# 2022 PROFESSIONAL DRIVER PARTICIPATION GUIDE



RULES, INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVER PARTICIPATING IN THE 2022 GEORGIA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

# Schedule of Events



#### GRAND HALL PARKING LOT

8:00 AM - 10:00 AMEquipment Arrival9:00 AM - 12:00 PMTent Set UpNOON - 4:00 PMOfficer Competition

12:00 PM PARKING LOT CLOSED TDC Committee and Authorized Personnel only



#### May 5th

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR COMPETITORS 

 GRAND BALLROOM @ LEGACY LODGE

 8:00 AM
 Mandatory Rookie Orientation

 8:15 AM
 Driver Registration & Check-In

 8:45 AM
 All drivers to be seated in their classes for Written Test

 9:45 AM
 Volunteer Registration

 10:00 AM
 Mandatory Orientation

 Drivers, Course & Pre-Trip Volunteers, Officers, Committee.

 Company Officials may attend

#### GRAND HALL PARKING LOT

11:30 AM Opening Ceremony

11:40 AM All Volunteers to assigned areas

#### THURSDAY DRIVING COMPETITORS

#### **4-AXLE, TWINS, SLEEPER**

- 11:45 AM Report to Start Line Area for Course Walk
- 12:15 PM Drivers to **assigned** holding area
- 12:30 PM Driving Competition begins

#### THURSDAY PRE-TRIP COMPETITORS

### **3-AXLE, 5-AXLE, FLATBED, STRAIGHT, TANK**

11:45 AM Drivers to assigned holding area

11:50 AM Pre-Trip Competition begins



#### GRAND HALL PARKING LOT

9:15 AM All Volunteers report to your stations

#### May 6th

#### NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR COMPETITORS

#### FRIDAY DRIVING COMPETITORS

#### 3-AXLE, 5-AXLE, FLATBED, STRAIGHT, TANK

- 9:00 AM Report to Start Line Area for Course Walk
- 9:30 AM Drivers to **assigned** holding area
- 9:45 AM Driving Competition begins

### FRIDAY PRE-TRIP COMPETITORS

#### **4-AXLE, TWINS, SLEEPER**

- 9:30 AM Drivers to **assigned** holding area
- 9:45 AM Pre-Trip Competition begins

#### DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY @ PEACHTREE POINTE

- 5:30 PM Pavilion Opens for Dinner
- 6:45 PM Move to the amphitheater for Ceremony
- 6:45 PM Driver Line-Up
- 7:00 PM Awards Ceremony to begin

**Please note:** You must have an armband (ticket) to attend the dinner. You do not have to have an armband to attend the Awards Ceremony.



## **FACTS FOR DRIVERS**

This is the study guide for the written exam and the driving competition. The 2022 Written Test is based on information found in the 2022 Facts for Drivers.

For a digital version and audio version, you can visit the ATA Business solutions website.

## **FACEBOOK GROUP**

We invite everyone involved in the TDC to join the GA TDC Facebook Group. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/gatdc/</u>

## PARKING

There will be no parking at the Grand Hall. Parking is available only in the water park parking lot to the right of the entrance to Grand Hall. Follow the signs, and please park in the assigned areas. A shuttle will run back and forth from the two parking lots.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

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

## DINNER INFORMATION

**DINNER BEGINS @ 5:30 PM** 

Everyone...drivers, spouses, all children, guests, and company representatives must have a dinner ticket (wrist band) to enter the dinner.

If you are joining us for the Friday evening dinner, it begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, May 6th at

#### **ARMBAND REQUIRED**

CEREMONY

INFORMATION

**CEREMONY BEGINS @ 6:45 PM** 

The 2022 Awards Ceremony will be held at the Peachtree Point Amphitheatre and is open to all friends and family of the drivers. Drivers are to report to line up for the beginning of the ceremony at 6:45 pm. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm.

