



2018 Company Participation Guide For Company Officials

NEW FOR 2018 A few items listed in the guide are new for this year; please make a note of them...

- **Appearance of Contestants** – The Georgia Truck Driving Championship is a professional event which displays the skills of Georgia’s best professional drivers. To that end all contestants must adhere to the event’s appearance and attire guidelines. Failure to do so, will result in disqualification.
 - **Appearance:** All contestant’s hair shall be of a natural color (i.e. blond, black, brown, red or grey) and not such that would diminish the professional uniform. Fluorescent or similar dyed hair colors are prohibited.
 - **Attire:** Every Contestant must wear the recognized uniform of his/her motor carrier during competition. If the contestant’s company does not have a uniform, contestants are expected to dress in such a way that projects a positive and professional image. All contestants must wear a collared shirt and should wear a belt as no sagging of pants will be acceptable. No T-shirts, No sweatpants, No gym shorts.
- **Deadlines and Punctuality:** All participating companies, managers and contestants must meet required deadlines and be prompt for all events. Failure to meet the deadlines and/or tardiness will result in disqualification.
- **Receipt of information sheet** – each driver must sign and submit that they received the rules packet and facts for driver’s book. This form must be submitted with the driver applications in the proper order!
- **Schedule of Events:** there are several schedule and location changes for 2018. A basic schedule is listed here and a more detailed schedule with classes and running order will be sent closer to the competition. Driver Registration and the written test will be held Friday Morning in the Grand Ballroom at the Legacy Lodge.
 - **Friday May 11th**
 - 7:15 – 8:00 am - Driver Registration & Check-In @ the Legacy Lodge Grand Ballroom
 - 8:10 am – All drivers report to the Grand Ballroom and be seated in their classes
 - 8:30 am - Written Test begins (passing out of test and instructions to being at 8:15)
 - 9:00 am – Volunteer & Officer Registration at the Grand Hall
 - 9:15 am – Volunteer & Officer Orientation at Grand Hall
 - 10:00 am – Driver Orientation @ Grand Hall
 - 10:30 am – Course Walk
 - 11:00 am – Call to order, Opening Ceremony
 - 11:15 am – All Drivers to Holding Area
 - 11:20 am – Friday Driving & Pre-Trip Competition begins.
 - **Saturday May 12th**
 - 8:15 am – All drivers to designated holding areas
 - 8:30 am – Saturday Driving & Pre-Trip Competition begins

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 9th	Company Reservations Deadline
March 15th	Hotel Deadline - names must be submitted to hotel!
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April 6th	Safety Awards & Scholarship Deadline
April 13th	Driver & Activity Reservation Cancelation Deadline
April 13th	All banquet tickets sold after this date will be General Admission seating
April 23rd	Driver Application Deadline
May 10th	Company Tent Set up before 12 noon, closed course after 12 noon.
May 11th-12th	Competition Dates
May 12th	Awards Ceremony

RULES FOR DRIVERS

- **Driver Info Packets:** You will need to distribute an information packet to each of your drivers. This will be their guide to the championships and contain all the rules and instructions.

Complete listings of all rules are covered in the Driver Info Packets, but these are a few here are a few highlights of the rules and championship information you will want to cover with your participants:

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- **Driver Registration & Badge Pick Up:** Friday at 7:15 am – 8:00 am Driver Registration & Check-In @ the Legacy Lodge Grand Ballroom, drivers who are not present for registration will be disqualified.
- **Driver Orientation:** all drivers must be present for orientation at the Grand Hall Friday at 10:00 am.
- **Written Test:** Friday at 8:10 am at the Grand Ballroom
- **NO CELL PHONES, NO CAMERAS, NO RECORDING DEVICES, no devices that can receive data, send data and/or signal notifications ARE ALLOWED AT REGISTRATION, IN THE GRAND HALL, IN THE GRAND BALLROOM, ON THE COURSE, OR IN THE DRIVERS POSSESSION DURING ANY PHASE OF THE COMPETITION** (Registration Friday – End of competition Saturday). This includes smart watches, fit bands or any device viewed as questionable by TDC Officials. Participants having these devices in your possession **will be** disqualified. This includes Friday morning at registration! You will not receive your badge to participate if you have an electronic device on your person!

