

Pandemic Forces Cancellation of NTDC for Second Consecutive Year

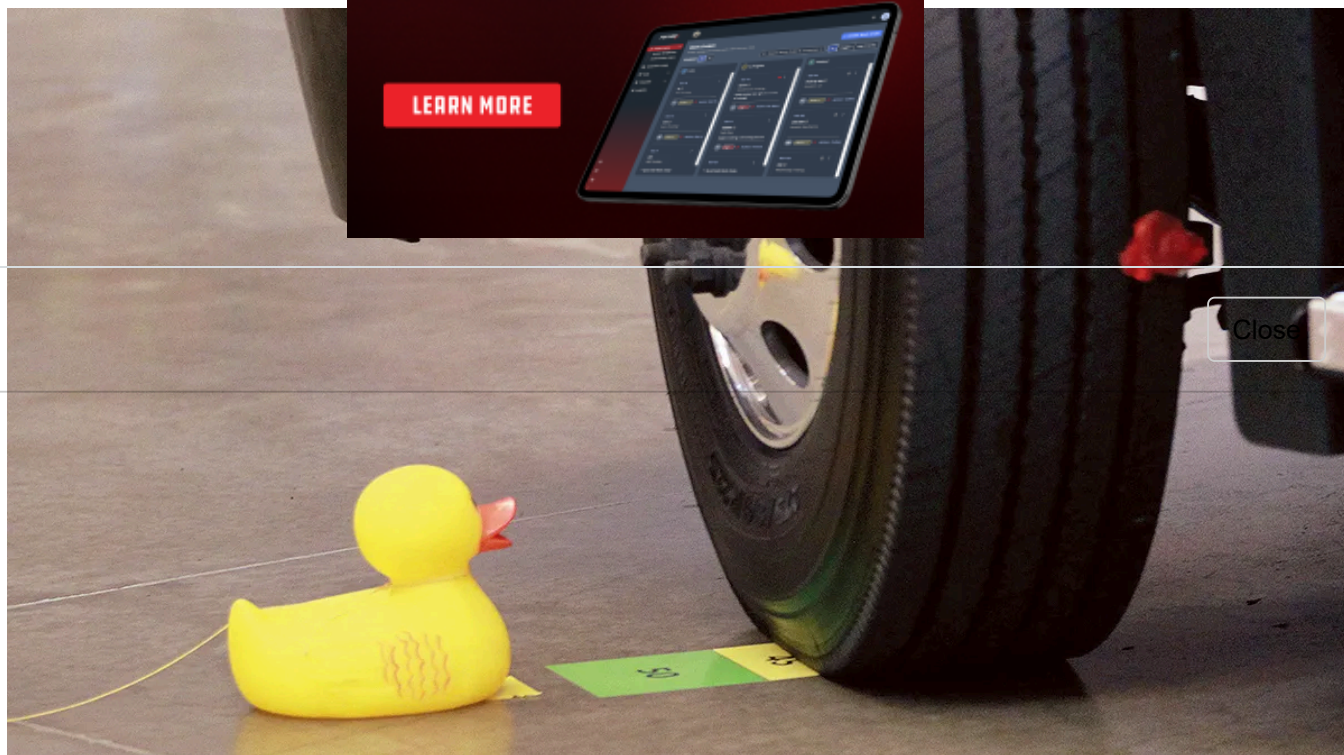
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For the second summer in a row, the National Truck Driving Championships & National Step Van Driving Championships are being canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a Feb. 17 letter to the truck driving community, American Trucking Associations President Chris Spear listed a multitude of reasons that led the federation to forgo the event.

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“After discussing major challenges such as travel bans, equipment donations, CDC restrictions, ability for state trucking associations to host events prior to August and building capacity in Minneapolis, the decision has been made to cancel” the events, he said. This year’s competition had been scheduled for Aug. 11-14 in Minneapolis.

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The annual NTDC is the culmination of a spring and summer's worth of local, state and regional truck driving championships held across the country. The national

competition gives drivers the opportunity to put their skills on display and compete alongside top colleagues.

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“As I have said many times, NTDC is the event I most look forward to every year,”

Spear said. “Know that had not been canceled how unprecedented the

Last April, ATA officials in Indianapolis as the pandemic took hold in

“Our industry’s creed these competitions is



outcome reflects that. This decision is made out of an abundance of caution on behalf of the professional drivers, companies and family members who organize, host and cheer on competitors,” Spear said. “We believe this decision is necessary to maintain the integrity and atmosphere of a ‘national’ championship.”

Spear also praised the industry’s ongoing efforts to battle the pandemic, including assisting with the nationwide vaccine rollout.

“As we continue to battle, protecting the health, safety and well-being of our workforce remains most important to us,” Spear said. “We congratulate all drivers who have driven accident-free over the past year and the scores who have

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accumulated millions of accident-free miles. Thank you for every mile you run and every delivery you make. You make your families, our industry and country proud.

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Spear also looks forward to resuming the event next year. “Continue to stay safe, and thank you for all you do. We certainly look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis, IN in 2022,” he said.

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