



**Ohio Truck Driving Championships &  
Technician Competition  
July 17-18, 2020**

**Registration Packet**

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*\*Driver, technician, banquet, and volunteer registrations must be made via the forms sent by the Ohio Trucking Association through email or at [ohiotrucking.org](http://ohiotrucking.org), and are due no later than **Friday, June 19, 2020**. Payment is due at time of registration. No refunds will be given after this date except in extreme circumstances.*

## Truck Driving Championships Contestant Certification

All contestants must certify that during the twelve months prior to the 2020 TDC:

- ✓ the driver has been continuously employed by an Ohio Trucking Association member as a truck or step van driver by their present employer (exception: drivers with eleven out of the previous twelve months will qualify *if and only if* the previous employer went out of business and all other eligibility requirements are met);
- ✓ the driver has driven and performed the regular duties of a truck driver or step van driver for at least eleven of the twelve months, and the regular duties of the truck driver or step van driver constituted not less than 60% of the work hours completed, and at least 1200 hours annually;
- ✓ the driver has not been involved in a fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident in the course of such employment;
- ✓ the driver has the proper class Commercial Driver's License (not required if the applicant is a SVDC applicant), as well as required endorsement(s) for the class of competition in which the driver is registered;
- ✓ the driver holds a CDL from or occupationally domiciled in the state of Ohio. "Occupationally domiciled" means that the terminal, garage, or other operating base from which the driver normally works is supervised;
- ✓ the class of competition the driver is entering in 2020 is not a class in which the driver won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC in 2018 and 2019, or 2017 and 2018. If the driver is entering the step van class, the driver certifies that they did not win the state or regional TDC and/or compete at the National SVDC in the step van class in 2018 and 2019;
- ✓ the driver is ineligible to compete for one year (for step van) or two years (for other classes) in the same class if the driver has previously won two consecutive years at the Ohio TDC and/or competing two consecutive years at the National TDC;
- ✓ the driver has 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;
- ✓ the driver agrees that, if the driver competes and wins the Ohio TDC, that driver will compete at the National TDC or SVDC (as applicable), unless disqualified or detained due to a medical emergency, in which the driver will notify the Ohio Trucking Association immediately; and

- ✓ the driver acknowledges that any misstatement made with respect to the driver's eligibility for the TDC or SVDC competition may result in the forfeiture of the driver's right to complete, or in the disqualification from said competition.

Companies will complete the 2020 Ohio Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships registration online or via the registration spreadsheet. The safety manager of that company will certify at the top of the spreadsheet that the registered drivers meet the above qualifications. Copies of the MVR or CDL license are not required.

### **Technician Competition Contestant Certification**

All contestants must certify that during the twelve months prior to the 2020 TechComp:

- ✓ the technician has been continuously employed as a Commercial Vehicle Technician;
- ✓ the technician lives in Ohio or is based at a company with a physical address located in Ohio; and
- ✓ the technician is in good standing within their company.

Technicians must wear work-appropriate shirts, long pants, and work shoes meeting acceptable industry safety standards. You will be provided with a t-shirt that you will wear on Saturday, July 18, 2020, during the hands-on station competition.

Companies will complete the 2020 Ohio Trucking Association Technician Competition registration online or via the registration spreadsheet. The company representative of that company will certify at the top of the spreadsheet that the registered technicians meet the above qualifications.

## **Summary of Contestant Ground Rules and Expectations**

### **Registration**

All TDC contestants must report to the event registration desk on Friday, July 17, 2020, by 8:00AM; all TechComp contestants must report to the event registration desk on Friday, July 17, 2020, by 1:00PM. Registration is located in the West Pathway (accessible from Entrance A). Failure to register will result in disqualification, unless the reason for absence given from a company representative is deemed acceptable by the majority of the Ohio Trucking Association TDC or TechComp Steering Committee. If the driver or technician in question is from a Steering Committee Member's company, a different company representative must plead the driver's case if available.

### **Orientation**

All contestants must attend orientation. Failure to participate will result in disqualification. See the tentative TDC and TechComp schedules for orientation times.

