts for Drivers, contact the American Trucking Associations at 800.282.5463 or visit our championship event page at [arkansastrucking.com](http://arkansastrucking.com).
- Drivers, bring all essential items you would normally use to perform a pre-trip inspection.
- Cell phones, smart watches and other communication devices are prohibited during all portions of the competition. Violators will be immediately disqualified.
- **To be eligible for the sportsmanship award**, drivers must have clean driving record for three consecutive years, current year included, and must have competed in the Arkansas Truck Driving Championship for three consecutive years.
- First place winners will go on to compete at the National Truck Driving Championships in Pittsburgh in August. Employers do not have to be members of the American Trucking Associations to be eligible to compete at Nationals.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 28

**Mail:** Arkansas Trucking Association, PO Box 3476, Little Rock, AR 72203

**Email:** [jordanwelch@arkansastrucking.com](mailto:jordanwelch@arkansastrucking.com)

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa & Convention Center

3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758

Visit [www.arkansastrucking.com](http://www.arkansastrucking.com).



# STATE ELIGIBILITY RULES

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**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 12 months prior to the 2026 National Truck Driving Championship and shall have regularly driven since. 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 of the 12 months will verify to the entering employer that the driver has maintained an accident-free record as required by these rules.
- The requirement for 12 months of continuous employment may be waived for a contestant who has been on active military duty for a full term of active duty or members of the National Guard or Reserves who were activated to Federal or State duty, provided that the contestant has driven and performed the duties of a professional truck driver for an aggregate period of 11 of the 12 months prior to and subsequent to the period of active military service and the contestant separation from active duty was not under dishonorable conditions or by reason of a medical condition that is disqualifying under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 291.41) and the contestant returns to driving with the entering employer within 60 calendar days of separation from active service and has not otherwise driven or performed the duties of a professional truck driver during that period.

**3. Contestant shall have a preventable accident-free record 12 months prior to the 2026 National Truck Driving Championship.**

**Non-preventable accident policy:**

- Non-preventable accidents – the carrier will determine eligible non-preventable accidents based on American Trucking Associations Guidelines for Recording Fleet Vehicle Accidents and Determining Preventability.
- The carrier will be required to submit the TDC Accident Eligibility Review Form for any non-preventable accidents and the NTDC Eligibility Review Committee will review for final approval.  
(Visit [NTDC.Trucking.org/Accident-Eligibility-Criteria](http://NTDC.Trucking.org/Accident-Eligibility-Criteria) for form.)

**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 STRAIGHT TRUCK class, a driver must have a minimum of a Class B CDL. 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 10,001 lbs 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.**
- 7. A collision during practice or competition will disqualify a contestant unless it is deemed non-preventable (See 3. Non-preventable accidents).**
- 8. The Truck Driving Championship Chair 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.**
- 9. 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.
- 10. A driver may participate in only one class:**

After winning two consecutive years at the State TDC and/or competing two consecutive years at Nationals in that same class of competition, a driver is not eligible to compete in that same class for one year if a step van competitor and two years if a competitor in any other class.

# DRIVER INFORMATION

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Driver's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever competed in a state trucking championship:  Yes  No

Home ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Endorsements: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever competed in a state trucking championship:  Yes  No

Home ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Endorsements: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever competed in a state trucking championship:  Yes  No

Home ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Endorsements: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please attach additional pages if needed.

## REGISTRATION FEES/PAYMENT INFORMATION

Entry Fees: \$300 per driver of Gold or Silver Sponsors | \$500 per driver for all other companies

Each registered driver will receive one banquet ticket. Tickets for family and company officials should be ordered on banquet form.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* All payments must be received in advance of competition.

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees will be refunded if the notice of cancellation is received in writing by the Arkansas Trucking Association no later than the close of business on May 28, with a 3% cancellation fee applied. No refunds will otherwise be given regardless of attendance.

