



PROFESSIONAL DRIVER PARTICIPATION GUIDE

**RULES, INSTRUCTIONS, & INFORMATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS PARTICIPATING IN
THE WASHINGTON TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
GESA STADIUM
6200 BURDEN BLVD, PASCO, WA 99301**

Schedule of Events

FRI
APRIL 10

GESA STADIUM - PASCO, WASHINGTON
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF/
EVENT SET-UP

SAT
APRIL 11

**HAPO CENTER & GESA STADIUM
PASCO, WASHINGTON**

5:30 AM – 9:00 AM	EVENT SET-UP
6:00 AM – 6:40 AM	DRIVER CHECK-IN/BREAKFAST LOCATION: HAPO CENTER
6:45 AM – 7:00 AM	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (ALL DRIVERS MUST REPORT)
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	WRITTEN TEST
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	SKILLS COURSE & PRE-TRIP INSTRUCTIONS LOCATION: HAPO CENTER (ALL SKILLS COURSE JUDGES & STARTERS MUST REPORT)
9:10 AM – 9:20 AM	SKILLS COURSE WALK LOCATION: GESA STADIUM PARKING LOT
9:20 AM – 9:30 AM	WELCOME & NATIONAL ANTHEM
9:30 AM	<u>WHEELS ROLL!</u> SKILLS & PRE-TRIP INSPECTION COMPETITION
2:30 PM (ESTIMATED)	DRIVER TRAINER/ MANAGER SKILLS COURSE COMPETITIONS
5:00 PM (ESTIMATED)	AWARD CEREMONY EVENT CLEAN-UP

Driver Registration

DRIVER REGISTRATION - DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2026

Step One: Register Online

Step Two: Email all supporting registration forms and documents to TDC@watrucking.org. The required supporting forms and documents must be submitted to WTA by the close of business on March 27, 2026. These forms and documents include the following: (1) 2026 ATA Driver Entry and Release Form (11-12 pg.); (2) Current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR); (3) CDL/driver's license with proper endorsements; and (4) driver photo.

All designated primary and additional company contacts will receive a confirmation email after the entry deadline with drivers' names and classes; please verify that all information in this email is correct and confirm with TDC@watrucking.org.

Registration is capped at 200 registered attendees.

COMPLETING DRIVER REGISTRATION:

- All competitors and officials must register using WTA's online registration and submit additional forms and documents.
- Current MVR – Must be pulled within six months of August 11, 2026 (February 11, 2026) and show that the driver's medical certificate is valid on the MVR (if required).
- CDL copy – The driver must have the proper endorsements for the class entered. Competitors in the Straight Truck must have a minimum of a Class B License.
- If a driver's CDL or medical card expires by April 1, 2026, a new license or medical card must be provided by April 1, 2026, before they are eligible to compete.
- The employer of the 2026 WATDC Division Winners must be a member of the Washington Trucking Associations (WTA) and provide the National Truck Driving Championship (NTDC) Entry Fee to be eligible for Nationals. Credit card fees will apply.
 - WTA member companies will be invoiced NTDC entry fee(s) for submitted competitors. Non-member companies will be invoiced NTDC entry fee(s) and WTA membership dues.
 - All invoices must be paid by **June 1, 2026**, for NTDC entry.
 - All 2026 WATDC division winners, with one guest, are invited to the 2026 Day with the Winners event on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at the Tacoma Country & Golf Club in Lakewood, Washington. *RSVPs required.*

Driver Registration

[Click Here to Start Registration](#)

If a driver's CDL or medical certificate expires by April 1, 2026 a new license or medical card must be provided by April 1, 2026 before they are eligible to compete.

No class or driver changes will be accepted after April 3, 2026, including onsite.

