



# REGISTRATION

## Welcome!

The Nebraska Trucking Association's Safety Management Council welcomes you to the Nebraska Truck Driving Championship on June 5-6<sup>th</sup>, in Grand Island. This annual event showcases the state's finest drivers and the world-class companies these drivers represent. To register drivers, your company must be a member of the Nebraska Trucking Association. You may enter a maximum of five drivers in each class of competition. Drivers must compete in the class indicated on their official entry.

All paperwork and fees must be received by the Nebraska Trucking Association at 2601 Whitehead Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521 NO LATER THAN **May 1, 2026**, or driver(s) will not be eligible to compete.

### To be eligible, employee drivers and permanent-lease owner-operators:

- must have an accident-free record for the 12 months preceding May 31, 2026
- must have been employed by your company during the same time
- must have driven for your company at least 11 of the past 12 months
- must be a permanent resident of Nebraska or must report to a terminal domiciled in Nebraska
- must have appropriate class of CDL, and any required endorsements, for the class in which they compete

### Return this "2026 NTDC Registration Form" AND:

- the other attached form called "2026\_NTDC\_Driver" – one per driver
- copy of a current MVR (**dated after March 1, 2026**) – one per driver
- a **\$45** fee (this fee DOES NOT include meal tickets) – one per driver

Once NTA receives all necessary forms and fees, you will receive two championship shoulder patches and a 2026 Facts for Drivers book for each driver. Questions for the written exam will be taken from this book.

Headquarters hotel Ramada Wyndham Midtown in Grand Island can accommodate most participants and volunteers. However, there's still a good chance the hotel will sell out long before the event. Make your reservations as soon as possible. The Ramada Midtown's number is [308-384-1330](tel:308-384-1330).

### At the championships, the drivers will participate in:

- a written test to demonstrate their knowledge of regulations and safety
- a personal interview to show their ability to represent your company
- a pre-trip inspection to display their equipment safety awareness
- a driving course to demonstrate their driving skills on key challenges faced daily
- Champions in each class may advance to American Trucking Associations' Championships, Aug. 11-14 in Pittsburgh, PA.



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## Incentives

First, second and third place winners in each class receive trophies. Additional awards are given to the drivers who achieve the highest scores on the written test, pre-trip, and driving skills portions of the competition. We also recognize a Grand Champion, a Rookie of the Year, Professional Excellence award recipient, Jerry Wessel All-Around Driver, Kurt Everett Vehicle Condition award recipient, R.J." Bucky" Buchholz Top Driver award recipient, and a team title earned by the company with the highest average score. A company must have at least three drivers to be considered for the team award.

## Practice rules

A driver may not practice during company time or be paid for practice time. Violation will disqualify the driver from the championships. You may, at your option, elect to pay the driver for an actual working day spent in competition and/or reimburse expenses for the driver and his or her spouse at the championships. You are urged to adhere to the practice of not paying drivers for normal off-duty hours. If the Saturday of the championships is a driver's regular day off, he or she should not be paid for Saturday. A driver may not compete in any vehicle that he or she has practiced with or driven prior to competition. Violation will disqualify the driver from the championships.

## Championship Classes

- Straight truck driver needs Class A, or B License
- Three-, four-, five-axle, five-axle sleeper berth and five-axle flatbed driver needs Class A License
- Five-axle tank driver needs Class A License with N or X endorsements
- Twin trailers driver needs Class A License with T endorsement
- Step van driver can be a CDL or non-CDL driver
- Concrete Mixer driver needs Class A or B License
- Yard Spotter can be a CDL or non-CDL driver
- Pup & Truck driver needs Class A License

**Our simple forms** can be quickly tabbed through as you fill in the blanks.

- Why do we need a List of Drivers Form? Because it helps companies and NTDC organize finances and drivers and points to one company contact for information.
- Why do we need a Meal Ticket Form? To ensure everyone has enough food and to ensure NTDC doesn't overspend. With the form, we can also itemize meal costs and allow for special diets.
- Why do we need Announcer Information History found on "2026 NTDC Driver" form? To engage the crowds and provide some talking points during the driving skills test, we ask for personal/background information. It's like the way announcers prepare for golf or football games.
- Why do we ask for a Sponsor Form and Volunteer Forms? Company representatives who register drivers are often the same people who organize sponsors and volunteers for the event. Without this type of help, NTDC wouldn't be such a valuable and popular event.
- Why do we need ATA Championship forms? Additional driver information, disclaimers and the driver's signature are found here.



# LIST OF DRIVERS

Tip: For quicker movement to each field, use “Tab” and type for easier completion...

We need one copy of this completed form from each participating company.

Company	
Company Representative	
Phone	
Email	
Address	
# of drivers registering	

Drivers Name	Class	T-Shirt Size	Rookie qualifier?	Jerry Wessel qualifier?	Fee per driver \$45
				TOTAL	

**Rookie:** Driver competing for the first time in ANY truck driving championships.

**Jerry Wessel Award:** Driver has competed or volunteered at the Nebraska Truck Driving Championships for at least five years.



# Meal Tickets

Event admission is free, but if you'd like to join us for scheduled meals, please purchase meal tickets in advance using this form. Tickets will not be mailed; instead, they will be available for pickup at the registration desk along with your name badge. Please note that meal tickets for drivers are not included in driver registration and must be ordered separately on this form. To secure your meals, complete this form and return it with payment by **May 1, 2026**.

Company Representative	
Company	

Enter ALL driver and attendee names as you want them printed on name badges, then check the meal column for each attendee.

*Volunteers receive a discounted rate for Friday meals and a complimentary meal for the Saturday Banquet only as a thank-you for their support.*

Name	FRIDAY Lunch & Dinner \$80 per adult	FRIDAY Lunch & Dinner \$65 kids under 10 & volunteers only	SATURDAY Banquet \$75 per person volunteers Only - \$0	SATURDAY Banquet \$45 kids under 10	TOTAL per person
				TOTAL	

Please indicate if anyone has special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Note: On Saturday, for lunch, companies are allowed to grill out at Fonner Park. For other meals, attendees will find an abundance of great dining throughout Grand Island. Those businesses will certainly appreciate your visit!

Please return this form by email with the credit card information to April Tilden at [april@nebtrucking.com](mailto:april@nebtrucking.com)

If paying by check, please mail to: Nebraska Trucking Association, Attention April Tilden, 2601 Whitehead Dr, Lincoln NE 68521.