

# 2026



## IOWA TRUCK DRIVING *Championships*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
*and*  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

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*Altoona, Iowa*

### **EVENT INFORMATION PACKET**

**QUESTIONS?**

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# IOWA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2026 IOWA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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12:30 – 5:30 PM

### **DRIVERS & GUESTS REGISTRATION**

*Meadows Entrance*

1:00 PM

### **TDC DRIVER NETWORKING ACTIVITY**

*Skinner Ballroom*

This is a great opportunity to network with other drivers and to work together as a group. We promise to keep it fun, yet a valuable experience. Relationships you form during this activity have been known to last years!

2:30 PM

### **MANDATORY DRIVER ORIENTATION SESSION**

*Skinner Ballroom*

All participating drivers are required to attend driver orientation. We will review all aspects of the event, including the course & the scoring.

3:30 PM

### **DRIVER WRITTEN EXAM & PERSONAL INTERVIEWS TO BEGIN**

*Skinner Ballroom & Junior King Suites*

We will be spreading out the drivers in the ballroom to take the written exam & there will be test proctors in the room. The written exam consists of 50 questions from the 2026 Facts for Drivers book. We will ask that no drivers from the same company sit next to one another. Also, there are no cell phones allowed in the testing area. As soon as drivers have completed the written exam, volunteers will direct the drivers to the designated hotel rooms used to conduct the interviews. As in the past, we will have multiple interviewing teams ready to conduct the interviews. Once the driver has completed their personal interview, the testing is completed for the day.

5:45 – 9:15 PM

### **TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM THE TDC TAILGATE EVENT**

Please meet in the Prairie Meadows hotel lobby to be taken to the Burger Shed, or outside the entrance of the Burger Shed to be taken to the hotel. Bus will loop back and forth as needed between the two locations throughout the night. Plenty of parking on-site at the Burger Shed should you wish to drive. If you are staying off site and wish to use the shuttle, please meet in the Prairie Meadows hotel lobby.

6:00 – 9:00 PM

### **TDC TAILGATE EVENT @ THE BURGER SHED**

*500 Bass Pro Drive NW, Altoona 50009*

Enjoy an evening of good food, cold beverages, and plenty of fun. This is a casual atmosphere that has both indoor/outdoor seating, upstairs/downstairs seating & bars, etc. Each guest will receive 2 complimentary drink tickets that will be in the back of their nametags that they receive at registration.

# IOWA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2026 IOWA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12, 2026

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6:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### **VOLUNTEER & GUESTS REGISTRATION**

*Meadows Entrance*

6:30 - 8:00 AM

### **BREAKFAST BUFFET AVAILABLE / TDC MORNING KICK-OFF**

You will want to make sure you're on time for this special event as we have a few fun items planned for this morning. Come grab some breakfast and enjoy the festivities we have planned. Doors open for breakfast at 6:30am and you'll want to be in your seats by 7:00am.

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### **ESTIMATED TIMING OF PRE-TRIP TESTING & DRIVING COURSE TESTING**

*Northeast Parking Lot*

11:30 AM

### **ESTIMATED TIMING OF SPECIAL DRIVING CHALLENGE: CEO/BOARD MEMBERS**

*Northeast Parking Lot*

### **LUNCH**

The only time that you will be on your own for "food" is for lunch on Friday. Most participants are either being fed by their company at their company tents or bringing in their own food. Companies will always welcome anyone to enjoy some food at their tents, otherwise the IMTA will have extra boxed lunches available that also feed their volunteers during the event.

5:00 - 5:30 PM

### **DRIVER TEAM PHOTOS**

*Grandquist Boardroom*

A schedule will be provided as to when drivers should be in the Grandquist Board Room for their team photo. Once again, please be on time so all photos can be taken in a timely fashion. All team photos will appear in the *Lifeline* magazine. During photos, other individuals taking photos in addition to our hired photographer slows things down tremendously.

5:00 PM

### **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

*Bishop Ballroom*

Cash bars will be available in the atrium outside of the ballroom. However, before you break out that cash you will have 2 complimentary drink tickets available to use throughout the evening! These will be located behind your nametag.

