



February 2, 2018

TO: ALL SDTA TRUCKING MEMBERS

RE: 2018 SOUTH DAKOTA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Member:

SDTA's Annual Truck Driving Championships will be held on Saturday, May 19th, 2018. This will again be a one-day event. The Championships will be held at the Southeast Technical Institute (2320 Career Avenue, Sioux Falls) in Sioux Falls, with the banquet that evening at the Ramkota Hotel (3200 W. Maple Street). SDTA will again include the Step Van Class.

We have blocked rooms at the Ramkota for both Friday and Saturday. If your drivers need sleeping accommodations, make reservations direct with the hotel at (605) 336-0650. Room rates are \$99.00 for a single or double room. **Please reserve rooms early as the block will be released thirty days prior to the event (April 19th release date). Please specify you are with the South Dakota Trucking Association - Truck Driving Championships.**

The champion in each class earns the right to compete in the National Truck Driving Championships held in Columbus, Ohio, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, August 15 through 18, 2018. Each champion competing at the Nationals will have their entry fee paid by SDTA. As a champion, they also qualify to join the South Dakota Champions Club.

Enclosed is an INDICATION OF INTEREST FORM, RULES INFORMATION SHEET, TENTATIVE PROGRAM, SPONSORSHIP FORM AND TICKET ORDER FORM. Complete the Indication of Interest Form indicating the number of drivers who will compete in each class and return this form to SDTA **as soon as possible**. When we receive this form, we will forward to you an Entry & Release form, a "Facts For Drivers" book and SDTA and ATA patch for each driver competing. Patches should be placed on the drivers shirts (left sleeve: ATA top patch / right sleeve: SDTA top patch) that they wear during competition. Drivers should study this book to help prepare for the written exam. The Facts For Drivers book is also available on CD Audio tapes. Please contact Michelle at SDTA if you wish to purchase an additional format of the book.

**COMPLETED ENTRY AND RELEASE FORMS FOR EACH DRIVER MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SDTA OFFICE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018, WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF EACH DRIVER'S CDL AND A CURRENT MVR.**

Also enclosed is a Membership Application for the SDTA Safety Management Council. If you are not presently a member and wish to join, just complete the enclosed statement and return to SDTA. The SDTA Safety Management Council is the safety arm of the South Dakota Trucking Association. The Truck Driving Championships is one of its main endeavors. If you have questions about the function of the SDTA Safety Management Council please give me a call at the SDTA office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Wells".

Michelle Wells, Executive Assistant  
SOUTH DAKOTA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

Enclosures