



# ARKANSAS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

July 13 - 14, 2018  
John Q. Hammons Convention Center  
Rogers, AR

## You are invited to participate in the 2018 Arkansas Truck Driving Championship!

This year's competition is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 13-14 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas.

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
- Five-axle sleeper berth tractor-semitrailer

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Please carefully review and sign the enclosed State Eligibility Rules for 2018.
2. You 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 June 22, 2018. Driver entry and release forms must be completely filled out with no blanks. Registration forms should have a copy of the driver's MVR, signature and photo. **MVR must be dated no earlier than June 1.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

All participants, family, friends and coworkers are invited to attend the awards banquet on Saturday evening. The entry fee for the competition includes two banquet tickets, which will be distributed at registration on Friday. If you plan to attend the awards banquet with more than one guest, please indicate the additional number requested on your registration form. Preorder banquet tickets for additional guests, including children, for \$50 each. Banquet tickets purchased during events are \$60.

- To volunteer, please contact the Arkansas Trucking Association at 501.372.3462.
- To order Facts for Drivers, contact the American Trucking Associations at 800.282.5463 or at arkansastrucking.com.
- Drivers, bring all essential items you would normally use to perform a pre-trip inspection.
- Cell phones and other communication devices are prohibited during all portions of the competition. Violators will be immediately disqualified.
- First place winners will go on to compete at the National Truck Driving Championships in Columbus, Ohio in August. Employers do not have to be members of the American Trucking Associations to be eligible to compete in Nationals.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 22**

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

**E-mail:** caitlinwalraven@arkansastrucking.com

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Reservations must be made by June 20 to receive discounted rate at Embassy Suites NWA.

**Phone:** 479.254.8400 (Indicate that you are an Arkansas Trucking Championship attendee.)

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



# DRIVER REGISTRANT INFORMATION

\*For sportsmanship award eligibility, see enclosed rules.\*

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

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

Eligible for Sportsmanship Award?  Yes  No

Need additional tickets for Awards Banquet?  Yes, I need \_\_\_\_\_ more tickets.  No  
(Two are provided to each competitor.)

Preferred Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Eligible for Sportsmanship Award?  Yes  No

Need additional tickets for Awards Banquet?  Yes, I need \_\_\_\_\_ more tickets.  No  
(Two are provided to each competitor.)

Preferred Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Eligible for Sportsmanship Award?  Yes  No

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(Two are provided to each competitor.)

Preferred Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please attach additional pages if needed. Shirt size is not guaranteed.

## REGISTRATION FEES/PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Entry Fees:** \$300 per driver of Gold or Silver Sponsors | \$400 per driver for all other companies

**Additional Guests for Awards Banquet:** \$50 per ticket

(To order company official tickets, please see banquet order form.)

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill me for the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 June 29. No refunds will otherwise be given regardless of attendance.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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.
  - Animals: Occurrences that result in death, injury or property damage caused by collisions with animals so long as the death and injury is confined to the animal and the property damage is due to the initial impact with the animal.
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.
7. A collision during practice or competition will disqualify a contestant.
8. 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.
9. 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.

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**ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR ARKANSAS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP  
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10. 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.
11. A driver may participate in only one class (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Straight Truck (Single 2-axle vehicle)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer (3-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Flatbed (3-axle tractor & 2 axle flatbed semitrailer)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer (2-axle tractor & 1-axle 28' semitrailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Axle Sleeper Berth Tractor-Semitrailer (3-axle sleeper tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin Trailers (2-axle tractor & set of 28' semitrailers)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Axle Tractor-Semitrailer (2-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tank Truck (3-axle tractor & 2-axle tank semitrailer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Van (Step or Package Van)

**ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR ARKANSAS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP  
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.

**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.

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

Employer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting State Assn.: \_\_\_\_\_

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)    |
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| <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)                           |

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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:

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 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 during the 12 months prior to the 2017 TDC:

1. 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
2. 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.
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. That I hold a CDL from or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. Occupational domiciled means the terminal, garage or other operating base from which the driver normally and usually works and/or is supervised.
6. That the class of competition I am entering in 2017 is not a class in which I won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC in 2015 and 2016 or 2014 and 2015; 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 2015 and 2016. 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.
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 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.
9. 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.**



# 2018 ATA Truck Driving Championships & Step Van Driving Championships Driver Information Form

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

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

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

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

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

**Important:**

Company President: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Safety Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (E-mail)

Safety Dir. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number-street) (city) (state) (zip)

Terminal Manager: \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (E-mail)

Termin. Mgr Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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  State: \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you been on the state Road Team? Yes  Years: \_\_\_\_\_ No

For State and National publicity purposes include:

- Recent 2" X 3" (or larger) head and shoulder photograph (may be e-mailed as instructed by State Championships Committee or hosting State Trucking Association), and
- The name of your hometown newspaper:

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number-street) (city) (state) (zip)

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Married: Yes  No  Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's name(s)/age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will significant other attend the State TDC? Yes  No  National TDC?  Yes  No

List unusual experiences, aid to motorists or at accident scene, acts of heroism:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Awards received: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Strangest cargo ever hauled: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you volunteer? Where/how: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size? \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size? \_\_\_\_\_

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

How many times have you participated in a National TDC or SVDC? \_\_\_\_\_

*Below and above info is used at Nationals to determine ND Professional Excellence Award eligibility.*

Previous State/National TDC or SVDC in which you competed or volunteered:

Year	State	Competed Class	Competed Rank	Volunteer Role

*(Please attached separate history sheet if additional space is needed for above listing)*

Have you ever been a member of America's Road Team? Yes  Years: \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you interested in serving on America's Road Team? Yes  No

Have you been on a company Road Team? Yes  Years: \_\_\_\_\_ No

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



## 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 Championship 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 Championship activities. I also recognize and understand that such inherent risks include the potential for 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 participate in the Championships and 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/or 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 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. 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 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** deemed necessary for my immediate care should I sustain any injury during the course of my participation in or presence at the Championships and 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