6:00 PM

### **BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS & DRIVER SPOUSE/GUEST APPRECIATION**

*Bishop Ballroom*

The grand finale of our TDC is the Banquet of Champions. Every participant is recognized & awards are presented to the respective winners in the various classes. This is a formal banquet that further highlights & showcases the valuable men & women of the trucking industry.

## CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY & CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To compete, a contestant must:

- ✓ Have driven and performed the regular duties of a truck driver for 12 months prior to the TDC. *Note, those who drive professionally and also serve as driver trainers are required to spend 60% of their time serving as a professional driver and must perform the regular duties of a professional truck driver for a minimum of 1200 hours annually.*
- ✓ Have been continuously employed by their entering motor carrier, and away from work no more than 30 calendar days during the 12 months prior to the TDC. The following days should not be counted towards a driver's 30 days. *Note that sick days must be counted towards a driver's 30-day count.*
  - Normal days off, vacation, and holidays to which the driver is entitled by company policy.
  - Bereavement leave resulting from a death in the immediate family is limited to two days.
  - Jury service properly verified to the employer.
  - An assignment as a member of the America's Road Team, the Road Team of an ATA affiliated state trucking association or a company Road Team.
  - A driver's birthday.
- ✓ Have not been involved in a *PREVENTABLE* fleet motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle accident during the 12 months before the TDC.
  - Drivers who have been involved in a non-preventable accident based on **ATA's Guidelines for Recording Vehicle Accident & Determining Preventability** may be eligible to compete if approved by the ATA Safety Management Council / NTDC Eligibility Review Committee. If you would like to submit an accident for review, please **CLICK HERE** to access the official Eligibility Request form. *Note that the approval process will be handled by the ATA Safety Management Council / NTDC Eligibility Review Committee. The committee will need 5-7 business days to make their decision. A driver cannot be registered for the Iowa TDC until the committee has made their decision. Please plan accordingly.*
- ✓ Have the proper class CDL, plus required endorsement(s) for the class of competition.
  - "N" endorsement to compete in the Tank Truck Class
  - "T" endorsement to compete in the Twin Trailer Class
  - Straight truck class competitors must have a minimum of Class B CDL
- ✓ Hold a CDL from or have been occupationally domiciled in the state of **Iowa**. *Occupational domiciled is defined as the terminal, garage or other operating base from which the driver normally works is supervised and/or where the employer is corporately headquartered.*
- ✓ Understand that the class of competition selected in 2026 is not a class in which the driver won at the **Iowa** TDC and/or competed at the National TDC in 2024 and 2025. Driver and company understand that after winning two consecutive years at the **Iowa** TDC and/or competing two consecutive years at the Nationals in that same class of competition, the driver is not eligible to compete in that same class for two years if a competitor is in any other class.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Agrees that if the driver competes and wins the **Iowa** TDC, that driver will compete at the National TDC, unless disqualified or detained due to a medical emergency, in which case the driver will notify the **Iowa Motor Truck Association** immediately.
- ✓ Acknowledges that any misstatement made with respect to the driver's eligibility for the TDC competition may result in the forfeiture of the driver's right to compete, or in the disqualification from said competition.
- ✓ Be employed by a member of the **Iowa Motor Truck Association**. Owner-Operators are not eligible to compete in the TDC program unless they are contracted to a single company.

## 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, or the competitor could risk disqualification.

1. No alcohol is permitted in or around the competition area during the entire event.
2. Keep in mind that this event is held on casino property and all participants, and guests, are to abide by policies set in place by the racing and gaming authorities. If you are not allowed to be on casino property, you are not allowed to take part in this event. Children under 18 are welcome if accompanied by an adult; however, no one under the age of 21 is allowed access to the casino.
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, smart watches, smart glasses, headphones, and earbuds are not permitted with the driver at any time during the competition (including the written test, personal interviews, pre-trip, and competition course). Additionally, competitors are not permitted to wear any hat covering their ears. 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 has completed any or all of the competition when the violation occurs, the driver'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 entry to further TDC events.

The Contestant Ground Rules and Expectations and the Code of Conduct have been implemented to ensure safety for drivers, their families, and volunteers, as well as fair and equal opportunities for all drivers competing.

