

# 2026 STATE AND NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS & STEP VAN DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Driver Entry and Release

South TDC      North TDC      T-Shirt Size

(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: \_\_\_\_\_

CTA Members - \$125 per Driver

Non-Members - \$175 per Driver

### 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 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 Associations 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).



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## Driver Registration

*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:

Awards Received:

Hobbies:

Volunteer Experience:

**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



## DATES AND LOCATIONS

Upon driver check-in at the competition, the contestants must present a valid commercial driver license (CDL) of the proper class and with the endorsements necessary for the type of vehicle being operated.

**CTA Members - \$125 per Driver**

**Non-Members - \$175 per Driver**

**Northern Regional:**

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

FedEx Freight

4075 Channel Dr.

West Sacramento, CA 95691

Tent Rentals (for North) Make your own arrangements. No preferred provider this year.

**Southern Regional:**

Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Santa Anita Park

285 W. Huntington Dr., Lot B

Arcadia, CA 91007

**State Championships:**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Santa Anita Park

285 W. Huntington Dr., Lot B

Arcadia, CA 91007

Tent Rentals (for South) Make your own arrangements. No preferred provider this year.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Northern Regional competition no later than -

**5pm Friday, March 20, 2026**

Southern Regional competition no later than -

**5pm Friday, April 3, 2026**

### **FOR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS:**

**All drivers must sign-in between 6-7am.** *No sign-ins will be allowed after 7am.*

**NO EXCEPTIONS!** A course walk-through will begin at 7:30am. Competition begins by 8am.

### **FOR STATE FINALS COMPETITION:**

All drivers must sign-in between 7-8am. No sign-ins will be allowed after 8am. Competition begins by 9am.

If you have any questions, please call the CTA Events Department at (916) 373-3528 or email [events@caltrux.org](mailto:events@caltrux.org)

## **RULES**

1. Driver must have been employed as a truck driver by a motor carrier who maintains a terminal in the State of California for twelve (12) consecutive months preceding the date of the TDC.
2. Drivers must have an accident-free driving record for at least 12 months prior to entry and participation in the California Truck Driving Championships (see #7 from front page for more information).
3. No person shall operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles without possessing a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) of the proper class and with the endorsements necessary for the type of vehicle being operated.
4. There shall be no stopping on the course except when preparing to back or when stopped by an official. While negotiating a problem, the driver shall stop when necessary to prevent damage to equipment; each stop will result in a five-point penalty loss.
5. In case of tie scores, the Regional Chair and Course Captain will create a tie breaker by rating course problems by difficulty before competition begins. A numbering system will be used to rank from most difficult to least difficult. The Driver's score will be compared sequentially until one driver scores higher.
6. A driver will be eliminated if he/she takes more than ten minutes to complete all problems on the course.
7. Contestants who back a combination of vehicles consisting of a tractor and twin trailer (doubles) are automatically disqualified.
8. Contestants who damage course equipment (other than paint damage) will be disqualified from the event. Damaging equipment includes such things as clutches, parking brakes, body and fender damage.
9. Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances of any kind will not be allowed in the contest or parking area. Any participant using or found to be in possession of such items will be automatically disqualified from participation in the Regional, State Final or National competitions.
10. Failure of any contestant to obey a contest official will be grounds for disqualification.
11. Electronic devices are prohibited on the course.
12. Participating companies must provide 1 judge for every 10 drivers they have registered to compete.

## **STATE FINALS**

Each driver competing in the State Finals competition will be required to take a written examination. The examination will be developed from information contained in the Facts for Drivers handbook.

Personal interviews have been discontinued by ATA at the national competition; therefore, we will no longer conduct them.

We will be using officers from the California Highway Patrol and/or safety professionals for our Pre-Trip competition. Drivers will not be judged by representatives from their own company.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The California Truck Driving Championships are a family affair, but please – No pets, bicycles, scooters or skateboards.