



2019 Truck Driving Championships & Technician Competition

Registration Packet

Kalahari Resort & Conference Center
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The Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) is excited to announce our 2019 Truck Driving Championships (TDC) and Technician Competition (TechComp)! These competitions are designed to bring together talented drivers and technicians to compete for the highest honors in the state, as well as an opportunity to compete on the national stage at the ATA National Truck Driving Championships and the TMC SuperTech Competition.

Drivers participating in the TDC take a written test, perform a pre-trip inspection, and navigate a driving course designed to push their skills to the limit. Likewise, the technicians participating in TechComp take a written test, participate in two hours of education, and compete in nine stations designed to test their knowledge of truck maintenance.

I hope that you consider selecting outstanding drivers and technicians from your organization to compete in this year's competitions. We have enclosed information in this packet to assist in the registration process. We urge you to take this opportunity to continually serve our mission of enhancing the public image and economic growth of our industry by promoting safety, innovation, and professionalism. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Bradie Berry at bradie@ohiotrucking.org or 614-545-4464. The deadline to register is Friday, April 26, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom B", with a long, sweeping underline.

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

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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, and are due no later than **Friday, April 26, 2019. 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 2019 TDC:

- ✓ the driver has been continuously employed 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 2019 is not a class in which the driver won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC in 2017 and 2018, or 2016 and 2017. 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 2017 and 2018;
- ✓ 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 2019 Ohio Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships 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 2019 TechComp:

- ✓ the technician has been continuously employed by an Ohio Trucking Association member 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.

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 18, 2019, during the hands-on station competition.

Companies will complete the 2019 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.

Summary of Contestant Ground Rules and Expectations

Registration

All TDC contestants must report to the event registration desk on Friday, May 17, 2019, by 8:00AM; all TechComp contestants must report to the event registration desk on Friday, May 17, 2019, 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, May 17, 2019 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 on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 8:40AM; all TechComp contestants will be required to complete their written exam on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 1:00PM. The Ohio Trucking Association strongly recommends studying the American Trucking Association's *Facts for Drivers Handbook*.

Classes and Stations

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. Each class is assigned a class captain. 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, May 17, 2019 or Saturday, May 18, 2019).

Class captains and station chairs will be designated as such on their name badge, and 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 class captain, bullpen volunteer, 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 class captain 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; those 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.
Competitors will receive meal tickets in their registration packet.

TechComp Competitors:

Please be advised that all technicians receive breakfast and lunch on Saturday. No meals are provided on Friday. Competitors will receive meal tickets in their registration packet.

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, May 17, 2019

6:30-8:00AM	All Competitor & Volunteer Breakfast	Orange Room
7:30-8:00AM	TDC Competitor Registration	West Pathway
8:00-8:30AM	Instructions & Course Overview	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
8:30-8:40AM	Break	Wood Rooms
8:40-9:40AM	Written Test	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
9:40-9:50AM	Break	Wood Rooms
9:50AM	Group 1 Reports to Course Bullpens	Aloeswood Room Leopardwood Room
9:50AM	Group 2 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpens	Zebrawood Room Sagewood Room
*12:00-1:00PM	Groups 1 & 2 Lunch	North Pathway
*1:00PM	Group 1 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpens	Zebrawood Room Sagewood Room
*1:00PM	Group 2 Reports to Course Bullpens	Aloeswood Room Leopardwood Room

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

Saturday, May 18, 2019

6:30-8:00AM	Groups 3 & 4 & Volunteer Breakfast	Orange Room
8:00AM	Group 3 Reports to Course Bullpens	Aloeswood Room Leopardwood Room
8:00AM	Group 4 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpens	Zebrawood Room Sagewood Room
*11:00-12:00PM	Lunch	North Pathway
*12:00PM	Group 3 Reports to Pre-Trip Bullpens	Zebrawood Room Sagewood Room
*12:00PM	Group 4 Reports to Course Bullpens	Aloeswood Room Leopardwood Room
6:30-7:00PM	Reception	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
7:00PM	Awards Banquet	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
*9:00PM	After Hours Social	Longnecks Lounge

