

2010 MA Truck Driving Championship  
West Boylston, MA  
Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Massachusetts Truck Driving Championship  
Information & Entry Form**

Date: February 2010  
To: Managers / Safety Supervisors / Drivers  
  
From: Frank Anglin-Co-Chair 2010 TDC Committee  
Steve Norbeck-Co-Chair 2010 TDC Committee  
  
**Re: 2010 Massachusetts Professional Truck Driving Championship**

The 2010 Massachusetts TDC will be held on **Sunday, June 13, 2010** at the **FedEx Facility-300 Century Drive, West Boylston MA.**

As always, this is an important **SAFETY EVENT** and we look forward to you and your company's participation.

**Sign-up Procedure**

1. Fill out the attached driver sign-up sheet.
2. Complete the ATA Entry & Release form (both sides).
3. Enclose a check for the total number of entries (Preliminary Entry Form).

**Important:** Upon receipt of your payment, ATA Entry & Release form and Preliminary Entry form, the **necessary** Facts for Drivers study guide will be sent to each driver. Drivers must fill out the ATA Entry & Release form (both sides) and return it to the Entry & Eligibility Chairman POSTMARKED no later than **Friday, May 28, 2010**. **Study guides (which must be ordered and paid for) cannot be sent until the ATA Entry & Release form, Preliminary Entry form & payment is received.**

**ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE**

\$95.00 Mass Motor Transportation Association members  
\$175.00 Non-MMTA member

Lunch will be provided during the day

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Entry in the state competition is open to any driver or company regardless of State Trucking Association affiliation.

**State Eligibility:** One driver per class, per terminal is allowed to compete.

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1. Driver(s) must be continuously employed by the entering employer for at least 12 months prior to entry.
2. Owner Operators must be leased to one company for the full 12 months prior to entry.
3. The driver(s) must have driven or performed duties of a professional truck driver for at least 11 of the 12 months prior to entry. (Yardmen and occasional drivers are not eligible). In the event a driver has been on layoff during the previous year, he must have been employed for a minimum of 10 months during the previous 12 months and must be restored to full time employment at the time of the event.
4. The driver(s) must be accident free, regardless of fault, for the same 12-month period. There are three instances when a non-preventable accident is NOT disqualifying: 1. when the vehicle is stopped at a traffic light and is hit from behind, 2. when the vehicle is stopped at a stop sign and hit from behind and 3. when the vehicle is stopped at the direction of a law enforcement officer and is hit from behind.

The winners of each class are invited to participate in the National Competition.

**National Eligibility:**

Drivers of companies that belong to BOTH the Massachusetts Motor Transportation Association (MMTA) and the American Trucking Association (ATA) are eligible to compete in the ATA National Truck Driving Championship, which will be held in Columbus, OH August 3-7th, 2010.

**Note:** A company that has never before been represented in the ATA National Truck Driving Championship may participate one time regardless of ATA membership.

The fee for participation in the National Competition is \$250.00. This fee is required from the driver's employer to MMTA before the class winner can be certified to compete in the Nationals.

**Awards**

Trophies will be awarded at a ceremony to be held after the event conclusion.

Please call with any questions:

**Frank Anglin – 2010 TDC Co-Chair**  
**Steve Norbeck – 2010 TDC Co-Chair**  
**MMTA Office:**

**Work (413) 594-6162 Cell (413) 427-4715**  
**Work (978) 670-3429 Cell (978) 987-0348**  
**617-695-3512**

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TDC Preliminary Entry Form

(\$95 MMTA member companies - \$175 Non-MMTA companies, per driver)

**One driver per class per terminal.**

**CLASS DRIVER NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER EMAIL**

Straight \_\_\_\_\_

3AxleVan \_\_\_\_\_

4 Axle Van \_\_\_\_\_

5 Axle Van \_\_\_\_\_

5 Axle Sleeper \_\_\_\_\_

5 Axle Tank \_\_\_\_\_

5 Axle Flatbed \_\_\_\_\_

Twin Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

Step Van \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Manager/Safety Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$95 MMTA member or \$175 non-member, per driver)  
Please make your check payable to: **MMTA TDC Committee**  
And return it with this form, **postmarked by May 28, 2010** to:  
**MMTA TDC Entry & Eligibility 10 Liberty Square, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Boston, MA 02109**

**Drivers Study Guide may be available from your employer, if you need a copy, please check here to order and increase fee by \$5.00 to cover cost.**

VISA     MASTERCARD     DISCOVER     AMEX

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt of this form, your payment, and the Entry & Eligibility Form, a copy of Facts for Drivers (if ordered) will be sent to your driver(s).