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Email: [jordanwelch@arkansastrucking.com](mailto:jordanwelch@arkansastrucking.com)

# DRIVER WAIVER & RELEASE

*The Arkansas Trucking Association, Inc., is committed to conducting its programs and activities in a safe manner. Drivers registering in or attending the Truck Driving Championships or the Step Van Driving Championships must recognize the inherent **risks of injury** associated with operating motor vehicles in general, as well as in being present during, and in participating in, competitions such as these Championships. The Arkansas Trucking Association, Inc., therefore requires the execution of the following Waiver and Release as a condition for participation in the Championships activities. Please **carefully read this form in its entirety.***



## WAIVER & RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

*Acknowledgement of Risks. As a participant in the Truck Driving Championships or in the Step Van Driving Championships (hereafter referred to as "Championships"), I recognize and acknowledge that there are **inherent risks** associated with driving or being around large motor vehicles, in general, and with being present at (or otherwise participating in) the activities associated with the Championships. I recognize that such risks can arise in a number of ways, whether in my operation of (or riding in) a vehicle, in the operations of other vehicles by other people, or even in simply being present at the site of the Championships. I also recognize and understand that such inherent risks include the potential for sickness and disabling physical injury **up to and including dismemberment or death.***

*Representations as to Fitness, Condition & Training. I represent and warrant that my health and physical condition are good enough for me to safely participate in the Championships, that I will not be under the influence of any medicines or other substances that could impair my judgment or ability to participate safely. I further represent and warrant that I am familiar with and shall follow the Championships' rules and procedures, particularly with regard to safety, and that I am well trained in workplace safety rules pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles.*

*Purpose of Participation. I understand further that participation in the Championships is voluntary and that I am doing so under no compulsion, but rather for my own enjoyment and benefit and to display and enhance my skills as a member of the trucking industry or to be eligible for awards offered to contestants.*

*Caution with Equipment & Premises. I will use caution in operating any vehicle or other equipment I use. I will also use caution in entering and exiting the area where the activities are being held, as well as in getting into and out of any vehicle or structure.*

*Assumption of Risks. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Championships, I agree to assume the **full risk of any and all sickness and injuries including dismemberment, death, damages or loss regardless of severity** that I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all of the activities associated with the Championships.*

*Waiver of Claims/Indemnity. For the same consideration, I (both on behalf of myself as well as on behalf of my heirs and personal representatives) **waive and relinquish any and all claims** that I may have or that may accrue to me against the Arkansas Trucking Association, Inc., and any other participant in the Championships (or against any of them), including, for each entity or person, their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, contractors, affiliates, successors and assigns, on account of or during the course of my participation in or presence at the Championships, or while traveling to or from the Championships. Without limitation, I am hereby **waiving and relinquishing all such claims, whether arising out of negligence or other form of liability**, associated with the Championships and related activities, for all injuries (up to and including dismemberment or death), as well as for all other damages or loss (including without limitation loss of or damage to personal property). I further agree to **indemnify, protect, and hold harmless** the entities and persons described above of and from any and all claims, judgments, costs, liens, expenses, and losses (including attorney's fees) arising out of any subsequent actions, claims, or demands by reason of injuries or damages to me as a result of my participation in, attendance at, or travel to or from the Championships.*

*Authorization in the Event of Emergency. I further **authorize** the Arkansas Trucking Association, Inc., (as well as its designees) **to secure** from any licensed hospital, physician, or medical personnel any **emergency medical treatment** or services (including but not limited to land or air-based emergency transport) deemed necessary for my immediate care should I sustain any injury or illness during the course of my participation in or presence at the Championships. I agree that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical services required.*

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*Driver Signature*

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*Driver Printed Name*

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*Date of Signature*

*(Be sure to complete Driver Registration on Page 2)*

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition State: \_\_\_\_\_

Hosting State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Class of Competition (check one)

**Straight Truck** (Single 2-axle vehicle)

CDL Requirement: Class B

**3-Axle** (2-axle tractor & 1-axle 28' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

**4-Axle** (2-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

**5-Axle** (3-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

**Sleeper Berth** (3-axle sleeper tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

**Tank Truck** (3-axle tractor & 2-axle tank semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A - (N) Tank or (X) Combined Endorsement

**Flatbed** (3-axle tractor & 2-axle flatbed semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

**Twin Trailers** (2-axle tractor & set of 28' semitrailers)

CDL Requirement: Class A - (T) Twins Endorsement

**Step Van** (Step or Package Van)

**CERTIFICATION BY EMPLOYER.** I hereby certify that I am aware of the provisions of Chapter V, Eligibility Rules, of the Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures and applicable appendices including the Step Van Driving Championships rule summary; that the contestant named herein is eligible to compete under these rules; that the contestant's employer is a member of an ATA-affiliated State Trucking Association; that the contestant's employer will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the ATA and State Trucking Association and any other contestant, attendee, and equipment donor for any claims, damages, losses, expenses to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the contestant, and that all information furnished about them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Employer Manager's Signature (NOT driver's): \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the ATA's National and/or its affiliates' Truck Driving Championships (TDC) or Step Van Driving Championships (SVDC) and be eligible for awards offered to participants, I hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

