

ARIZONA'S BEST!

2010 State Truck Driving Competition Instructions

ATTENTION: Participants

Announcing New Location for the 2010 TDC!

Arizona's Best! 2010 Truck Driving Championship (TDC) will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the **Tempe Diablo Stadium 2200 West Alameda Drive Tempe, AZ 85282**- This year's TDC will be even bigger and better, with over 200 drivers expected to compete.

Also returning by popular demand is the exciting "step van class! Just like last year, we are proud to announce that this year's step van champion will compete against other state champions at the National Competition, to be held in Columbus, OH in August!

To Register for Competition Please Follow the Instructions Listed Below:

1. Download the current version of
 - a. Form TR-1 ATA Truck Driving Championships and Step Van Championships "Entry and Release Form – Revision 1/10
 - b. Form TR-2 ATA Truck Driving Championships and Step Van Championships "Driver Information Form – Revision 3/09 Please include
 - i. Photo of the driver
 - ii. Copy of driver's MVR (that has been run since March 28, 2009 showing driver name and class of CDL
 1. CDL exception for step van applicants but must still have MVR
 2. MVRs are available at the ATA Vehicle Registration Department
2. Only use these versions that are posted on our website.
3. Complete these forms in their entirety
4. Completed applications must be submitted to the Arizona Trucking Association office at 7500 W. Madison Street, Tolleson, AZ 85353 with registration fee, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday [April 9, 2010](#). In fairness to all competitors, there can not be exceptions.
5. Registration fee of \$105.00 per driver (No refunds will be issued after April 17, 2010).

ATA cannot accept incomplete or outdated applications. No application will be accepted or processed unless it includes all of the required documents. Prior to submitting applications, please ensure that your company is a member in good standing with the Association, with no unpaid dues or other outstanding invoices. We are unable to accept applications for drivers whose companies are in arrears as of the [April 9, 2010 deadline](#). You may contact our Accounting Manager, Elvira Piñon, at 602.850.6004 to arrange payment of outstanding invoices.

To be eligible to enter, the professional truck driver must:

1. Have an accident-free record from the day immediately following the 2009 Truck Driving Competition (March 29, 2009) through April 23, 2010, the date of the 2010 Competition.
2. Meet the driver medical qualifications of the U.S. Department of Transportation and hold a CDL (exception for step van drivers), as set forth in 49CFR 391.41.
3. Continuously employed by the entering employer company for at least 12 months prior to entry, and have driven and performed the duties of a professional truck driver for 11 of the 12 months of employment.

NOTE: Layoff exception this year due to ongoing economic recession – The NTDC Committee has

amended Chapter V, Section C in part to allow a driver to be laid off for as many as 60 days as long as he/she meets all the other rules and **is working** as a truck driver for the entering employer at the time of competition.

4. Participate in only one class from those listed below:
 - a. Straight Truck; b. Three-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer; c. Four-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer;
 - d. Five-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer; e. Tank; f. Five-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer, Flatbed;
 - g. Twin Trailers; h. Five-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer Van (Sleeper Cab); i. Step van.

Equipment is donated by members of the Arizona Trucking Association.

The "Facts for Drivers" book will be distributed to companies as applications are received - one book per applicant. You may order extra books at \$5.00 each. Payment must be made at the time of pick up; ATA cannot invoice for driver books.

The first event, the written test, begins promptly at 7 AM. Late seating is not allowed. Any participating driver not in his/her seat at that time will be disqualified from the entire TDC. No refunds will be given to disqualified drivers.

The awards ceremony will follow the last event of the day as soon as course take-down is complete. If a driver participating in this year's Arizona TDC wins and is eligible to represent Arizona in the National Truck Driving Championships, it is the responsibility of the driver's company to pay all costs involved, including the driver's entry fee to the national competition. The nationals will be held August 3-7, 2010 in Columbus, OH.

The TDC Wants YOU! It takes over 120 volunteers to stage the TDC each year. The TDC planning committee is already hard at work, but additional volunteers are needed. Each company that enters a driver in the competition will be contacted to name at least one person to work as a volunteer for each competitor entered in the competition. Each company will also be asked to name one individual to work with the TDC committee in advance of the competition. Having your company's input, ideas and hands-on help is the best way for you to ensure that this is the best championship ever! Volunteers also help us keep our costs as low as possible. Don't wait for us to call you! **To volunteer, contact Matt Planeta at via email at MPlaneta@swtruckins.com or phone at (602) 455-6037.**

Any changes in the Arizona Truck Driving Championship arrangements up to the April 9 entry deadline will be announced through the "**industry insider**" published bimonthly by the Arizona Trucking Association or on the web site at www.arizonatrucking.com and click on the "Safety and Compliance" tab, scroll down and click on Arizona Truck Driving Championship. After the deadline, entering companies will be contacted via email, phone or fax. Please be sure to provide the key contact's name, phone number, fax number and email address. Also, if you do not currently receive the "**industry insider**" or if you are not on ATA's email list, please call us at 602.850.6000.

