



PROFESSIONAL DRIVER PARTICIPATION GUIDE

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
GESA STADIUM
6200 BURDEN BLVD, PASCO, WA 99301**

Schedule of Events

FRI
APRIL 11

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

SAT
APRIL 12

**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
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 21, 2025

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 28, 2025. These forms and documents include the: (1) 2025 ATA/WTA Driver Entry and Release Form (11-12 pg.); (2) current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR); (3) CDL/drivers 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 20, 2025 (February 20, 2025) and show that the driver's medical certificate is valid (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, 2025, a new license or medical card must be provided by April 1, 2025, before they are eligible to compete.
- The employer must be a member of the Washington Trucking Associations (WTA) and provide the National Truck Driving Championship (NTDC) Entry Fee to be sent to 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 **August 1, 2025**, for NTDC entry.
 - All 2025 WATDC division winners, with one guest, are invited to the 2025 Day with the Winners event on Saturday, August 2, 2025, 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, 2025 a new license or medical card must be provided by April 1, 2025 before they are eligible to compete.

No class or driver changes will be accepted after April 4, 2025, 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 20, 2024.
- 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 an accident-free driving record since August 20, 2024.
 - Drivers with non-preventable crashes may be eligible to compete.
 - Documentation must be submitted to the WATDC Planning Committee by April 1, 2024, 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 20, 2024.
- 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 2025 WATDC written test is based on information found in the 2025 Facts for Drivers. During registration, drivers may request a book, which is included in the cost of registration. 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 invite everyone involved to join WTA's official Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates. The official 2025 WATDC hashtag is [#WATDC25](#).

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 2025 WATDC Volunteer Shifts.](#)

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 2025 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, 2025](#).

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, or other prohibited devices must be turned off, in bags, 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 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 2025 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 endangering 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.

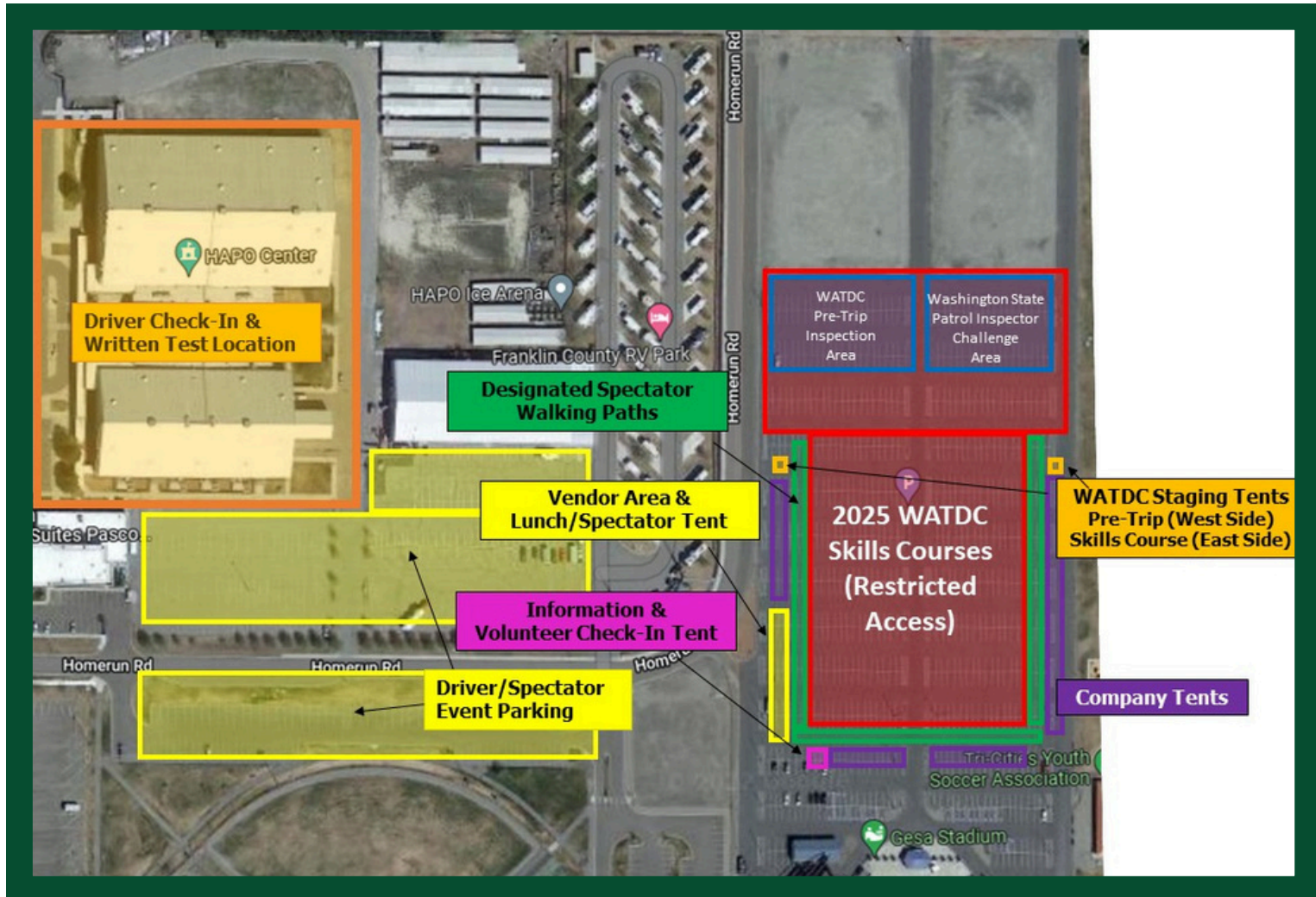
DRIVER MANAGER/TRAINER COMPETITION

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 21, 2025, 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 2024 Skill Course prior to the event.

Event MAP



Saturday, April 12, 2025

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 the close of event registration are eligible for a full refund, less a 5% transaction fee. Cancellations after the close of registration and more than 7 days from the event are eligible for a 50% refund, less a 5% transaction fee. All requests 7 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.

WATDC EVENT SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 12, 2025 | 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.

** Tents are subject to availability*

WATDC EVENT SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 12, 2025 | PASCO, WA

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

