



Rules & Tiebreakers for the Maine Truck Driving Championships

Category Ties

Source: ATA Truck Driving Championships Rules and Procedures for breaking a tie)

In the event of a tie for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a category, the winner shall be determined by applying the following tiebreakers. Continue to the next tiebreaker until the tie is broken.

1. Higher score on the written exam.
2. Higher score on the pre-trip inspection.
3. Time to complete the pre-trip inspection
4. Time to complete the field test course.

Team Trophy Award

To be considered for the Team Trophy a company must have a minimum of four drivers entered into the competition. Large companies will be separated by their subsidiaries, such as YRC Corporation drivers from YRC would be one team and New Penn drivers would be considered another team; FedEx Corporation drivers from ground, freight, express etc. would all be considered separate teams. The Team Trophy will be calculated by adding all of the company driver's total scores in all nine classes then divided by the number of company drivers, which will give us the team average. The team with the highest company average will be awarded the trophy.

- In the event of a tie:
1. Use the highest average of the written exam scores of the team.
 2. Use the highest average pre-trip inspection scores of the team

Written Award

These awards will be given to the individual who has the highest score. In the event that we should have a tie we will use the completion time of the written test.

Pre-Trip Award

These awards will be given to the individual who has the highest score. In the event that we should have a tie these awards will be determined from the percentage of allotted time.

Rookie Award

This award will be given to an individual who is competing for the very first time at any state competition and be given to the individual who has achieved the highest overall score of all first time competitors. In the event of a tie we will revert to the four tie breakers for **Category Ties** above.

Step Van Class

National SVDC Competition will not be considered for the title of NTDC Grand Champion or other special awards. Nor will it have its own Grand Champion or special award winners. State driving awards will be issued for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place drivers.

(ATA Appendix 11 step van driving championships addendum)



Grand Champion Award

Basis: ATA Trucking Driving Championships Rules and Procedures methodology and formula used at the ATA National Truck Driving Championships.

To be fair to all competitors, each class must have a minimum of three drivers in their class to be eligible for the Grand Champion Award. The Grand Champion will be selected from the first place winners of each eligible class.

The next step is to award points for each of the three event categories (written, pre-trip and course) depending upon their comparative ranking. Here is how that works:

1. Sort **written scores** (for the 1st place winners) from highest to lowest score and assign a point value to the highest score and then reduce the point value for lower scores (so if the 1st place winner in Tank Truck had the highest score (say 78), he/she would receive 8 points, if the 4-Axle and Twins Contestants had the next highest score (74), they would both receive 7 points; next highest 5; next highest if three of them, all three would receive 4 points; next highest would only receive 1 point. So points skip to reflect more than one with the same score.
2. Sort **Pre-Trip Inspection scores** (for the 1st place winners) from highest to lowest score and assign a point value to the highest score and then reduce the point value for lower scores (so if the 1st place winner in Flatbed had the highest score (say 79), he/she would receive 8 points, if the 3-Axle and Sleeper Contestants had the next highest score (64), they would both receive 7 points; next highest 5; next highest if three of them, all three would receive 4 points; next highest 1. So points skip to reflect more than one with the same score.
3. Determine the average **course/skills scores** for each category. Divide each of the eight First Place winner's Skills Test score by his/her class average score in the Skills Test, then order those percentage differences from the highest difference to least difference and then assign a point value.
4. We then add up each 1st place winners points and we have our winner. If there is a tie, you take the individual with the highest Finals score.

See below for a practical example of how this works where Sam Semi, winner of the 4-Axle class, is the Grand Champion.

Class	Driver	Written		Pre-Trip		Course/Skills				Rank Total	Grand Champ Place
		Driver Score	Rank Score	Driver Score	Rank Score	Ave Class Score	Driver Score	% Difference	Rank Score		
3 Axle	Tom Trucker	56	6	62	3	131	165	126%	5	14	
4 Axle	Sam Semi	60	8	97	8	139	185	133%	7	23	1
5 Axle	Don Diesel	40	2	62	3	143	170	119%	2	7	
Flatbed	Phil Flatbed	56	6	60	1	114	130	114%	1	8	
Sleeper	Sally Smokestack	46	3	83	7	121	145	120%	3	13	
Straight	Jake Brake	48	4	64	4	159	265	167%	8	16	3
Tanker	Lonny Lugnut	60	8	68	5	181	220	122%	4	17	2
Twins	Fred Fifthwheel	40	2	78	6	130	170	131%	6	14	