



## Professional Drivers: 2018 Rules, Instructions & Information

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

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- **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

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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
  - Drivers need to sit in the section marked with their class of competition.
  - Do NOT bring **ANYTHING** with you to the written test.
  - Drivers may not sit next to or across from drivers from their same company
  - After drivers complete their written exam drivers are to turn in their test and quietly leave the testing room and head to the Grand Hall to prepare for orientation.
- **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!
- **No Practicing:** Contestants must finish all practice for the competition prior to 12 noon Thursday. Participants found practicing after 12 Thursday will be disqualified.
- **No Peeking:** No one is allowed in the TDC Course area, Grand Hall Lot or Pavilion unless it is during Registration, the written exam or the competition. Anyone found in the restricted areas before or after hours will be subject to disqualification of themselves and/or their company. This includes drivers, spouses, children, friends, company officials or anyone who should not be in the Competition area.
- **Driver Holding:** All drivers will be assigned holding groups and approx. competition times. While in holding, you will be given further instruction for the competition. Once you have completed your event for Friday you are free until Saturday morning then you must report back to the holding area by 8:15 am. Saturday driving, and pre-trip activities will begin at 8:30 am.
- **Free Time & Driver Discussion:** During free time, you can watch the competition, but you are not allowed on the course or in the pre-trip area. If you are observed violating any of these regulations, you will be disqualified from the competition. You should not discuss the details of the course, pre-trip or written exam with other contestants.
- **License Restriction:** Drivers cannot have a manual transmission restriction listed on their CDL.
- **Badges:** You will be given a badge at registration, you will need to wear them during the competition

## 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.

## 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 tables.
- **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:** This is your guide to the competition and study guide for the written test. Each driver will receive one from their company. If you would like additional copies or a electronic version to listen to in your vehicle you may purchase them from <http://www.atabusinesssolutions.com/>
- **Endorsements:** You 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 Information and Entry & Release Forms:** Each contestant must complete a typed information form (front and back) and return to GMTA by April 23rd – no exceptions.
- **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!](#)



## Receipt of Information

### 2018 GA Truck Driving Championship Competitors

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2018 Facts for Drivers and the Professional Drivers: 2018 Rules, Instructions & Information pack from a company official. I agree to read these guides in preparation for the GA Truck Driving Championships and know failure to comply with the Rules and Instructions will result in my disqualification from competition.

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

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

Class of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Each participating driver must complete this form and submit it with the driver forms!



# 2018 Truck Driving Championships & Step Van Driving Championships Entry and Release Form

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

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Competition State: Georgia Hosting State Assn.: Georgia Motor Trucking Association

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

Class of Competition (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Straight Truck<br>(Single 2-axle vehicle)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer<br>(3-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flatbed<br>(3-axle tractor & 2 axle flatbed semitrailer)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer<br>(2-axle tractor & 1-axle 28' semitrailer) | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Axle Sleeper Berth Tractor-Semitrailer<br>(3-axle sleeper tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Trailers<br>(2-axle tractor & set of 28' semitrailers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer<br>(2-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Truck<br>(3-axle tractor & 2-axle tank semitrailer)                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Step Van<br>(Step or Package 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; that the contestant's employer is a member of an ATA-affiliated State Trucking Association, and that all information furnished about them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Employer Mgr.'s Signature (NOT driver's): \_\_\_\_\_ Mgr. 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:

- I acknowledge that I am not in the employ of ATA or a State Trucking Association.
- 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 noted above, 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.
- I grant the State Association noted above 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.
- I grant State Association noted above and ATA the right to exam my CDL and MVR for the purposes of determining my eligibility to compete at both the State and National TDC or SVDC.
- 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 during the 12 months prior to the 2018 TDC:

- I have been continuously employed as a truck or step van driver by my present employer [exception: 11 of 12 months if previous employer went out of business and all other eligibility requirements are met]; and
- I have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck driver or step van driver for at least 11 of the 12 months, and that my regular duties of a truck driver or step van driver constituted not less than 60% of my work hours and at least 1200 hours annually.
- I have not been involved in a fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident in the course of such employment.
- 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.
- That I hold a CDL from or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of Georgia. Occupational domiciled means the terminal, garage or other operating base from which the driver normally and usually works and/or is supervised.
- That the class of competition I am entering in 2018 is not a class in which I won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC in 2016 and 2017 or 2015 and 2016; or if I am entering the step van class, I did not win the state or regional TDC and/or compete at the National SVDC in the step van class in 2016 and 2017. 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.
- 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*.
- 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 photocopy of your MVR showing: 1) Your name and/or signature; and 2) Class of CDL (or License if SVDC applicant)**

**Also attach a copy of your CDL.**