**Time may fluctuate slightly based on competition pace; please be advised by class captain.*

Tentative Technician Competition Schedule

Friday, May 17, 2019

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

Saturday, May 18, 2019

6:00-6:45AM	Group 1 & Volunteer Breakfast	Orange Room
6:45AM	Group 1 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
*9:45AM	Group 1 Break	Rosewood Room
*10:00AM	Group 1 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
11:00-12:00PM	Group 2 & Volunteer Lunch	North Pathway
*12:00PM	Group 2 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
*3:00-3:15PM	Group 2 Break	Rosewood Room
*3:15PM	Group 2 Reports to Stations	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
6:30-7:00PM	Reception	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
7:00PM	Awards Banquet	Kilimanjaro Ballroom
*9:00PM	After Hours Social	Longnecks Lounge

**Time subject to fluctuate slightly based on competition pace; please be advised by station captains.*

Additional Information

Facility Information

Course and Pre-Trip 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.

TechComp Station Information

All TechComp stations will be in or around the Kilimanjaro Ballroom. There are eight stations, each of which are timed in the following fields: electrical; engines; brakes; HVAC; fasteners; PMI; tires and wheels; and engine diagnostics.

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, April 12, 2019. When contacting Kalahari, make sure that they are aware you are calling for the 2019 Ohio Trucking Association Truck Driving Championships and Technician Competition room block.

The sleeping room rate starts at \$149/night. Please be aware of all deposit and cancellation policies.

Hotel Key Pickup

Due to Kalahari policy changes, OTA will no longer facilitate room 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 Resort is one of the largest water parks in the country. In order 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 competition 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. 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.

Training

All volunteers will also be required to attend volunteer training in Zambezi room on Friday morning, if they are present.

Banquet Information

Drivers and Technicians

Each driver and technician competing receives one banquet ticket as part of their registration fee. Family members and guests must have a banquet ticket, which can be purchased using the banquet registration form. These forms must be submitted by April 26, or those individuals will not be allowed to attend the banquet. Drivers and technicians will be seated with their companies.

Volunteers

Volunteers must purchase a banquet ticket if they wish to attend the banquet. Again, they must submit their registration form and payment no later than April 26, or they will not be allowed to attend the banquet. Volunteers will be seated with their companies.

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.

Truck Driving Championships Sponsorship Information

Our Truck Driving Championships are made possible by both event-specific sponsors and year-round Ohio Trucking Association sponsors. We encourage you to sponsor at one of the sponsorship levels for this event to show your support of the industry as well as the dedication that our organization shows to safety and excellence in trucking. You will receive the benefits listed under each sponsorship level. These opportunities are also available as part of the complete 2019 Ohio Trucking Association Sponsorship Advertising Opportunities Brochure. Please be advised that these are on a first come, first serve basis. **To become a sponsor, please contact Evan Newman, Vice President of Business Development, at 614-225-1028 or evan@ohiotrucking.org.**

Presenting Sponsor

One spot available

\$10,000

- ✓ Logo on driver gift bag
- ✓ Three-night stay at Kalahari
- ✓ 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

TechComp Sponsorship Information

Our Technician Competition is made possible by both event-specific sponsors and year-round Ohio Trucking Association sponsors. We encourage you to sponsor at one of the sponsorship levels for this event to show your support of the industry as well as the dedication that our organization shows to safety and excellence in trucking and maintenance. You will receive the benefits listed under each sponsorship level. These opportunities are also available as part of the complete 2019 Ohio Trucking Association Sponsorship Advertising Opportunities Brochure. Please be advised that these are on a first come, first serve basis. **To become a sponsor, please contact Evan Newman, Vice President of Business Development, at 614-225-1028 or evan@ohiotrucking.org.**

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

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

Coffee Break Sponsor

Five spots available

\$500

- ✓ Listing on signage, on program, banquet PowerPoint

Breakfast Sponsor

Two spots available

\$2,500

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

Lunch Sponsor

Two spots available

\$3,000

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

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 14-17 in Pittsburgh, PA. 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 SuperTech Hands-On Competition held September 15-19 in Raleigh, NC. The first-place finisher of each station is eligible to advance to the written exam portion of the SuperTech Competition at their own cost. Registrations will go through the Ohio Trucking Association.

Kalahari Map