NEW TO THE COMPETITION THIS YEAR:

By popular request, the TDC Committee has granted permission for two "TDC Familiarity Sessions". The sessions will focus on the rookie competitor and what she/he needs to know to compete at a competitive level. Also, the session will focus on the competitor who works for a company that does not have the means to prepare their own drivers for the competition. The sessions will be held on March 13, 2010 and March 27, 2010 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Each session is a duplicate of the other and is classroom theory only.

These TDC Familiarity Sessions will be held in the Association's training room and will cover:

1. What to study for the written tests
2. What to study for the pre-trip inspection
3. How the course competition is scored, along with the do's and don't of course behavior

The cost for attending a TDC Familiarity Session is \$20.00 per person. Please contact Janet White at 602-850-6013 or jwhite@aztrucking.com to sign up for a session and arrange payment.

Important Note: In keeping within the rules of the competition at the State and National level, no competitor may be paid or compensated to participate in these sessions.

We look forward to your participation in Arizona's Best 2010 Truck Driving Competition ever!

If you have any questions, please contact the Arizona Trucking Association:

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602.850.6002
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American Trucking Associations (ATA) Truck Driving Championships & Step Van Driving Championships Entry and Release

(Be sure to complete Driver Information Sheet on reverse side)

Contestant's name: _____ Preferred Nickname: _____

State: _____

Employer: _____

Class of Competition (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Straight Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Five-axle tractor-semitrailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Flatbed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-axle tractor-semitrailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Five-axle sleeper berth tractor-semitrailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin trailers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four-axle tractor-semitrailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Step Van |

CERTIFICATION BY EMPLOYER. I hereby certify that I am aware of the provisions of Chapter V, Truck Driving Championships Eligibility Rules, of the ATA Truck Driving Championships Rules and Procedures, State and National and applicable appendixes including the Step Van Driving Championships rule summary; that the contestant named herein is eligible to compete under these rules; and that all information furnished about them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in ATA's National and/or its affiliates' Truck Driving Championships or Step Van Driving Championships 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.
2. Both as to myself and my heirs and personal representatives, I release ATA, 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 National Truck Driving Championships or National Step Van Driving Championships.
3. I grant 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 will be bound by all orders, rules and regulations governing ATA's National and/or its affiliates' Truck Driving Championships or Step Van Driving Championships while participating in said competitions.

CERTIFICATION BY CONTESTANT. I certify that during the past 12 months:

1. I have been continuously employed as a truck driver (or step van driver if a SVDC applicant) by my present employer;
2. I have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck driver (or step van driver if a SVDC applicant) for at least 11 of the 12 months, and that my regular duties of a truck driver (or step van driver if a SVDC applicant) constituted not less than 60% of my work hours and at least 1200 hours annually. [Possible exception: layoff status – ask State TDC staff for details]
3. I have not been involved in a fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident in the course of such employment;
4. I have the proper class Commercial Driver's License (if a SVDC applicant, not required), plus required endorsement(s) for the class of competition indicated above;
5. I have resided or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of _____.
6. I did not compete and win in the same class of competition at the state or regional Truck Driving Championships in 2008 and 2009; and if I competed and won at the state or regional Truck Driving Championships in 2007 and 2008, I acknowledge I must sit out of that class for 2009 and 2010.
7. I further certify that I have not received any form of pay, bonus, prize or other consideration for time spent in practice as set forth in the ATA Truck Driving Championships Rules and Procedures, State and National.
8. I acknowledge that any misstatement made with respect to my eligibility for the Truck Driving Championships or Step Van Driving Championships competition may result in the forfeiture of my right to compete or in my disqualification from said competition.

Driver's Signature: _____

Attach a photocopy of your MVR showing:
1. Your name and/or signature
2. Class of CDL (or License if SVDC applicant)

ATA Truck Driving Championships & Step Van Driving Championships Driver Information Form

Contestant's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Class of Competition: _____ State: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Main Office Address: _____
(number-street) (city) (state) (zip)

Important:
 Company President: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Safety Director: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Terminal Manager: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Contestant's Home Terminal: _____
(number-street) (city) (state) (zip)

Length of Service with Present Employer: _____ Length of Service in Trucking Industry: _____

Number of Years with No-Accident Record: _____ Lifetime Safe Driving Miles: _____

Number of Accidents: Preventable: _____ Non-Preventable: _____

Date of Last Accident: _____

Usual Run: Local _____ Peddle _____ Line-haul _____

Is your company a member of the State Trucking Association? Yes No

Is your company a member of ATA? Yes No

Home Address: _____
(number-street) (city) (state) (zip)

Home Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Married: Yes No Spouse's Name: _____

Children's name(s)/age(s): _____

Outline any unusual experiences, such as help at scene of accident, aid to motorists, life-saving and any awards you have received.

Have you ever participated in a State Truck Driving Championships? Yes No

Previous State/National Truck Driving Championships or Step Van Driving Championships in which you competed or volunteered:

Year	State/National	Class	Position

(Please attach separate sheet if additional space is needed for above listing)

Have you ever been a member of America's Road Team? Yes Year _____ No

Are you interested? Yes No

For State and National publicity purposes include:
 ● Recent 2" X 3" (or larger) head and shoulder photograph, and
 ● The name of your hometown newspaper _____ and the nearest large city to your hometown _____

Information sheet must be complete to be eligible for National competition!