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

- **Driver Registration:** Friday at 7:15 am Driver Registration & Check-In @ the Legacy Lodge Grand Ballroom, drivers who are not present for registration will be disqualified.
- **Written Test:** Friday at 8:10 am at the Grand Ballroom
- **Parking:** There will be no parking at the Grand Hall. There will be a shuttle at the hotel that will bring you to the Grand Hall. If you choose to drive, parking is available only in the water park parking lot to the right of the entrance to Grand Hall. Follow the signs and please park in the assigned areas.
- **Weather:** Come prepared. All events will be held rain or shine!
- **Don't Get Lost!** Please note the directions to Lake Lanier Islands, Legacy Lodge and the Grand Hall, and the times and rules for all events.
- **Families with children:** We want to keep the competition family-friendly however children should not be riding skateboards, throwing balls or doing anything around the course that may compromise their safety or distract the competitors. Please advise the families with children to monitor their activity around the course.
- **Running Order:** We will post the running order in the hotel lobby Thursday afternoon.
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ONSITE ACTIVITIES, BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY

- **Banquet:** The awards dinner begins at 6:30 pm on Saturday, May 12, at Peachtree Point
- **Attire:** Dress for the dinner may be casual but no t-shirts, shorts or flip-flops.... PLEASE.
- **Banquet Tickets:** All driver entry fees cover the driver's cost and that of a guest for the banquet. Everyone...drivers, spouses, all children, guests and company representatives must have a dinner ticket (wrist band) to enter the pavilion. Space is limited to the first 500 guests. Dinner tickets purchased after April 13th (if available) will be general admission only and seating will not be with the company's reserved table.
- **Banquet Ticket Pick Up:** you can pick up your banquet tickets after 10 AM on Saturday at the GMTA Tent
- **Awards Ceremony:** The 2018 Awards Ceremony will be held at the Peachtree Point Amphitheatre and is open to all friends and family of the drivers. Presentations for the Georgia Fleet Safety Awards, Safety Professional of-the-Year, Driver of-the-Year, and Georgia's Driving Champions will begin at approximately 8:00. No tickets are needed, but seating at the ceremony will begin following dinner.

DRIVER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- **Facts for Drivers:** Facts for Drivers books will be sent to companies who have paid for their driver entries.
 - As soon as you receive the books, please give them to your drivers - This is the study guide for the written exam and the driving competition.
- **Endorsements:** Participants must have the proper endorsement for the class you want to compete in. Drivers cannot have a manual transmission restriction listed on their CDL.
- **Driver Info Packets:** You will need to distribute an information packet to each of your drivers. This will be their guide to the championships and contain all the rules, instructions and registration forms.
 - **Driver Information and Entry & Release Forms:** Each contestant must complete a typed information form (front and back) and return to GMTA before the start of business on April 23rd – no exceptions. These forms have also been emailed to you!
- **Submission & Acceptance Guidelines for Driver Forms:**
 - Driver forms must be typed – no handwritten forms will be accepted.
 - Submit Completed forms paper clipped together [in this order](#) or electronically scanned and sent:
 - **Receipt of information** – driver must sign and submit that they received the rules packet and facts for driver's book.
 - Driver Information Sheet – this is the form that must be typed
 - Entry and Release – must be signed by driver and company official
 - Current MVR – must have been ran in 2018
 - CDL License copy – driver must have the proper endorsements for the class entered to be eligible. Participating drivers must not have a manual transmission restriction on their CDL. If a drivers CDL expires before the competition, a new license will need to be provided before they are eligible to compete.
- If you change classes before April 23rd, a new signed entry and release and registration form must be submitted.
- No class or driver changes will be accepted after the 23rd of April – this includes onsite. Each company official must confirm with each participant their proper class for registration and have their signed confirmation form submitted [before the start of business on April 23rd!](#)
- After we receive your information you will receive a confirmation with each driver's name and the class they will be participating in – please review this confirmation form and send an approval that all your information is correct to GMTA.

TENT & SET UP INFO

- **Tent Reservations:** Maximum size is 40' wide x 20' deep. Spaces will be assigned and marked at the pavilion parking lot on Wednesday May 9th.
- **Tent Set Up:** Tents may be set up from noon on Wednesday until noon on Thursday. After that the course will be closed. No one except course officials will be allowed on or around the course, no exceptions.
- **Tent Tear Down:** To show respect for all the participants, tents may not be taken down until after the last driver has run on Saturday. All tents must be picked up before 5:00 on Sunday unless you have made special arrangements with Lake Lanier Islands.
- **Tent Company:** Each company is assigned a specific spot around the course. Please make sure that your tent company puts your tent in the assigned spot. If they are unsure, they can ask a TDC Official onsite if they have questions.