



# 2023 Technician Competition

## Registration Packet

Kalahari Resort & Conference Center  
7000 Kalahari Drive; Sandusky, Ohio 44870  
877-525-2427



The Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) is excited to announce our 2023 Technician Competition (TechComp)! This competition designed to bring together talented technicians to compete for the highest honors in the state, as well as an opportunity to compete on the national stage at the TMC SuperTech Competition.

Technicians participating in TechComp take a written test, participate in two hours of education, and compete in ten stations designed to test their knowledge of truck maintenance.

I hope that you consider selecting outstanding technicians from your organization to compete in this year's competition. We have enclosed information in this packet to assist in the registration process. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Bradie Berry at [bradie@ohiotrucking.org](mailto:bradie@ohiotrucking.org) or 614-519-6462. The deadline to register is Friday, April 21, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom 16", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas A. Balzer, CAE  
President & CEO  
Ohio Trucking Association

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*\*Technician, banquet, and volunteer registrations must be made online or via the forms sent by the Ohio Trucking Association through email and are due no later than **Friday, April 21, 2023**. Payment is due at time of registration. No refunds will be given after this date except in extreme circumstances.*

## Technician Competition Contestant Certification

All contestants must certify that during the twelve months prior to the 2023 TechComp:

- ✓ the technician has been continuously employed by their company 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 OR
- ✓ the competitor is a current student studying to be a diesel technician at an Ohio school or university.

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, May 20, 2023, during the hands-on station competition.

Companies will complete the 2023 Ohio Trucking Association Technician Competition registration spreadsheet. The company representative of that company will certify at the top of the spreadsheet that the registered technicians meet the above qualifications. Technicians may only compete in one state competition during the calendar year.

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

### **Registration & Orientation**

All TechComp contestants must report to the Zambezi Room for event registration and orientation on Friday, May 19, 2023, between 12:30PM and 1:00PM. Failure to register or attend orientation 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 or TechComp Steering Committee. If the technician in question is from a Steering Committee Member's company, a different company representative must plead the driver's case if available.

### **Written Exam**

All TechComp contestants will be required to complete their written exam on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 1:00PM.

### **Stations**

Stations will be completed on Saturday, May 20, 2023. A final agenda will be sent out before the event.

If a contestant has a concern or problem, it is to be reported to their station chair, a 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 TechComp chairman and/or the committee if necessary.

Only a station chair, TechComp Committee member or OTA staff member can release technicians to leave a designated area.

### **Meals**

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

### **Audience**

Spectators, including families and technicians (when not competing) are welcome to enjoy the Kalahari Resort during their free time. *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 technician at any time during the competition (including written test and hands-on challenge). Volunteers must take calls outside of the competition area.
8. 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 technician has completed any or all of the competition when the violation occurs, the 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 entry in further TechComp events.

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

## **Tentative Technician Competition Schedule**

### **Friday, May 19, 2023**

8:00-3:00PM	Judges & Station Chairs Arrive
12:30-1:00PM	TechComp Registration
1:00-3:00PM	Written Test
3:00-3:15PM	Break
3:15-5:00PM	Educational Seminar
5:00-5:30PM	Station Walkthrough

### **Saturday, May 20, 2023**

6:00-6:45AM	Breakfast
6:45AM	Group 1 Reports to Stations
9:45AM	Group 1 Break
10:00AM	Group 1 Reports to Stations
11:00-12:00PM	Lunch
12:00PM	Group 2 Reports to Stations
3:00-3:15PM	Group 2 Break
3:15PM	Group 2 Reports to Stations
6:00PM	Reception & Awards Banquet

*\*Times may fluctuate based on competition pace; please be advised by station captains.*

## Additional Information

### Facility Information

All TechComp stations will be in or around the Kilimanjaro Ballroom. There are ten stations, each of which are timed in the following fields: belts, brakes, electrical, engine diagnostics, fasteners, fifth wheel, HVAC, live engine, PMI & tire and wheel. Spectators are not permitted inside the competition area.

### *Outside Food and Beverage Policy*

All food and beverages associated with the Ohio Technician Competition must be provided, prepared and served by the Hotel and must be consumed on Hotel premises. Absolutely no food or beverage is permitted to be brought into the Hotel unless provided and served by Kalahari.

### 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 or book online [here](#)

For companies booking more than ten sleeping rooms, contact:

Jerry Simon, Director of Sales  
419-433-7081  
[jsimon@kalahariresorts.com](mailto: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, April 14, 2023. When contacting Kalahari, make sure that they are aware you are calling for the "2023 Truck Driving Championships" room block.

The sleeping room rate starts at \$154/night. Please be aware of all deposit and cancellation policies.

#### *Hotel Key Pickup*

Company representatives should direct each competitor to check-in directly with the front desk. If you have any questions regarding check-in, please call the Kalahari Reservation Department at 877-525-2427.



### *Water Park and Amenities Information*

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions houses one of the largest water parks in the country. To ensure that all families enjoy these facilities, each sleeping room reservation receives four complimentary water park passes. Additional passes may be purchased.

All guests in the Ohio Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships room block will also receive complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and convention center and 20% off at Spa Kalahari.

### **Volunteer Information**

#### *Registration*

Volunteers will need to register through their company via the form sent to their company's representative by email or online at [ohiotrucking.org](http://ohiotrucking.org).

#### *Meals*

Volunteers will receive meals on the days that they work except for the banquet on Saturday night, for which they must pay the standard banquet meal price. The banquet registration deadline is Friday, April 21, 2023.

### **Banquet Information**

#### *Technicians*

Each technician competing receives one banquet ticket as part of their registration fee. Technicians will be seated with their company.

#### *Family Members and Guests*

Family members and guests must have a banquet ticket, which can be purchased online or using the banquet registration form. The banquet registration deadline is Friday, April 21, 2023.

#### *Volunteers*

Volunteers must purchase a banquet ticket if they wish to attend the banquet. These tickets can be purchased online or using the banquet registration form. The banquet registration deadline is Friday, April 21, 2023. Volunteers will be seated with their company.

#### *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.

## **Safety Protocols**

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend the 2023 Ohio Technician Competition.

## **TechComp Sponsorship Information**

Our Technician Competition is made possible by both event-specific and year-round Ohio Trucking Association sponsors. **To become a sponsor, please contact OTA President & CEO Tom Balzer at 614-653-0290 or [tom@ohiotrucking.org](mailto:tom@ohiotrucking.org).**

*Sponsorships are sold on a first come, first serve basis.*

Lunch Sponsor - \$1,500 (2)

- Two banquet tickets for Saturday night banquet
- Featured on all programs, banquet presentation, and event signs

Breakfast Sponsor - \$1,000 (2)

- Two banquet tickets for Saturday night banquet
- Featured on all programs, banquet presentation, and event signs

Station Sponsor - \$1,000 (10)

- Two banquet tickets for Saturday night banquet
- Featured all programs, banquet presentation, and event signs
- Featured on all Piston awards
- On-stage presence to present awards

Technician Coffee Break Sponsor - \$500 (5)

- Featured on all programs, banquet presentation, and event signs

# Kalahari Map