Drivers compete in one of the following classes:

Step Van - Straight Truck - Flatbed - Sleeper - Twins - Tanker - 3 Axle - 4 Axle - 5 Axle

WTA Member Price: \$195 | Non-WTA Member Price: \$325

COMPETING DRIVERS MUST:

- Be based or licensed in Washington and in a driving position with their current employer since August 11, 2025.
- Perform a minimum of 1,200 hours annually as a professional truck driver.
- Have the proper license endorsement for the class of participation chosen.
- Have had an accident-free driving record since August 11, 2025.
 - Drivers with non-preventable crashes may be eligible to compete.
 - Documentation must be submitted to the WATDC Planning Committee by April 1, 2026, for all non-preventable crashes (including non-DOT recordable) for review.
- Have not been away from the regular driving duties beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days since August 11, 2025.
- Drivers are prohibited from receiving any form of compensation for time spent in practice.
- Companies may reimburse drivers for expenses incurred in attending the competition, but such reimbursement is limited to the actual expenses for the participant and spouse.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: TDC@WATRUCKING.ORG

Event Information

FACTS FOR DRIVERS This is the study guide for the written exam and the driving competition. The 2026 WATDC written test is based on information found in the 2026 Facts for Drivers. During registration, drivers may request a book, which is included in the registration fee. The requested books will be mailed out in mid-March.

For a digital version and an audio version, please visit the ATA Business Solutions website.

SOCIAL MEDIA We encourage everyone to post about the 2026 WATDC event on social media. The official 2026 WATDC hashtag is [#WATDC26](#).

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION The WATDC is very volunteer-intensive. Please invite coworkers, friends, and family to volunteer. Volunteering is required for all companies with 3 or more participants. If you have more than one volunteer, at least one volunteer must be designated to assist with event cleanup.

[Click here to sign up for 2026 WATDC Volunteer Shifts.](#)

For 2026, a WATDC Volunteer Team Award will be given to the company that provides the most event volunteers.

EVENT SCHEDULE & RUNNING ORDER The event schedule and running order will be sent to designated primary and additional company contacts at least 48 hours prior to the event.

PARKING Competitors, volunteers, and spectators will be required to park in the designated parking areas. Oversize vehicles and all vehicles wishing to enter the event area must have approval and an official WATDC parking pass.

Email TDC@watrucking.org for approval and a parking pass.

AWARD CEREMONY INFORMATION The 2026 WATDC awards ceremony will be held after the conclusion of the competition.

FAMILY INFORMATION We want to keep the competition family-friendly; children should not ride skateboards, throw balls, or do anything around the course that may compromise their safety or distract competitors.

Event Information

DEADLINES & PUNCTUALITY

All participating companies, managers, and drivers must meet the required deadlines and be prompt for all events. Failure to meet deadlines and/or tardiness may result in disqualification. The deadline for emailing all forms and documents is [April 1, 2026](#).

DRIVER CHECK-IN

Driver check-in will be on Saturday between 6:00 AM – 6:40 AM at the HAPO Center (6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, WA 99301). All competitors **MUST** present a valid CDL or driver's license with proper endorsements.

All drivers will receive a name badge at registration. Drivers **MUST** wear it at all times during the competition.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

All drivers **MUST** be present for the welcome and introduction starting at 6:45 AM. Drivers not present at the start of the welcome and introductions will not be eligible to compete.

WRITTEN TEST

Saturday at 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM.

Drivers do not need to bring anything for the written test and should not sit next to other competitors from their company. A designated area for backpacks and other items will be available, but will not be accessible between 6:45 am and the walk over to Gesa Stadium. Cell phones, smartwatches, digital watches, or other prohibited devices must be turned off, placed in bags, and located in the designated area.

TDC OVERVIEW & COURSE WALK

Immediately following the written test, there will be a presentation to review the TDC rules and guidelines, skills course problems, and pre-trip inspection information.

The skills course walk will commence at 9:10 AM. The course walk will be no more than 10 minutes, and drivers may not ask questions during the course walk. Drivers may not pace the course or measure the distance between problems or equipment. The use or possession of phones, smart watches, or pedometers is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.

Event Information

DEN MOTHERS/ FATHERS & BULLPENS

All drivers will be assigned a holding group and a Den Mother/Father will be assigned to the holding group immediately following the skills course and pre-trip instructions overview presentation. The assigned Den Mother/Father will be the holding group's "tour guide" between the skills course and the pre-trip inspection areas.

Drivers are required to follow Den Mother/Father instructions and report to the driver staging area promptly after the announcement to report. Once in the driver staging area, and checked in, the Den Mothers/Fathers will then bring the holding groups to their assigned skills course or pre-trip bullpens.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones, cameras, recording devices, and devices that can receive data, send data, and/or signal notifications, or the use of any form of AI, are prohibited during any phase of the competition. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.