Attire for the dinner and ceremony may be resort casual, but no t-shirts, shorts, or flip-flops.

No tickets are required for the awards ceremony.

Peachtree Point Pavillion.

# DEADLINES & PUNCTUALITY

All participating companies, managers, and contestants must meet required deadlines and be prompt for all events. Failure to meet the deadlines and/or tardiness will result in disqualification.

ROOKIE ORIENTATION	There is a <b>mandatory orientation Thursday @ 8:00 AM</b> for competitors joining us for the first time. Get to know the other competitors, the committee, GMTA Staff and learn more about what your time at the GA TDC will look like.
ONSITE REGISTRATION	Thursday at 8:15 am Driver Registration & Check-In @ the Legacy Lodge Grand Ballroom, drivers not present for registration will not be eligible to compete.
	You will be given a badge at registration. You must wear it during the competition.
WRITTEN TEST	Thursday at 8:45 am @ the Legacy Lodge Grand Ballroom
	Please find the section marked with your class of competition and make sure not to sit next to other competitors from your company.
	You do not need to bring anything with you to the written test.
DRIVER	All drivers must be present for orientation.
ORIENTATION	Orientation will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 am.
COURSE WALK	The course walk will be at the Grand Hall Parking Lot at the start line area. Competitors will do their course walk on the morning they are to drive the course.
	Please refer to the attached map for where to meet.
	The course walk will take 10 minutes, and contestants may not ask questions during the course walk.
	You may not pace off the course or measure problems between problems or equipment. You may not have phones, smartwatches, or pedometers in your possession. Based on input from past contestants, we will have people watching for any violations of this rule.
	Do not rely on the position of cones and other course objects for measuring points.

# APPEARANCE OF CONTESTANTS

The Georgia Truck Driving Championship is a professional event that displays the skills of Georgia's best professional drivers. To that end, all contestants must adhere to the event's appearance and attire guidelines. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

All contestants' hair shall be of natural color (i.e., blond, black, brown, red, or grey) and not such that would diminish the professional uniform. Fluorescent or similar dyed hair colors are prohibited.

Every Contestant must wear the recognized uniform of their motor carrier during competition. If the contestant's company does not have a uniform, contestants are expected to dress in a way that projects a positive and professional image. All contestants must wear a collared shirt and a belt as no sagging of pants will be acceptable. No T-shirts, No sweatpants, No gym shorts.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES	Cell phones, cameras, recording devices, devices that can receive data, send data and/or signal notifications are NOT allowed at registration, at the grand hall lot, driver holding, bullpen, in the grand ballroom, on the course, or in the driver's possession during any phase of the competition (Registration – End of competition). This includes smartwatches, fit bands, or any device viewed as questionable by TDC Officials. This includes Thursday morning at registration! Participants with these devices in their possession will be disqualified and given a score of 0 for all competition events. <b>That zero score will go against the team score</b> .
PRACTICE	Contestants must finish all practice for the competition before registration on May 5. 2022. Participants found practicing after registration will be disqualified.
CLOSED COURSE	No one is allowed in the TDC Course area, Grand Hall Lot or Pavilion unless it is during the hours of the competition. Anyone found in the restricted areas before or after hours will be subject to disqualification of themselves and/or their company. This includes drivers, spouses, children, friends, company officials or anyone who should not be in the competition area.
HOLDING AREA	All drivers will be assigned holding groups. Once you have completed your event for Thursday, you are free until Friday morning, then you must report back to your assigned holding area at your assigned time on Friday.
FREE TIME & DRIVER DISCUSSION	You can watch the competition during your free time, but you are not allowed on the course or in the pre-trip area. Violating any of these regulations may result in disqualification from the competition. You should not discuss the details of the course or pre-trip with other contestants.





The holding area is down the hill. There are steps with a railing for your safety.

Driver waiting area (bullpens) will be available at the start line and Pre-trip.

## An updated map will be provided during orientation.