

# Colorado Truck Driving Championships

## Rules and Procedures

The Colorado Motor Carriers Association and its Safety Management Council has adopted the rules and regulations set forth by the American Trucking Associations. A summary is provided.

### The Truck Driving Championship Tests

Written Examination: Lasting one hour, this exam is valued at 80 points and consists of 40 questions. The questions are based on material contained in the "2011 Facts for Drivers" handbook, provided to the driver.

Pre-Trip Inspection: Drivers are required to find planted defects on a test vehicle within a specified time. The Pre-Trip Inspection is worth 45 points. No points are awarded for unplanted defects.

Driving Skills Course: The contestant's ability to handle a vehicle and judge distance and clearance is tested on a course consisting of any six problems designed to simulate conditions that a driver encounters in everyday operations. The Driving Skills Test is worth 300 points.

### Truck Driving Championship Classes

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| * 3 axle tractor semitrailer | * 5 axle tractor semitrailer, flatbed | * twin trailers      |
| * 4 axle tractor semitrailer | * 5 axle tractor semitrailer, tanker  | * straight truck     |
| * 5 axle tractor semitrailer | * 5 axle tractor semitrailer, sleeper | * step van (non-CDL) |

### Driver Eligibility

The contestant must:

- (1) work for a company that is a member of the Colorado Motor Carriers Association
- (2) regularly perform the duties of a professional truck driver (i.e. hostlers, mechanics are not eligible)
- (3) must have a commercial drivers license and all necessary endorsements required for the class of competition (i.e. tanker or doubles – exception: Step vans)
- (4) must have been continuously employed by one employer for the 12 months prior to the state TDC
- (5) must have an accident-free record of at least 12 months prior to entry in the state championships
- (6) must meet DOT physical requirements
- (7) must represent the state in which they reside or are occupationally-domiciled
- (8) must not have won the state championship in both the preceding 2 years in the category of competition

### Selection of Champions

Judging of contestants in the field tests is based on their ability to follow instructions, to limit stops and changes of direction to those permitted by the rules, to avoid hits and instances of going out of bounds and to position the vehicle close to measuring points in certain problems. Points will be deducted for exceeding the time limit, according to the scale outlined in the ATA Rule Book. Scores from the Written Test, Pre-Trip Inspection and Driving Skills are totaled to determine the winner in each class.

### Appeal Process

Issues and/or concerns about the course, judging, equipment or operation of the Championships must be **immediately** brought to the attention of the Roadeo Chairman. Drivers should go to the Announcer Booth, ask for the Chairman and request immediate resolution of the issue. The Chairman will decide if the issue has merit, and may convene a committee consisting of the Roadeo Chairman, the Safety Management Council Chairman, the Skills Judging Chairman, and other Committee Members as necessary. This Committee will conduct a full investigation, and render a final decision.

In the case of scoring, a driver must submit a written protest to the Colorado Motor Carriers Association (4060 Elati Street, Denver, CO 80216). Protest letters must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the completion of the competition. The protest must include a detailed account of the problem. The Roadeo Chairman will respond in writing to all protest letters. **Verbal protests will not be accepted.**