Once a contestant has completed the written test, skills course, and pre-trip inspection, the use of the listed devices above is allowed.

FREE PERIODS & DRIVER DISCUSSION

Drivers are allowed to watch the competition during free periods, but drivers are expected to report to the driver staging areas promptly after the call to report.

Any contestant not in the assigned bullpen with their holding group may be subject to disqualification.

Discussion of the skills course or pre-trip details with other drivers is strictly prohibited until all drivers have completed the event activities.

APPEARANCE OF DRIVERS

Competitors should be in company identifying clothing and wear the name badge provided during check-in.

Event Information

CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in all WATDC-hosted events is subject to the observance of the WTA's rules and procedures. The activities outlined below are strictly prohibited. Any participant, volunteer, or staff member who violates this Code is subject to removal from the 2026 WATDC activities and possible future WTA-hosted events.

- Abusive language towards a staff member, volunteer, or another participant.
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs within the HAPO Center and GESA stadium's parking during WATDC activities.
- Bringing dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives, firearms, weapons, or other similar items onto event property.
- Discourtesy or rudeness to a fellow participant, staff member, or volunteer.
- Verbal, physical, or visual harassment of another participant, staff member, or volunteer.
- Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
- Conduct that endangers the life, safety, health, or well-being of others.
- Failure to follow any agency policy or procedure.
- Bullying or taking unfair advantage of any participant.
- Failing to cooperate with WATDC leaders or WTA staff.