If a contestant has a concern or problem, it is to be reported to their class coordinator, a course or pre-trip judge, or an Iowa Motor Truck Association staff member. These individuals will then notify the TDC Chair and/or the committee if necessary.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

### **DRIVER REGISTRATION** (\$330.00 per driver)

Companies will complete the official 2026 Iowa Motor Truck Association Truck Driving Championships registration for their drivers and any guests [online at iowamotortruck.com](https://www.iowamotortruck.com). The safety manager of that company will certify on the registration form that the registered drivers meet the eligibility qualifications. Copies of the MVR or CDL license are not required.

Competitor registrations must be received by **Thursday, May 14, 2026**. Payment is due at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after this date except in extreme circumstances.

### **GUEST MEAL REGISTRATION**

As part of the entry fee, all registered drivers are automatically registered for the three meals provided. Spouses, children & any extra guests must register [online at iowamotortruck.com](https://www.iowamotortruck.com).

#### ***Thursday Evening*** (\$100.00 per person)

##### **Registration Deadline = Thursday, May 21, 2026**

We have reserved the entire Burger Shed restaurant to enjoy an evening of good food, cold beverages, and more. This is a casual atmosphere that has both indoor/outdoor seating, upstairs/downstairs seating & bars, etc. Each guest will receive 2 complimentary drink tickets that will be in the back of their nametags that they receive at registration.

#### ***Friday Morning*** (\$45.00 per person)

##### **Registration Deadline = Thursday, May 21, 2026**

You will want to make sure you're on time for this special event as we have a few fun items planned for this morning. Come grab some breakfast and enjoy the festivities we have planned --- and you may just walk away a winner!

#### ***Friday Evening*** (\$125 per person)

##### **Registration Deadline = Thursday, May 21, 2026**

The grand finale of our TDC is the Banquet of Champions. Every participant (and spouse/special guest) is recognized & awards are presented to the respective winners in the various classes. This is a formal banquet that further highlights & showcases the valuable men & women of the trucking industry.

#### ***Friday Evening Seating Information***

Based off attendee feedback, the Banquet of Champions on Friday evening will feature reserved seating at tables according to your company name.

- Tables will be assigned by company name
- Additional tables cannot be added once the event begins
- Seating is reserved only for attendees registered by the deadline date
- Tables seat 8 individuals
- Additional chairs cannot be added to tables once the event begins
- Tables will be filled to capacity

We cannot stress enough to register by **Thursday, May 21, 2026**. Banquet registrations that come in AFTER the deadline will be placed at tables in the back of the room. Specific table assignments will be provided prior to the event.

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## **VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

Volunteers play a vital role in making the Iowa Truck Driving Championships a success! From assisting with event logistics to supporting the competitors, your time and effort help create a seamless and memorable experience for everyone involved. Whether you're a first-time volunteer or a returning supporter, we appreciate your commitment to promoting safety and excellence in the trucking industry

### ***Registration***

Volunteers will need to register [online at iowamotortruck.com](https://www.iowamotortruck.com) by **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, and confirm the date(s) they are wishing to participate. Once everyone is placed, IMTA will notify everyone who completed this form via email with their responsibilities approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. Thursday is a light day for volunteers so everyone may not be placed.

### ***Meals***

Volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch on Friday. If you plan to take part in any meals featured at the event you will need to register [online at iowamotortruck.com](https://www.iowamotortruck.com).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*In alphabetical order*

### CLASSES & SCHEDULE

Drivers compete in one of the following classes: 3-Axle, 4-Axle, 5-Axle, Flatbed, Sleeper, Straight Truck, Tank Truck, or Twin Trailers. All pre-trip testing and course competition will take place on Friday, June 12. No class or driver changes, including onsite, will be accepted after **Thursday, May 14, 2026**.

### DRONES

Flying drones in and around the Iowa Truck Driving Championships competition is strictly prohibited unless you have received prior, written approval from the Iowa Motor Truck Association and TDC Committee. Violating this policy may result in competitor or team disqualification.

