



## 2023 NORTH DAKOTA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

1. **How do we enter the 2023 Truck Driving Championships?**
  - a. On the NDMCA 2023 Truck Driving Championships Webpage, click on the Driver Entry & Release Form link and fill the form out. Submit the form to NDMCA. Be sure to attach the drivers MVR and a photo before sending the email form to NDMCA. Do this for each driver competing in the 2023 Truck Driving Championship.
  - b. Then finish the online registration on the NDMCA 2023 Truck Driving Championships webpage. You can do this either by logging in or registering as a guest. In either case you will be asked to enter each driver's name, other basic information, select TDC Driver Registration then click add attendee. When this is complete select payment method and click attend. You can also order banquet tickets at this time or contact the NDMCA office.
  - c. Once the previous steps have been completed you will then receive the 2023 Facts for Drivers Information Book. The Facts for Drivers Book will contain necessary details of the Truck Driving Championship as well as a sample of a written examination which will help the driver prepare for the competition. You can order audio versions at an additional cost, contact NDMCA if interested.
2. **What is the deadline?** The Entry & Release Forms together with the entry fee must be received by NDMCA office no later than Friday, May 26th. **No entries will be accepted after midnight on May 26th.**
3. **Who is eligible?** Any city or road professional truck driver who has an accident-free (reportable) record for at least 12 months prior to August 16, 2022. The driver must be a permanent resident of North Dakota or regularly dispatched from or reporting to a terminal domiciled in North Dakota. Should a non NDMCA member company driver win and advance to nationals, in order to compete the company would need to become a NDMCA member within 30 days.
4. **How much is the entry fee?** \$160 per entry for NDMCA member company drivers and \$250 for non-member company drivers. These fees include all meal functions and the competition for the driver. (Banquet tickets may be purchased for \$55; spouses are not included in the entry fee, **only the driver.**)
5. **How many drivers may a company enter?** A company may enter a maximum of two drivers (**per terminal**) in each class of competition.
6. **Is there a team trophy?** Yes, if three to five drivers wish to form a team, they should fill out the team declaration form and submit it to NDMCA prior to the event. The team trophy will be handed out at the awards banquet.
7. **When will the 2023 ND Truck Driving Championship be held?** The Truck Driving Championships will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds, 1805 Main Avenue West. Fargo, North Dakota. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Awards Banquet, held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4351 17th Ave S, Fargo, will start at 6:00pm with a social followed by the banquet and award presentation.
8. **What are the competition classes?** Drivers can compete in the following classes: Three Axle Tractor-Semitrailer(2-axle tractor & 1-axle 28' semitrailer), Four Axle Tractor-Semitrailer (2-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer), Five Axle Tractor-Semitrailer(3-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer) , Flatbed (3-axle tractor & 2 axle flatbed semitrailer), 5-Axle Sleeper Berth Tractor-Semitrailer (3-axle sleeper tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer), Step Van, Straight Truck (Single 2-axle vehicle), Tank Truck (3-axle tractor & 2-axle tank semitrailer) and Twin Trailers (2-axle tractor & set of 28' semitrailers).

9. **What will the winners receive?** All participants will receive a North Dakota Truck Driving Championship hat. First, Second and Third place winners in each category will receive trophies. With the Grand Champion trophy given to the top driver who compiles the highest aggregate score (note: drivers in the Step Van class are not eligible to win the Grand Champion Trophy). The Rookie of the Year Award will go to the outstanding driver competing for the first time in North Dakota's Truck Driving Championship. The Team Champion is earned by those company drivers with the highest overall average score. This award requires that a company enter a minimum of three drivers. First places winners will have an opportunity to compete at the 2023 National Truck Driving Championship, August 16-19, 2023 in Columbus Ohio.
10. **What is the scoring process?** Each driver will be scored in three areas. The first is a 50-question written test based on the information found within the 2023 Facts for Drivers Book. Each question will be worth two points for a total of 100 possible points. The second is their pre-trip inspection. This component is worth a total of 100 points. Drivers can earn up to 50 points for discovering major defects, 25 points for minor defects and 25 points for overall performance. The third area is the skills test. This component can be worth up to 300 points based on six driving problems worth 50 points each. Driving problems change every year and have included problems such as Front-Line Stop, Alley Dock Backing (excluding the Twin Trailer Class), Right/Left Steering Tire, Right or Left Turn Non-Stop, Forward then Back Alley Dock (excluding the Twin Trailer Class) and One Stop Rear Line Stop. All scores are determined by volunteer judges and are final.
11. **Can I drive my own equipment?** Generally speaking, no. Event organizers make every attempt to ensure drivers do not drive their company equipment, however this may occur occasionally in certain classes where equipment donations are hard to find.
12. **Can I practice on company time?** A driver may not practice on company time prior to the Truck Driving Championships, nor may he or she be paid for the time he or she spends in practice. Violations will disqualify a driver from competition. Carriers are urged to adhere to the practice of paying their competing drivers for actual working days only. A driver should not be paid for Saturday of the Truck Driving Championships if that is his regular day off. Carriers may, at their option, elect to pay the drivers for an actual working day spent in competition and reimburse expenses for the driver and his spouse at the Truck Driving Championships.
13. **Driver Rules:** We make every attempt to make the NDTDC as fair as possible. Because of this please not the following rules:
  - a. **No Cellphones/smart devices: No driver is allowed to have a personal communication device on their person at any time. This includes, smart watches, activity trackers, tablets. TDC volunteers reserve the right to request items not listed here be removed at any time.**
  - b. **No pacing: Drivers are given one opportunity to walk around their truck prior to entering the cab and driving the course. If a driver is caught pacing the truck to calculate length it is an automatic disqualification from the competition.**
  - c. **No Guests: Drivers are not allowed to have any guests including family or friends in the bull pen area.**

A complete list of rules will be provided to each driver at the event.

(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 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 Manager's Signature (NOT driver's):

Manager 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 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 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:

1. I have been continuously employed as a truck or step van driver by my present employer during the 12 months prior to the 2023 TDC.
2. I have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck or step van driver during the 12 months prior to the 2023 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 2023 TDC.
4. I have not been involved in a fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident during the 12 months prior to the 2023 TDC.
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 since January 1, 2023.
8. 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).



# 2023 STATE AND NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS & STEP VAN DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Driver Registration

*Driver Registration must be completed to be eligible for National competition!*

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED** to receive registration confirmation

Will spouse/guest attend the State TDC? Yes No National TDC? Yes No

If yes to above: Spouse Guest

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Name/Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer Main Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Home Terminal: \_\_\_\_\_

Terminal Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Terminal Manager Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Strangest Cargo Hauled: \_\_\_\_\_

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