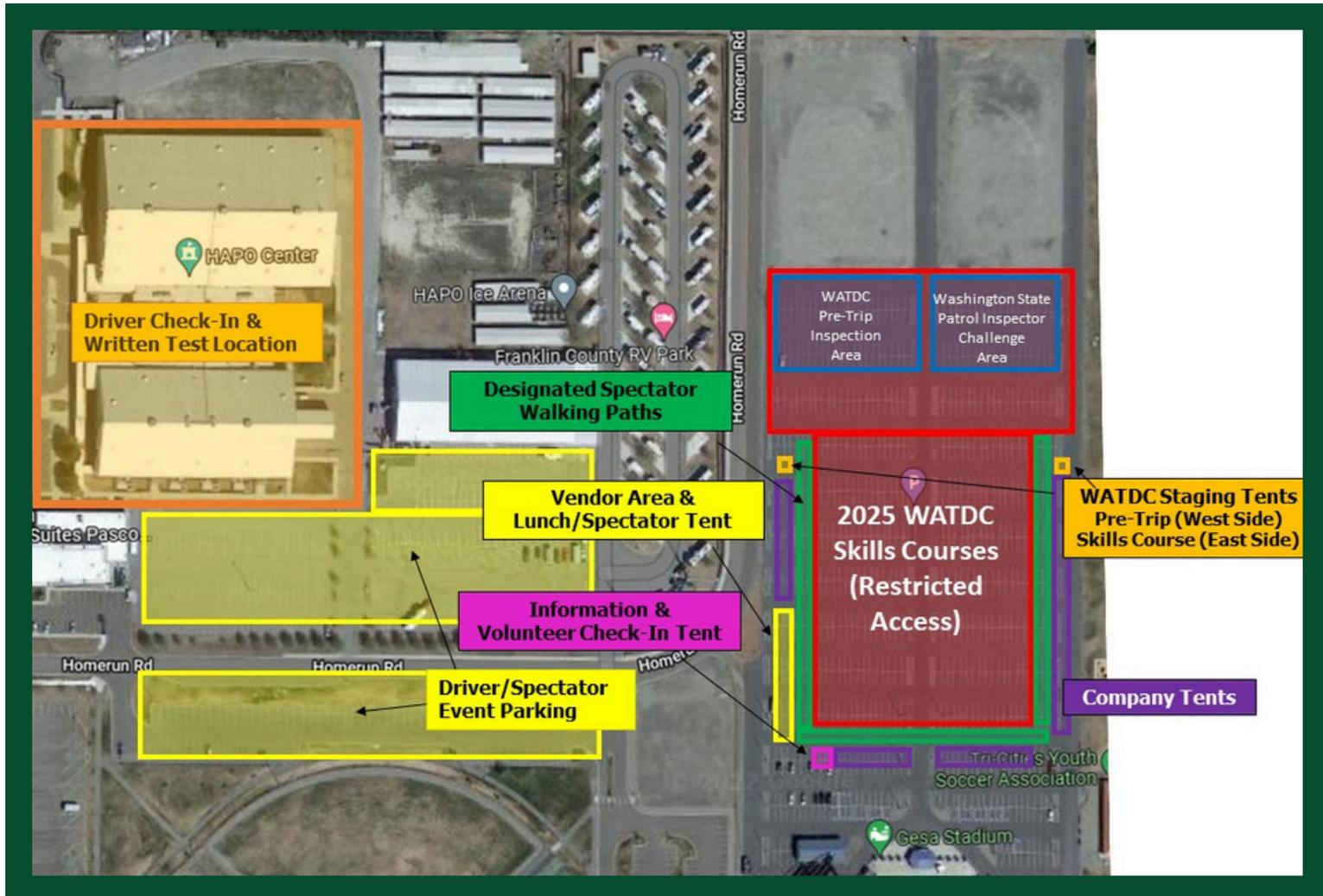
DRIVER MANAGER/TRAINER COMPETITION

The Driver Manager/Trainer Competition is a SKILLS COURSE ONLY competition for driver trainers and supervisors with a valid Class A CDL. Government agency partners with Class A CDLs may also be eligible to compete. All competitors must be registered by Friday, March 20, 2026, with proof of Class A CDL and the Driver Manager/Trainer event consent form (page 14).

Competitor check-in will be from 6:00 am to 6:40 am at the HAPO Center and 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the event information tent for the name badge and course information. All competitors may attend the WATDC overview briefing following the discussion of the written test (estimated 8:00 am). However, all competitors are prohibited from attending the course walk at 9:10 am. There will be a five-minute course walk prior to the start of the event. All competitors must be in the designated bullpen before the first competitor enters the course.

Competitors may participate as volunteers, including skills course judges, but are prohibited from being involved in Friday Skill Course setup or driving the 2026 Skill Course prior to the event.

Event MAP



Saturday, April 11, 2026

Gesa Stadium - Main Event Area

6200 Burden Blvd, Pasco, WA 99301

HAPO Center - Driver Check-In & Written Testing Area

6600 Burden Blvd, Pasco, WA 99301

Hotels & Refund Policy

SUGGESTED AREA HOTELS:

- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pasco-Tricities – 0.3 Miles
- Hampton Inn & Suites Pasco/Tri-Cities – 0.6 Miles
- Courtyard by Marriott Pasco Tri-Cities Airport – 4.2 Miles
- Best Western Premier Pasco Inn & Suites – 4.5 Miles
- Red Lion Hotel Pasco Airport & Conference Center – 5.1 Miles
- Hampton Inn Richland/Tri-Cities – 6.5 Miles
- The Lodge at Columbia Point (A Marriott Hotel) – 6.6 Miles
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Richland – 7.1 Miles
- Clover Island Inn – 8.6 Miles
- Hilton Garden Inn Tri-Cities/Kennewick – 9.6 Miles
 - Due to other local events, WTA strongly recommends reserving hotel rooms as soon as possible.

EVENT REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations prior to March 11, 2026, are eligible for a full refund, less a 5% transaction fee. Cancellations after March 11, 2026 and more than 14 days from the event are eligible for a 50% refund, less a 5% transaction fee. All requests 14 calendar days or less from the event are not eligible for a refund. Cancellations can be transferred to another driver within the same company.

Tent/Table/Chair purchases are not refundable.

Please send your request or any special circumstances you would like us to consider in writing to tdc@watrucking.org.

(Be sure to complete Driver Registration on Page 2)

Contestant's Name: _____

Preferred Nickname: _____

Competition State: _____

Hosting State Association: _____

Employer: _____

Class of Competition (check one)

Straight Truck (Single 2-axle vehicle)

CDL Requirement: Class B

3-Axle (2-axle tractor & 1-axle 28' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

4-Axle (2-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

5-Axle (3-axle tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

Sleeper Berth (3-axle sleeper tractor & 2-axle 53' semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

Tank Truck (3-axle tractor & 2-axle tank semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A - (N) Tank or (X) Combined Endorsement

Flatbed (3-axle tractor & 2-axle flatbed semitrailer)

CDL Requirement: Class A

Twin Trailers (2-axle tractor & set of 28' semitrailers)