### **Attendance**

All TDC contestants must attend all roll calls; initial roll call will be on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8:00AM for all contestants. Any additional roll calls will be sent to competitors and volunteers via email prior to the event. Bullpen volunteers will conduct roll calls for drivers throughout the competition.

### **Written Exam**

All TDC contestants will be required to complete the written exam at the specified time on Friday, July 17, 2020; all TechComp contestants will be required to complete their written exam on Friday, July 17, 2020 at the specified time. The Ohio Trucking Association strongly recommends studying the American Trucking Association's *Facts for Drivers Handbook*.

### **Classes and Stations**

TDC Competitors: Drivers can register for the following classes: 3-Axle, 4-Axle, 5-Axle, Flatbed, Sleeper, Step Van, Straight Truck, Tank Truck, or Twin Trailers.

TechComp Competitors: All TechComp stations will be in or around the Kilimanjaro Ballroom. There are nine stations, each of which are timed in the following fields: brakes, electrical, engine diagnostics, fasteners, fifth wheel, HVAC, live engine, PMI, and tire and wheel.

Drivers must report to the registration area at least 20 minutes before their competition; technicians must report to the registration area at least 20 minutes before their competition. An announcement will be made concerning these times.

The day on which a driver class will compete will depend on the number of registrants in that class. Five classes will complete their pre-trip and course competition on Friday, and the remaining classes will complete their pre-trip and course competition on Saturday. Drivers and safety managers will be notified via email of their course and pre-trip competition days no later than two weeks prior to the Truck Driving Championships.

Each class of drivers will remain together during their day of competition. Drivers will be advised when and where to report after all registrations are received and classes are assigned their pre-trip and course test day (either Friday, July 17, 2020 or Saturday, July 18, 2020). The room to which classes are assigned for both pre-trip and course events will be clearly marked outside of the room, as well as in the final agenda sent out before the event.

If a contestant has a concern or problem, it is to be reported to their bullpen monitor, a station chair, a course or pre-trip judge, or an Ohio Trucking Association staff member. These individuals will be marked as such on their name badges. These individuals will then notify the TDC or TechComp chairman and/or the committee if necessary.

All contestants must report back to the area they are advised to go to after finishing their pre-trip or course event. Only a bullpen monitor or a station chair can release drivers or technicians to leave a designated area after a TDC or TechComp committee member or OTA staff member has instructed them to do so.

## **Teams**

Teams will consist of all drivers from the same company. Terminal teams are not permitted.

- ✓ Teams consisting of 3-4 drivers will be entered in the Small Team Competition, and only the top three competitors' scores will be considered.
- ✓ Teams consisting of five or more drivers will be entered in the Large Team Competition, and only the top five competitors' scores will be considered.

## **Meals**

### **TDC Competitors:**

All drivers receive breakfast on Friday morning. Drivers completing their pre-trip and course competition on Friday will receive lunch that day. Competitors completing their pre-trip and course competition on Saturday will receive breakfast Saturday morning and lunch Saturday afternoon.

### **TechComp Competitors:**

Please be advised that all technicians receive breakfast and lunch on Saturday. No meals are provided on Friday.

## **Audience**

Spectators, including families and drivers and technicians (when not competing) are welcome to enjoy the Kalahari Resort during their free time. Drivers are also welcome to watch the competition when not competing. Please note that family members are not permitted in the competition areas or restricted areas unless escorted by a committee or staff member, and only in the event of an emergency.

## Code of Conduct

Professionalism is required of all contestants, judges, volunteers, staff, and company and industry representatives. The Code of Conduct must be adhered to at all times.

1. No alcohol is permitted in or around the competition area during the entire event; alcohol must not be consumed at any time during competition days, until the competition is over.
2. Kalahari is a smoke-free area. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas.
3. No abusive or profane language will be tolerated.
4. Respect will be shown to all fellow contestants, judges, and volunteers.
5. No destruction of personal or private property will be tolerated.
6. All contestants and their families are expected to behave responsibly and in a professional manner.
7. Cell phones are not permitted to be with the driver or technician at any time during the competition (including written test, pre-trip, course competition or hands-on challenge). Volunteers must take calls outside of the competition area.
8. Any driving accident will result in immediate disqualification.
9. For all situations not addressed in this code, or for more stringent company policy, please see your company official or representative for clarification.

Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in immediate disqualification from this year's event. If a driver or technician has completed any or all of the competition when the violation occurs, the driver or technician's scores will be voided. Company officials will be notified and, depending on the severity of the violation, an individual or company may be denied TDC or TechComp entry in further TDC or TechComp events.

The Contestant Ground Rules and Expectations and the Code of Conduct have been implemented to ensure safety for drivers, technicians, their families, and volunteers, as well as fair and equal opportunities for all drivers and technicians competing.



## Tentative Truck Driving Championships Schedule

### Friday, July 17, 2020

6:30-8:00AM	Breakfast	Orange Room
8:00AM	Competitor Registration	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
8:30	Written Test	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
10:00AM	Group 1 Reports to Course Bullpen	Leopardwood Room
10:00AM	Group 2 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpen	Zebrawood Room
11:30AM-1:00PM	Lunch	North Pathway
1:00PM	Group 1 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpen	Zebrawood Room
1:00PM	Group 2 Reports to Course Bullpen	Leopardwood Room

*Groups 3 and 4 are released for the day following the written test.*

### Saturday, July 18, 2020

6:30-8:00AM	Breakfast	Orange Room
8:00AM	Group 3 Reports to Course Bullpen	Leopardwood Room
8:00AM	Group 4 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpen	Zebrawood Room
11:30AM-12:30PM	Lunch	North Pathway
12:30PM	Group 3 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpen	Zebrawood Room
12:30PM	Group 4 Reports to Course Bullpen	Leopardwood Room
6:00PM	Reception & Awards Banquet	Kilimanjaro Ballroom

*Times subject to change based on competition pace*

## **Tentative Technician Competition Schedule**

### **Friday, July 17, 2020**

8:00-3:00PM	Judges & Station Chairs Arrive	West Pathway
12:30-1:00PM	TechComp Registration	Zambezi Room
1:00-3:00PM	Written Test	Zambezi Room
3:00-3:15PM	Break	Aloeswood Room
3:15-5:00PM	Educational Seminar	Zambezi Room
5:00-5:30PM	Station Walkthrough	Kilimanjaro Ballroom

### **Saturday, July 18, 2020**

6:00-6:45AM	Breakfast	Orange Room
6:45AM	Group 1 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
11:30AM-12:30PM	Lunch	North Pathway
12:30PM	Group 2 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
6:00PM	Reception & Awards Banquet	Kilimanjaro Ballroom

*Times subject to change based on competition pace*

## Additional Information

### Facility Information

The course is outside; please dress appropriately according to the weather. Bleachers will be available; however, spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs for comfort.

### Hotel Information

#### *Hotel Reservations*

All competitors will book their room reservations through their company representative as listed on their competitor registration sheet.

For companies booking fewer than ten sleeping rooms, contact:

Kalahari Reservation Department  
877-525-2427

For companies booking more than ten sleeping rooms, contact:

Jerry Simon, Assistant Director of Sales  
419-433-7081  
jsimon@kalahariresorts.com

Room availability is on a first come, first serve basis and will sell out very quickly, so we urge you to book as soon as possible. All reservations must be made on or before Friday, June 12, 2020. When contacting Kalahari, make sure that they are aware you are calling for the 2020 Truck Driving Championships. Online reservations can be made here: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50091062/owner/49785631/home>

The sleeping room rate starts at \$169/night. Please be aware of all deposit and cancellation policies.

#### *Hotel Key Pickup*

Competitor are to check-in directly with the hotel at the main front desk or the satellite check-in office located in the West Pathway of the TDC and TechComp space. If you have any questions regarding check-in, please call the Kalahari Reservation Department at 877-525-2427.

#### *Water Park and Amenities Information*

Each sleeping room reservation receives four complimentary water park passes. Additional passes may be purchased directly through the hotel.

All guests in the competition room block will also receive complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and convention center and 20% off at Spa Kalahari.