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Drivers please note **changes** to this years rules (Please read carefully):

**Step Van:** The Committee approved the creation of a National Step Van Driving Championships. Here are the details:

- a. Although it is a separate competition it will be run at the same time and place as the NTDC. Depending on how many competitors we have (how many State TDC's hold a Step Van competition and send winners), the step vans may be integrated into the existing course or on a separate course.
- b. It is a two year trial to see if we have the level of participation and commitment that warrants a competition.
- c. For now, there will not be a separate rulebook. There will be a supplemental document that will accompany the TDC rulebook that will refer to the qualifications/eligibility rules of the TDC rulebook that apply to the SVDC competition. Facts for Drivers will be the study tool for SVDC competitors.
- d. It will be an open competition – that is a driver does not have to be a step van driver to compete in the Step Van championships, although he/she does have to perform the regular duties of a truck driver (as set forth in the NTDC Rulebook). Note: Having it an open competition will no doubt guarantee we have the level of participation and commitment to warrant its continuance.
- e. Can be a CDL or non-CDL driver but if non-CDL he/she must drive step van or other Commercial Motor Vehicle (must be employed by a motor carrier or be a dedicated owner operator in accordance with the current rulebook). No driver may drive his/her own company's equipment (at NTDC).
- f. The SVDC competitor will have the same areas of competition: written exam, pre-trip inspection and skills course. (See "Personal Interview" decision below). The SVDC written exam will be the same as the NTDC exam. The time constraints for the pre-trip and skills test will be the same as straight truck. Skills test course will be left up to the course designer – i.e., whether it needs to be tightened.
- g. There will be a SVDC finals competition run on Saturday.
- h. Because technically it is a separate competition, it is not counted in the NTDC Grand Champion or the other "special awards" – it will not be counted toward the Team Trophy – at least for year one.
- i. Three points of contact and "normal driving position" will be required (i.e., no hanging outside the step van door).
- j. The step van to be used in competition should have a GVWR of more than 10,001 lbs. but less than 26,000 lbs. (will be at NTDC).
- k. The NTDC Committee will be tracking participation, scores, timing, etc. over the two year period to determine if any changes need to be made or if it's continuation makes sense.
- l. The SVDC has its own wildcard and first timer (doesn't count towards TDC's).

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**Summary of Rulebook Changes:**

- m. Chapter V, Section B- clarifies that in order to be eligible to compete, owner operators, driver owners and the like, as well as driver trainers and driver supervisors must meet the requirements set forth in bullets 2-5 (in short, perform the regular duties of a truck driver at least 1200 hours and 60% of the time, and for 11 of the 12 months), and further states that those whose primary duties are supervising, and/or managing the operation and/or business are not eligible. Also language will be added to recognize that the professional truck driver may and often does perform functions in addition to the “regular duties of a truck driver” as set forth in this paragraph 2 and that it is just as important that such driver perform these additional responsibilities safely and professionally; therefore, the accident-free, safe driving requirements and definitions set forth in this Chapter V, Section D (below) shall apply to those additional functions that involve the operation of equipment, including but not limited to hostling or driving the company automobile. (We will be adding language further defining commercial motor carrier vehicle.)
- n. Chapter V, Section J- is eliminated (no longer applies)
- o. Chapter V, Section K – new last subparagraph is added: Those motor carriers whose employees, dedicated owner-operator, driver-owner, or the like, are being entered into a Truck Driving Championships competition, are responsible for collecting and maintaining records that, if requested, would prove such contestants’ eligibility including but not limited to dates employed or contracted, hours worked and miles driven performing the regular duties of a truck driver, residence and/or CDL issuing state, and accident-free record. If formally requested, such documentation must be provided to the asking party (State TDC rep or NTDC rep.) within 30 days of the request or no later than two weeks prior to the nationals, whichever is earlier.
- p. Chapter V, Section M: Adding language (as bolded) to further clarify. In the event that a State Champion is unable to compete due to disqualification, ineligibility or for personal reasons, the second place winner in the same class may compete in the ATA National Truck Driving Championships if otherwise qualified. For purposes of this rule, disqualifying acts are defined in Chapter V, Section M paragraphs 17-19; acts or situations that render a State Champion ineligible are defined in Chapter V; and personal reasons are intended to include family emergencies, financial circumstance and/or a desire not to compete. For further clarification, in the case of a State Champion who is a non-ATA member and neither subparagraphs (a) nor (b) of Chapter V, Section A, paragraph 1 apply, the second place winner in the same class may compete.
- q. Chapter V, Section C: The NTDC Committee determined that an exemption to (a “relaxation of”) the “Length of Employment” rule was necessary and appropriate during times of significant economic difficulties. Therefore, for 2010, a driver who has been laid off due to “the economic conditions of [his/her] employer” will still be eligible to compete if he/she performs the normal duties of a truck driver for at least **10** of the 12 months and 1200 hours; he/she meets all of the other eligibility requirements; and he/she is performing the regular duties of a truck driver at/during the time of the State and National TDCs. In other words, the Committee is allowing a driver to be laid off for as many as 60 days as long as he/she meets all the other rules and is working full time as a truck driver for the entering employer at the time of competition.
- r. Retirement Rule: ATA will be sending a note to those drivers (and their supervisors) who have competed at NTDC in the same class for two years in a row or who competed at NTDC in the same class in 2007 and 2008 and sat out in 2009 to remind them that they must sit out of that class of competition for two years. ATA will also provide the states with the complete list of those drivers (who we know about) that must select another class in order to be eligible to compete in 2010; however, State TDC may want to remind those who competed and won at the State TDC two years in a row (who might not have gone to NTDC).