1. I acknowledge that I am not in the employ of ATA or a State Trucking Association.
2. Both as to myself and my heirs and personal representatives, I release ATA, its directors, employees, agents and/or any of its affiliates and the State Association listed to the left, its directors, employees, agents and/or any of its affiliates from any and all liability and any right of action that may arise from any damage or injury which I may receive while attending or participating in said State or National TDC or National SVDC.
3. I grant the State Association listed to the left and ATA and its designated agencies exclusive right to make use of information about myself and of photographs supplied with this entry form, along with photographs subsequently taken under ATA's direction, in publicity and advertising activities. I further agree to make myself available for publicity enterprises arranged by ATA, with newspaper and magazine writers and radio and television personnel.
4. I grant State Association listed to the left and ATA the right to examine my MVR for the purposes of determining my eligibility to compete at both the State and National TDC or SVDC.
5. I will be bound by all orders, rules and regulations governing ATA's National and/or its affiliates' TDC or SVDC while participating in said competitions.

### CERTIFICATION BY CONTESTANT.

I certify that:

1. I have been continuously employed as a truck or step van driver by my present employer during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
2. I have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck or step van driver during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
3. I have not been away from the regular duties of a professional truck driver beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
4. I have not been involved in a **Preventable** fleet motor vehicle accident during the 12 months prior the 2026 TDC. See TDC Rules and Procedures, Appendix I for determining non-preventable accident eligibility.
5. I have the proper class CDL or DL plus required endorsement(s) for the class of competition indicated to the left.
6. I hold a CDL (DL if SVDC) from or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Occupational domiciled is defined as the terminal, garage or other operating base from which the driver normally works, is supervised and/or where employer is corporately headquartered.*
7. I have not served as a member of any State Trucking Association's Truck Driving Championships Committee during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC / NTDC.  
*Competing drivers may still serve as volunteers and support for State Truck Driving Championships and National Truck Driving Championships in which they are not competing.*
8. That the class of competition I am entering in 2026 is not a class in which I won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC or National SVDC in 2024 and 2025. I understand that after winning two consecutive years at the State TDC and/or competing two consecutive years at the Nationals in that same class of competition, I am not eligible to compete in that same class for one year if a step van competitor and two years if a competitor in any other class.
9. I have not received any form of pay, bonus, prize or other consideration for time spent in practice as set forth in the Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures. I agree that if I compete and win the State TDC, that I will compete at the National TDC or SVDC (as applicable), unless disqualified or am detained due to a medical emergency, in which case I will notify the applicable State Trucking Association immediately. I acknowledge that any misstatement made with respect to my eligibility for the TDC or SVDC competition may result in the forfeiture of my right to compete or in my disqualification from said competition.

Driver's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



- Attach a copy of your MVR showing:
  - 1) Your name and/or signature; and
  - 2) Class of CDL (or license if SVDC applicant).



*Driver Registration must be completed to be eligible for National competition!*

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contestant's Name Pronunciation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Competition Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
**REQUIRED to receive registration confirmation**  
 Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children Name/Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Main Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contestant's Home Terminal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Safety Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Safety Manager Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Safety Manager Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If different than safety manager:*  
 Registration Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Manager Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Manager Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Safe Driving Miles: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 w/ No-Accident Record: \_\_\_\_\_ in Trucking Industry: \_\_\_\_\_ w/ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Accidents: Preventable: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Preventable: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Last Accident: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Usual Run: Local: \_\_\_\_\_ Peddle: \_\_\_\_\_ Line-Haul: \_\_\_\_\_  
 List unusual experiences, aid to motorists or at accident scene, acts of heroism:  
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Awards Received:  
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Hobbies:  
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Volunteer Experience:  
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**Below and above information is used at Nationals to determine ND Professional Excellence Award eligibility.** Please enter previous State/National TDC or SVDC in which you competed or volunteered below. Attach separate page if additional space is needed.

How many times have you participated in a:  
 State TDC: \_\_\_\_\_ National TDC: \_\_\_\_\_

Year	State	Competed Class	Competed Rank	Volunteer Role

