



# Truck Driving 2023-2024



## PURPOSE

To serve as a platform to showcase the skills, expertise, and professionalism of secondary and post-secondary entry level drivers, fostering healthy competition and raising the overall standard of the profession. By highlighting excellence in training, safety, and performance, the competition promotes continuous improvement, encourages innovation, and reinforces the industry's commitment to delivering goods efficiently and safety across the nation.

## ELIGIBILITY

Open to any registered high school or collect/post-secondary member who has a Class A or Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and is currently enrolled in a program, or enrolled during the current school year, with truck driving as an occupational objective.

## CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

### **Class D: Competition Specific – Blue Attire**

- Official SkillsUSA light blue work shirt
- Navy Pants
- Black, brown or tan steel-toed work boots

*Note:* Safety glasses with side shields or goggles (prescriptions glasses may be used only if they are equipped with side shields. If not, they must be covered with goggles).

*Note:* Competitors must wear their official competition clothing to the competition orientation meeting.

These regulations refer to clothing items that are pictured and described at: [www.skillsusastore.org](http://www.skillsusastore.org). If you have questions about clothing or other logo items, call 1-888-501-2183.

## OBSERVER RULE

Observers are allowed during the competition, but must stay within a designated observer area or distance specified by the Technical Chair, Judges, or Safety Personnel on site.

## EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
  - a. Pens, Pads/Paper, and Clipboards for competitors.
  - b. All vehicles, equipment, and safety supplies not listed within the contestant supply list.
2. Supplied by the contestants:
  - a. Each competitor must bring and present their Class A or Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) at orientation.
  - b. Valid medical certificate to demonstrate physical fitness and compliance with the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.
  - c. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including:
    - i. Safety vests
    - ii. Steel-toe boots
    - iii. Reflective vest (safety and reflective vest may be one in the same)
  - d. All competitors must create a one-page resume according to the below resume requirement.

## RESUME REQUIREMENT

Competitors must create a one-page resume to submit online. SkillsUSA South Carolina competitors should submit their resume by the deadline published on the competition updates page of our website. Failure to submit a resume will result in a 10-point penalty

Your resume must be saved as a PDF file type using file name format of "Last Name\_First Name." For example, "Amanda Smith" would save her resume as Smith\_Amanda. If you need assistance with saving your file as a PDF, visit the Adobe website for more information.

Note: Check the Competition Guidelines and/or the updates page on the state website.

## PROHIBITED DEVICES

Cellphones, electronic watches and/or other electronic devices not approved by a competitions national technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. Technical committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

## **Penalties for Prohibited Devices**

If a competitor's electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it any time during the competition, an official report will be documented for review by the Director of the SkillsUSA Championships. If confirmed that the competitor used the device in a manner which compromised the integrity of the competition, the competitor's scores may be removed.

## **SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION**

### **KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE**

There is a written knowledge test that will include CDL, DOT, and material listed within the academic skills and competencies. Additional updates involving the knowledge test will be provided in the competition updates page. All competitors will also complete the SkillsUSA Professional Development Assessment.

### **SKILL PERFORMANCE**

Individuals will demonstrate proper driving skills, vehicle inspection and maintenance, navigation and route planning, time management and organization, communication skills, and customer services skills.

### **COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

1. Each advisor may enter 3 registered SkillsUSA members, each of whom is or has been enrolled in a course during the current academic year that has truck driving as an occupational objective.
2. The competition will have multiple stations. Stations may be operated in two manners: Either all competitors complete a single station and then rotate, or multiple stations are occurring at a time with competitors rotating through each. Some stations may be combined for logistical purposes.
3. Stations may include:
  - a. Driving Skills
  - b. Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance – including pre and post-trip inspections
  - c. Navigation and Route Planning
  - d. Customer Service / Interview
  - e. Additionally: Time Management and Organization skills, along with Communication Skills are evaluated.

### **STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES**

**TD 1.0** – Demonstrate competence in various driving techniques, including safe maneuvering, backing up, and defensive driving. Comply with traffic regulations.

**TD 2.0** – Demonstrate proficiency in inspecting and maintaining trucks. Demonstrating pre and post-trip inspections. Identify mechanical issues and basic troubleshooting skills.

**TD 3.0** – Demonstrate proficiency in using navigation systems, reading maps, and planning efficient routes. Be familiar with GPS devices and route optimization tools.

**TD 4.0** – Display ability to meet tight deadlines and manage time effectively.

**TD 5.0** – Displays strong communication skills when interacting with dispatchers, clients, and other drivers. Demonstrates clear and effective communication.

**TD 6.0** – Demonstrate proper interactions with customers when making deliveries or pickups. Demonstrate professional interview skills.

**TD 7.0** – Wear appropriate clothing for the state contest.

7.1 Display clothing that meets state standards for competition.

7.2 Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene.

**TD 8.0** – Demonstrate knowledge of SkillsUSA related materials during the SkillsUSA Professional Development Assessment.

**TD 9.0** – SkillsUSA Framework

The SkillsUSA Framework is used to pinpoint the Essential Elements found in Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Students will be expected to display or explain how they used some of these Essential Elements. Please reference the graphic, as you may be scored on specific elements applied to your project or competition. For more, visit: [www.skillsusa.org/who-we-are/skillsusa-framework/](http://www.skillsusa.org/who-we-are/skillsusa-framework/).



## COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED ACADEMIC SKILLS

The technical committee has identified that the following academic skills are embedded in this competition.

## **Language Arts**

- Read and understand instructions, safety regulations, route maps, and other relevant documents.
- Comprehend various tasks such as filling out logbooks, completing paperwork, and documenting daily activities.
- Clear and legible writing to communicate effectively with dispatchers, customers, and other stakeholders.

## **Mathematics**

- Basic level numeracy to calculate mileage, fuel consumption, and trip costs.

## **Reading and Communication**

- Map reading and familiarization with basic navigation principles.
- Demonstrate strong communication skills, both oral and written when interacting with dispatchers, customers, fellow drivers, and other personnel.
- Effective communication with smooth coordination and problem-solving skills during work situations.

## **Safety**

- Identify safety hazards common to workplaces.
- Identify safety precautions to maintain a safe worksite.
- Select appropriate personal protective equipment as needed.

## **Employability**

- Demonstrate flexibility and willingness to learn knowledge and skills.