

# New Jersey Motor Truck Association Truck & Step-Van Driving Championships 2024 ENTRY RULES

The NJMTA 68th Annual Truck Driving Championships and the 14th Annual Step Van Driving Championships will be held at Harrah's Resort, 777 Harrah's Boulevard, Atlantic City on Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd 2024.

WHO CAN ENTER: Carriers may enter two (2) drivers in each class. Participants for the SVDC may enter up to three (3) drivers from the same company. A non-member of NJMTA may enter but may not participate in any future championships if they do not become a NJMTA member. NEW 2024 TDC Accident Eligibility Criteria: Any accident deemed non-preventable must be submitted for further review to the ATA Committee. Accident Criteria will be posted on <a href="https://www.njtrucks.org">www.njtrucks.org</a>.

**ENTRY FEE:** The fee for NJMTA members, in good standing, is \$180 per contestant and the non-member fee is \$260 per contestant. Driver entry fee includes banquet ticket, TDC Patch, TDC T-shirt and TDC Pin.

**REGISTRATION:** Carriers are required to complete a Preliminary Entry Form. The Preliminary Entry Form must include competing drivers names, email address and shirt sizes. **All entry fees must be submitted with this form.** NO walk-in registrations permitted. **Preliminary Entry Forms MUST be received by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024.** 

**DRIVER ENTRY & RELEASE:** Competing drivers are required to submit a Driver Entry & Release /Driver Registration Form (Form TR-1, TR-2), clear copy of CDL/Drivers License and copy of MVR showing drivers name and/or signature. Entry form and required documentation **MUST BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE** and be mailed to NJMTA or emailed to <a href="mailto:iblazovic@nitrucks.org">iblazovic@nitrucks.org</a>. **DO NOT SUBMIT INCOMPLETE PAPERWORK.** 

# DRIVER ENTRY & RELEASE PAPERWORK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 13, 2024. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

**2024 FACTS FOR DRIVERS**: The written test is based on the 2024 Facts for Drivers Manual. Manuals can be purchased directly at 2024 ATA Truck Driving Championships Rulebook (atabusinesssolutions.com)

**ACCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Drivers must be accident free between June 1, 2023 and June 1, 2024. Any questions regarding eligibility due to an accident must be submitted for determination. Contact TDC Co-Chairs Carlos Ortiz carlos.ortiz@nfiindustries.com and Steve Smith steve.m.smith@fedex.com.

**PRE-TRIP INSPECTION**: The Pre-trip inspection will take place on Saturday, June 1st from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. After each driver has completed their inspection, they cannot discuss any procedures or defects they believe they have found with any other contestant until all contestants in all classes have competed.

**RESULTS:** Judges will not give any results or tell what items were missed. Solutions will be announced at the banquet.

<u>CHEATING will not be tolerated</u>. Any driver caught cheating in any way, either by themselves or from a friend or family member in the stands, will cause the entire team to be disqualified. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** may be consumed during the running of this event.

**FOOD & DRINK RESTRICTIONS**: Per hotel contract, all food and beverage served on hotel property must be supplied and prepared by the hotel. You may put up tents **(NO LARGER than 10 x 10)** and bring lawn chairs in designated areas.

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION**: Winners may be eligible to participate in the 2024 National Truck Driving and Step-Van Driving Championships to be held August 21st - 24th in Indianapolis, IN. Drivers competing in Straight Truck Class must have a Class B license. Drivers must have no accidents from August 21, 2023 - August 21, 2024. Driver registration fee for National Championship Competition is \$450.00 per driver.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions regarding Championship Rules, contact TDC Co-Chairs Carlos Ortiz <u>carlos.ortiz@nfiindustries.com</u> and Steve Smith <u>steve.m.smith@fedex.com</u>.

**TDC & SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET:** Each driver entry fee includes one admission ticket to the Awards Banquet for the driver. Additional Banquet tickets can be ordered online at <a href="https://www.njtrucks.org">www.njtrucks.org</a> or by using the Banquet Ticket Order Form. Extra tickets are \$100 each. Children 12 and under \$35 each.

**COMPANY PARTICIPATION/VOLUNTEERS:** Any company entering a driver is asked to have a representative (s) volunteer at the TDC. *ALL Volunteers Welcome!* 

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We have a block of rooms at Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City. The <u>ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for these room</u> rates is MAY 1, 2024. After MAY 1<sup>st</sup> reservations/rates will be subject to availability.

**ROOM RATES:** May 31st \$199, June 1st \$249, June 2nd \$99 - plus tax. Check-In time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-Out time is 11:00 a.m. Rates do not include taxes and fees.

**NOTE:** If you are making reservations for more than 10 rooms and do not want to use the online reservation link, please contact Linda Dimeo, Harrah's Coordinator Group Reservations, 609-441-5808, <a href="mailto:LDimeo@harrahs.com">LDimeo@harrahs.com</a>. Be sure to reference our group code **SH05MT4**.

Call for Room Reservations - 888-516-2215 (8am-2am EST, 7 days a week)

Group name: New Jersey Motor Truck Association

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\*All callers will be asked for the code or can book by saying \*\*Motor Truck Association\*\*

ONLINE Reservations: <a href="https://book.passkey.com/go/SH05MT4">https://book.passkey.com/go/SH05MT4</a>

## TDC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday, June 1st

10:00 - 10:30 am Registration at Wildwood Registration Desk - Conference Center

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Welcome & Written Test

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Pre-Trip Judge Meeting on Course - Parking Lot

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Course Overview / Q & A - all participants on course/parking lot

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Pre-Trip Test - Parking Lot

4:00 pm Hotel Check-in opens

#### Sunday, June 2nd

7:30 am Judge Meeting - parking lot

8:30 am - 3 pm Opening Ceremony / Driving Skills Test - parking lot

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm TDC & Safety Banquet with cash bar - Wildwood Ballroom