## **Volunteer Information**

### *Registration*

All volunteers need to register. Registration may be made through their company representative or directly at [ohiotrucking.org](http://ohiotrucking.org). Volunteers will receive meals on the days that they work with the exception of the banquet on Saturday night, for which they must pay the standard banquet meal price.

## **Banquet Information**

### *Drivers and Technicians*

Each person attending the Saturday night awards banquet must have a ticket. Each driver and technician competing receives one banquet ticket as part of their registration fee. Additional tickets for family members, guests or company representatives may be purchased through the company representative or directly online at [ohiotrucking.org](http://ohiotrucking.org). Tickets should be purchased by July 1. Drivers and technicians will be seated with their companies.

### *Volunteers*

Volunteers must purchase a banquet ticket if they wish to attend the banquet. Tickets should be purchased by July 1.

### *Dress Code*

The dress code for the banquet is business professional; a photographer will be present to take pictures of the audience as well as sponsors and award winners.

## Sponsorship Information

Our Truck Driving Championships and Technician Competition are made possible by event-specific sponsors and year-round Ohio Trucking Association sponsors. To join this elite group of sponsors, **please contact Evan Newman, Vice President of Business Development, at 614-225-1028 or [evan@ohiotrucking.org](mailto:evan@ohiotrucking.org).** Sponsorships are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Truck Driving Championships:**

#### *Presenting Sponsor*

One spot available

\$10,000

- ✓ Company name on all signage, program, banquet PowerPoint, all eagle awards
- ✓ Four banquet tickets

#### *Class Sponsor*

Ten spots available

\$1,750

- ✓ Company name on program, banquet PowerPoint, class eagle awards
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

#### *Breakfast Sponsor*

Two spots available

\$2,500

- ✓ Listing on breakfast signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

#### *Lunch Sponsor*

Two spots available

\$3,000

- ✓ Listing on breakfast signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

#### *Banquet Cocktail Hour Sponsor*

One spots available

\$1,000

- ✓ Listing on banquet signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ One banquet ticket for Saturday night

*After Hours Social Sponsor*

One spots available

\$1,000

- ✓ Listing on after hours signage, program, banquet PowerPoint

*Coffee Break Sponsor*

Five spots available

\$500

- ✓ Listing on signage, on program, banquet PowerPoint

**Technician Competition:**

*Presenting Sponsor*

One spot available

\$6,000

- ✓ One-night stay at Kalahari
- ✓ Company name on all signage, all piston awards
- ✓ Two tickets to banquet Saturday night

*Station Sponsor*

Eight spots available

\$700

- ✓ Company name on station piston award
- ✓ Listing on signage at station, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

*Coffee Break Sponsor*

Five spots available

\$500

- ✓ Listing on signage, on program, banquet PowerPoint

*Breakfast Sponsor*

Two spots available

\$2,500

- ✓ Listing on breakfast signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

*Lunch Sponsor*

Two spots available

\$3,000

- ✓ Listing on breakfast signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ Two banquet tickets for Saturday night

*Banquet Cocktail Hour Sponsor*

One spot available

\$1,000

- ✓ Listing on banquet signage, program, banquet PowerPoint
- ✓ One banquet ticket for Saturday night

*After Hours Social Sponsor*

One spot available

\$1,000

- ✓ Listing on after hours signage, program, banquet PowerPoint

### **National Truck Driving Championships**

All first-place winners in each class, as well as the Grand Champion, will be eligible to go to the National Truck Driving Championships held August 19-23 in Indianapolis, IN. Driver companies will be advised of the cost of registration and the driver will be given a packet of information. The American Trucking Association's NTDC registration form must be completed, and a check must be sent to the Ohio Trucking Association for the registration to be forwarded to ATA along with registration information.

### **National SuperTech Hands-On Competition**

The TechComp Grand Champion receives an automatic advancement to the TMCSuperTech Hands-On Competition. The first-place finisher of each station is eligible to advance to the written exam portion of the TMCSuperTech Competition at their own cost. Registrations will go through the Ohio Trucking Association.

# Kalahari Map