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**Past Champions Clause:**

Periodic retirement of Past State and ATA National Truck Driving Championships Champions shall be invoked to encourage participation by greater numbers of eligible drivers in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

- (a) A contestant, who has appeared, competed and or won the same class of competition in two consecutive ATA National Truck Driving Championships. After the required period of retirement has elapsed, the past National Champion may again enter a Truck Driving Championships and compete in the class of competition from which he/she was retired, provided he/she is otherwise eligible.
- (b) A contestant who has won the same class of competition in two consecutive State Truck Driving Championships shall not be eligible to compete in that class of competition at the following two consecutive state Truck Driving Championships. After the required period of retirement has elapsed, the past State Champion may again enter a Truck Driving Championships and compete in the specific class of competition from which he/she was retired, provided he/she is otherwise eligible.
- The MMTA will NOT be providing Facts for Drivers this year unless requested by the driver. Contestants will be charged an extra \$5 to have the Facts for Drivers mailed.
- All contestants are reminded that if they competed and won in the same truck class in 2007 and 2008 at the state TDC (and/or National TDC), the contestant cannot compete in that same class in 2009 and/or 2010.
- The use of a cell phone is strictly prohibited throughout the duration of the event. Drivers can not use a cell phone OR have a cell phone on them at any time. If a driver is seen with a cell phone it will result in disqualification. If a driver chooses to bring their cell phone to the event, there will be plastic bags at the registration table and they may be picked up at the end of the event.
- Drivers do NOT get to choose their equipment
- Drivers are not allowed out on the course at any time during the event. If a driver steps on to the course at any time during the competition, they may be disqualified. (with the exception of their turn driving in the competition). Drivers shall remain in the bull pen ALL day.
- At registration, all drivers will receive a pre-printed score sheet with their name and contestant number, if you lose your score sheet you will be disqualified.
- All required paperwork must be postmarked by **Friday May 28, 2010**, if not then the driver CANNOT compete
- All paper work must be updated to include "Past Champions" clause; including a reference that we follow ATA's Entry & Eligibility guidelines. Additionally, make sure on the form that it is clear if a driver is a past champion. **All MVR Reports must be pulled within six months of the competition.**
- All drivers must provide an email address to the MMTA for periodic updates on the 2010 TDC.

Please identify the make and model of the tractor/truck you normally drive:

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Are you a rookie? (Circle one)

Yes

No

**Overnight Accommodations**

If you plan on spending the night in the West Boylston area, we have negotiated a special rate with the Holiday Inn Express and the Comfort Inn. Please note that this rate is subject to availability, as there are a limited number of rooms available. PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE MMTA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP!

**Comfort Inn**

426 Southbridge Street

Auburn, MA 01501

(508) 832-8300

\$85.00 (Cut off date May 28, 2010)

**Holiday Inn Express**

10-12 Johnson Street

Auburn, MA 01501

(508) 832-2500

\$99.00 (Cut off date May 30, 2010)

\*Rooms are limited - please book early!

**Please return this information to the MMTA office by Friday, May 28, 2010.**

jzywien@mass-trucking.org or by fax 617-695-0533

Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Information** (This is a t-shirt, please circle the size you wish to receive)

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Welcome to the 2010 Massachusetts TDC. This year's competition is being held at the **Federal Express Facility at 300 Century Drive in West Boylston, MA. We will attempt to follow the "Schedule of Events" as close as possible. However, please keep in mind, times and events are subject to change throughout the day. PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

7:00– 7:30 AM	Driver sign-in / registration <b>(25 point deduction if you are NOT registered by 7:30AM)</b>
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Welcome Remarks & Course Overview (Drivers & Judges)
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Written Test (one hour time limit)
8:00-9:00 AM	Course Walk through Judges/Assignment for Judges
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Course Walk through Drivers
9:30 AM	Competition Begins
3:30 PM	Awards Ceremony

Pre-trip inspections will be conducted throughout the day. Listen for your class to be announced.

<b><u>AM Program</u></b>	<b><u>PM Program</u></b>
Twins	Straight Truck
5-Axle	3-Axle
Sleeper	Flatbed
4-Axle	Tank
*subject to change	Step Van

The Awards ceremony will be held **after** the completion of the competition.

All Drivers and attendees will be given a complimentary barbeque lunch. The barbeque will take place throughout the day.

Families, please look for our staff selling raffle tickets throughout the day! (Prizes will be handed out at the Awards ceremony).