### FACILITY INFORMATION

#### **Restricted Areas**

During the competition, family members and company representatives are not permitted inside the competition areas or restricted areas unless escorted by a committee or staff member, and only in the event of an emergency. No one is allowed in the TDC course area or pre-trip area unless it is during the hours of the competition. Competitors are only permitted in these areas on their day of competition. Anyone found in the restricted areas before or after hours will be subject to disqualification of themselves and/or their company. This includes competitors, spouses, children, friends, company officials, or anyone who should not be in the competition area.

#### **Outside Food and Beverage Policy**

The only time that outside food and beverage is allowed is for lunch on Friday. Most participants are either being fed by their company in their company tents or bringing in their own food. Companies will always welcome anyone to enjoy some food at their tents, otherwise the IMTA will have extra boxed lunches available that also feed their volunteers during the event.

### FACTS FOR DRIVERS STUDY GUIDE

All TDC contestants will receive American Trucking Association's Facts for Drivers Handbook. This is the study guide for the written exam, personal interview, and the driving competition. For a digital or audio version, visit the [ATA Business Solutions website](#). Facts for Drivers books, notes, note cards, and any other preparatory materials are not allowed on the testing tables and should not be utilized during the test.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### **Headquarters Hotel (Prairie Meadows)**

Following a highly successful rollout in 2025, we will continue using our registration-based hotel booking process. This approach created a more fair and efficient distribution of rooms and ensured more companies had access to event headquarters accommodation.

Here's how it will work again this year:

- Hotel booking details will only be provided after a completed online registration is received
- Each registration allows for one hotel room reservation
- Multiple rooms require multiple completed registrations submitted at the same time
- Registrations must include confirmed attendee names (no "TBD" placeholders)
- Payment must be completed or invoiced at the time of registration
- IMTA will not accept call-in registrations

As a reminder, **Prairie Meadows will not accept direct reservations**, either online or by phone. All rooms must be secured through the IMTA registration process. In past years, the room block filled within minutes.

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This system ensures a more equitable opportunity for all participants to secure accommodation at the host hotel, and based on last year's feedback, it made a meaningful difference.

## **Overflow Hotel (Hyatt Place Altoona)**

An additional room block has been established at the Hyatt Place in Altoona, which is right next door to the Burger Shed. For information on how to book your stay, [visit iowamotortruck.com](http://visit.iowamotortruck.com).

## **NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All first-place winners in each class will be eligible to go to the **National Truck Driving Championships** held August 11-14, 2026, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Driver companies will be advised of details within 14 days of the Iowa TDC. The Iowa Motor Truck Association covers the registration cost for each driver. The remainder of the costs (hotel, guests, etc.) are on behalf of the driver companies or self.

## **TENT POLICY**

If your company plans to bring a tent to the Truck Driving Championships (TDC), the Iowa Motor Truck Association must be notified by **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, to reserve space. Companies will be notified of their assigned location before the event.

### If your company plans to **RENT** a tent:

- A company representative must inform the Iowa Motor Truck Association of their interest in bringing a tent. Once informed, IMTA will add the company tent to the official list for placement.
- Companies must use the preferred tent vendor established by IMTA. Upon confirmation of needing to rent a tent, IMTA will provide companies with a **form to complete** for the vendor.
- Companies hosting more than 32 attendees will be required to secure an additional tent to ensure adequate spacing and meet safety requirements, regardless of whether all attendees are present at the same time

The standard tent package the vendor provides includes:

- *20' x 20' tent*
- *(4) 5' round tables*
- *(32) plastic folding chairs*
- *6' food serving table & cover*
- *Total cost = \$1,203.75*

### If your company plans to **BRING** a tent:

- A company representative must inform the Iowa Motor Truck Association of their interest in bringing a tent. Once informed, IMTA will add the company tent to the official list for placement.
- Setup is permitted on Friday morning only. Competitors are not allowed to set up tents.
- Thursday setup is strictly prohibited due to course preparation. Any company tent set up on Thursday may result in driver disqualification.

## **WEATHER AND SPECTATORS**

TDC is a rain-or-shine event. The driving course and pre-trip area are outside; please dress appropriately according to the weather. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

We want to keep the competition family-friendly. However, children should not be running, throwing balls, or doing anything around the course that may compromise their safety or distract the competitors. Please advise the families with children to monitor their activity around the course, or they could be asked to leave the area.