CDL Requirement: Class A - (T) Twins Endorsement

Step Van (Step or Package Van)

CERTIFICATION BY EMPLOYER. I hereby certify that I am aware of the provisions of Chapter V, Eligibility Rules, of the Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures and applicable appendices including the Step Van Driving Championships rule summary; that the contestant named herein is eligible to compete under these rules; that the contestant's employer is a member of an ATA-affiliated State Trucking Association; that the contestant's employer will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the ATA and State Trucking Association and any other contestant, attendee, and equipment donor for any claims, damages, losses, expenses to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the contestant, and that all information furnished about them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Employer Manager's Signature (NOT driver's): _____

Manager Title: _____

AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the ATA's National and/or its affiliates' Truck Driving Championships (TDC) or Step Van Driving Championships (SVDC) and be eligible for awards offered to participants, I hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

1. I acknowledge that I am not in the employ of ATA or a State Trucking Association.
2. Both as to myself and my heirs and personal representatives, I release ATA, its directors, employees, agents and/or any of its affiliates and the State Association listed to the left, its directors, employees, agents and/or any of its affiliates from any and all liability and any right of action that may arise from any damage or injury which I may receive while attending or participating in said State or National TDC or National SVDC.
3. I grant the State Association listed to the left and ATA and its designated agencies exclusive right to make use of information about myself and of photographs supplied with this entry form, along with photographs subsequently taken under ATA's direction, in publicity and advertising activities. I further agree to make myself available for publicity enterprises arranged by ATA, with newspaper and magazine writers and radio and television personnel.
4. I grant State Association listed to the left and ATA the right to examine my MVR for the purposes of determining my eligibility to compete at both the State and National TDC or SVDC.
5. I will be bound by all orders, rules and regulations governing ATA's National and/or its affiliates' TDC or SVDC while participating in said competitions.

CERTIFICATION BY CONTESTANT.

I certify that:

1. I have been continuously employed as a truck or step van driver by my present employer during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
2. I have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck or step van driver during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
3. I have not been away from the regular duties of a professional truck driver beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC.
4. I have not been involved in a **Preventable** fleet motor vehicle accident during the 12 months prior the 2026 TDC. See TDC Rules and Procedures, Appendix I for determining non-preventable accident eligibility.
5. I have the proper class CDL or DL plus required endorsement(s) for the class of competition indicated to the left.
6. I hold a CDL (DL if SVDC) from or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of _____.
Occupational domiciled is defined as the terminal, garage or other operating base from which the driver normally works, is supervised and/or where employer is corporately headquartered.
7. I have not served as a member of any State Trucking Association's Truck Driving Championships Committee during the 12 months prior to the 2026 TDC / NTDC.
Competing drivers may still serve as volunteers and support for State Truck Driving Championships and National Truck Driving Championships in which they are not competing.
8. That the class of competition I am entering in 2026 is not a class in which I won at the state or regional TDC and/or competed at the National TDC or National SVDC in 2024 and 2025. I understand that after winning two consecutive years at the State TDC and/or competing two consecutive years at the Nationals in that same class of competition, I am not eligible to compete in that same class for one year if a step van competitor and two years if a competitor in any other class.
9. I have not received any form of pay, bonus, prize or other consideration for time spent in practice as set forth in the Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures. I agree that if I compete and win the State TDC, that I will compete at the National TDC or SVDC (as applicable), unless disqualified or am detained due to a medical emergency, in which case I will notify the applicable State Trucking Association immediately. I acknowledge that any misstatement made with respect to my eligibility for the TDC or SVDC competition may result in the forfeiture of my right to compete or in my disqualification from said competition.

Driver's Signature: _____



- Attach a copy of your MVR showing:
 - 1) Your name and/or signature; and
 - 2) Class of CDL (or license if SVDC applicant).



Driver Registration must be completed to be eligible for National competition!

