



2017 NORTH DAKOTA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

1. **How do we enter the 2017 Truck Driving Championships?**
 - a. On the NDMCA 2017 Truck Driving Championships Webpage, click on the Driver Entry & Release Form link and fill the form out. Click the submit button at the bottom of the form to email 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 2017 Truck Driving Championship.
 - b. Then finish the online registration on the NDMCA 2017 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 drivers 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 2017 Facts for Drivers Information Book and Official Truck Driving Championship Patch for each competing driver. 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 a CD version of the Facts for Drivers 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 19th. No entries will be accepted after midnight on May 19th.
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 1st, 2017. 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 2017 ND Truck Driving Championship be held?** The Truck Driving Championships will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the Skills and Technology Training Center, Fargo, North Dakota. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Awards Banquet, held at the Holiday Inn, 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) , Faltbed (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.

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 2016 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. Driver 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 last 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 expense for the driver and his spouse at the Truck Driving Championships.