



National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) Committee Rules and Procedures Update

(Revised, August 23, 2020: Updates to the NTDC/NSVDC Retirement of Champions Rule & 30 Days Away From Work Eligibility Rule)

The NTDC Committee has agreed to the following rule changes and recommendations for the 2021 TDC season due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The NTDC Committee implemented the following rule changes and recommendations for the 2021 TDC season only; all rules formerly in place will be reinstated after the 2021 TDC Season according to the *2022 Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures*. The NTDC Committee will continue to evaluate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the TDC program and make additional changes if deemed necessary.

2020 Facts for Drivers / 2020 Truck Driving Championships Rules and Procedures

NTDC Committee has approved the use of the 2020 Facts for Drivers as the official study book and the 2020 Truck Driving Championships Rules and Procedures as the official rulebook for the 2021 TDC Season.

NTDC/NSVDC Retirement of Champions Rule

Rule: A contestant, who has appeared, competed and/or won the same class of competition in two (2) consecutive ATA National Truck Driving Championships, shall not be eligible to compete in the entering class of competition at the following two (2) consecutive ATA National Truck Driving Championships. A contestant, who has appeared, competed and/or won the same class of competition in two (2) consecutive ATA National Step Van Driving Championships, shall not be eligible to compete in the Step Van Class of competition the following ATA National Step Van Driving Championship.

Update: The NTDC Committee has agreed to consider 2020 a retirement year. All drivers retired from a class of competition at the 2020 National Truck Driving Championships or 2020 National Step Van Driving Championships will have it counted towards their retirement record. For example, a driver who competed in the 3-Axle Class in both 2017 and 2018 National Truck Driving Championships is ineligible to compete in the 3-Axle class in 2019 and the canceled 2020 event, and is again eligible to compete in the 3-Axle class at the 2021 National Truck Driving Championships.

Addition (8/23/2020): The NTDC Committee has agreed to consider 2020 an “off year.” All drivers who compete in a class of competition at the 2019 National Truck Driving Championships or 2019 National Step Van Championships and subsequently compete in the same class of competition in at the 2021 National Truck Driving Championships or 2021 National Step Van Championships, are eligible compete in the same class of competition in either 2022 Championships.

Length of Employment

The NTDC Committee recommends State Associations and State TDC Committees follow the “NTDC Calendar” in 2021. Meaning, the 2021 TDC season begins after the canceled 2020 National Truck Driving Championships & 2020 National Step Van Driving Championships, August 23, 2020. All rules regarding length of employment, and job status are counted beginning August 23rd with the understanding that an entering driver will not meet the eligibility requirements before any State Truck Driving Championships, but will meet all requirements before the 2021 National Truck Driving Championships & 2021 National Step Van Driving Championships. Specific rules and how to determine eligibility are described below.

12 Months of Employment

Rule: A driver eligible for state and National Truck Driving Championships competition shall be continuously employed by the entering employer for at least 12 months prior to entry in each such event and shall have driven and performed the duties of a professional truck driver for 11 of the 12 months prior to entry.

Update: The NTDC Committee recommends that State Trucking Associations and their respective TDC Committees permit drivers to compete at their State Truck Driving Championships who have been employed by the entering employer by August 23, 2020, or before.

30 Days Away From Work

Rule: Time off from the regular duties of a driver beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days, regardless of reason shall render a driver ineligible to compete in the Truck Driving Championships, not including categories of time away from normal duties listed in *2020 Truck Driving Championships Rules & Procedures, C. Length of Employment, Section 3.*

(Expired) Update: The NTDC Committee recommends that State Trucking Associations and their respective TDC Committees permit drivers to compete at their State Truck Driving Championships who have not been away from the regular duties of a professional truck driver beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days beginning August 23, 2020, until the scheduled date of the drivers entering State Truck Driving Championship.

Update (as of 8/23/2020): The NTDC Committee recommends that State Trucking Associations and their respective TDC Committees permit drivers to compete at their State Truck Driving Championships who have not been away from the regular duties of a professional truck driver beyond an aggregate of 30 calendar days beginning **January 1, 2021**, until the scheduled date of the drivers entering State Truck Driving Championship.