Contestant's Name: _____
 Contestant's Name Pronunciation: _____
 Competition Class: _____ Competition State: _____

Home Address: _____
 Home City/State/ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
REQUIRED to receive registration confirmation
 Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Children Name/Age: _____

Employer: _____
 Employer Main Office Address: _____
 Contestant's Home Terminal: _____
 Safety Manager Name: _____
 Safety Manager Phone: _____
 Safety Manager Email: _____
If different than safety manager:
 Registration Manager Name: _____
 Registration Manager Phone: _____
 Registration Manager Email: _____

Lifetime Safe Driving Miles: _____
 Number of Years: _____
 w/ No-Accident Record: _____ in Trucking Industry: _____ w/ Employer: _____
 Number of Accidents: Preventable: _____ Non-Preventable: _____
 Date of Last Accident: _____
 Usual Run: Local: _____ Peddle: _____ Line-Haul: _____
 List unusual experiences, aid to motorists or at accident scene, acts of heroism:

Awards Received:

Hobbies:

Volunteer Experience:

Below and above information is used at Nationals to determine ND Professional Excellence Award eligibility. Please enter previous State/National TDC or SVDC in which you competed or volunteered below. Attach separate page if additional space is needed.

How many times have you participated in a:
 State TDC: _____ National TDC: _____

Year	State	Competed Class	Competed Rank	Volunteer Role



2026 Washington Truck Driving Championships

CONSENT FORM - ONLY FOR THE DRIVER MANAGER/TRAINER DIVISION



Contestant's Name: _____

Preferred Nickname: _____

Employer: _____

AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE BY DRIVER MANAGER/TRAINER CONTESTANT

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Washington Truck Driving Championships (WATDC) **Driver Manager/Trainer skills course only competition** and be eligible for awards offered to participants, I hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Both as to myself and my heirs and personal representatives, I release WTA, its directors, employees, agents and/or any of its affiliates from any and all liability and any right of action that may arise from any damage or injury which I may receive while attending or participating in said WATDC.
2. I grant the WTA and its designated agencies exclusive right to make use of information about myself and of photographs supplied with this entry form, along with photographs subsequently taken under WTA's direction, in publicity and advertising activities. I further agree to make myself available for publicity enterprises arranged by WTA, with newspaper and magazine writers and radio and television personnel.
3. I grant WTA the right to examine my CDL for the purposes of determining my eligibility to compete.
4. I will be bound by all orders, rules and regulations governing WATDC while participating in said competitions.

CERTIFICATION BY DRIVER MANAGER/TRAINER CONTESTANT

I certify that:

1. I have been continuously employed as a driver manager/trainer by my present employer during the 12 months prior to the 2026 WATDC.
2. I have not been involved in a fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident during the 12 months prior to the 2026 WATDC.
3. I have the proper class A CDL
4. My employer will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Washington Trucking Associations and any other contestant, attendee, and equipment donor for any claims, damages, losses, expenses to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the contestant, and that all information furnished about them is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I acknowledge that any misstatement made with respect to my eligibility for the WATDC may result in the forfeiture of my right to compete or in my disqualification from said competition.

Driver Manager/Trainer Competitor's Signature: _____

ANNOUNCER INFORMATION

Years in the Trucking Industry: _____

Hobbies: _____

Volunteer Experience: _____

Awards Received: _____

Favorite Safety Achievement: _____

Other: _____

WATDC EVENT SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 11, 2026 | PASCO, WA

PLATINUM

\$7,500

- \$50 off registration for each registered driver.
- One complimentary 20x20 tent*
- Reserved space for the company/vendor.
- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

GOLD

\$4,500

- \$20 off registration for each registered driver.
- One complimentary 10x10 tent*
- Reserved Space for the Company/Vendor.
- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

DRIVER & SPECTATOR “LOUNGE” TENT

\$3,000 - EXCLUSIVE

- Host the driver and spectator “lounge” tent (20x20 tent w/tables & chairs) for drivers, spectators, and volunteers without a company tent.
- Company signage outside the tent.
- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

DRIVER T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

\$2,500 - EXCLUSIVE

- Company logo added to event t-shirt, the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

** Tents are subject to availability*

WATDC EVENT SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

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DRIVER BREAKFAST

\$2,000

- Company logo at Breakfast, on sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

FRIEND OF TDC

\$1,500

- Complementary vendor table/space
- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

DUCKS

\$650

- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

GOLF CARTS

\$500

- Company logo on event course golf carts.
- Company logo added to the sponsorship banner, event program, WTA event registration page/website, and recognition during the event.

VENDOR TABLE

\$150

- 10x10 space, which includes one table and two chairs. ****No Tent Included****

Interested in sponsorship?

Contact the WTA

(253) 838-1650 or tdc@watrucking.org

