

# Multiple States ~~Cancel~~ Truck Driving Championships

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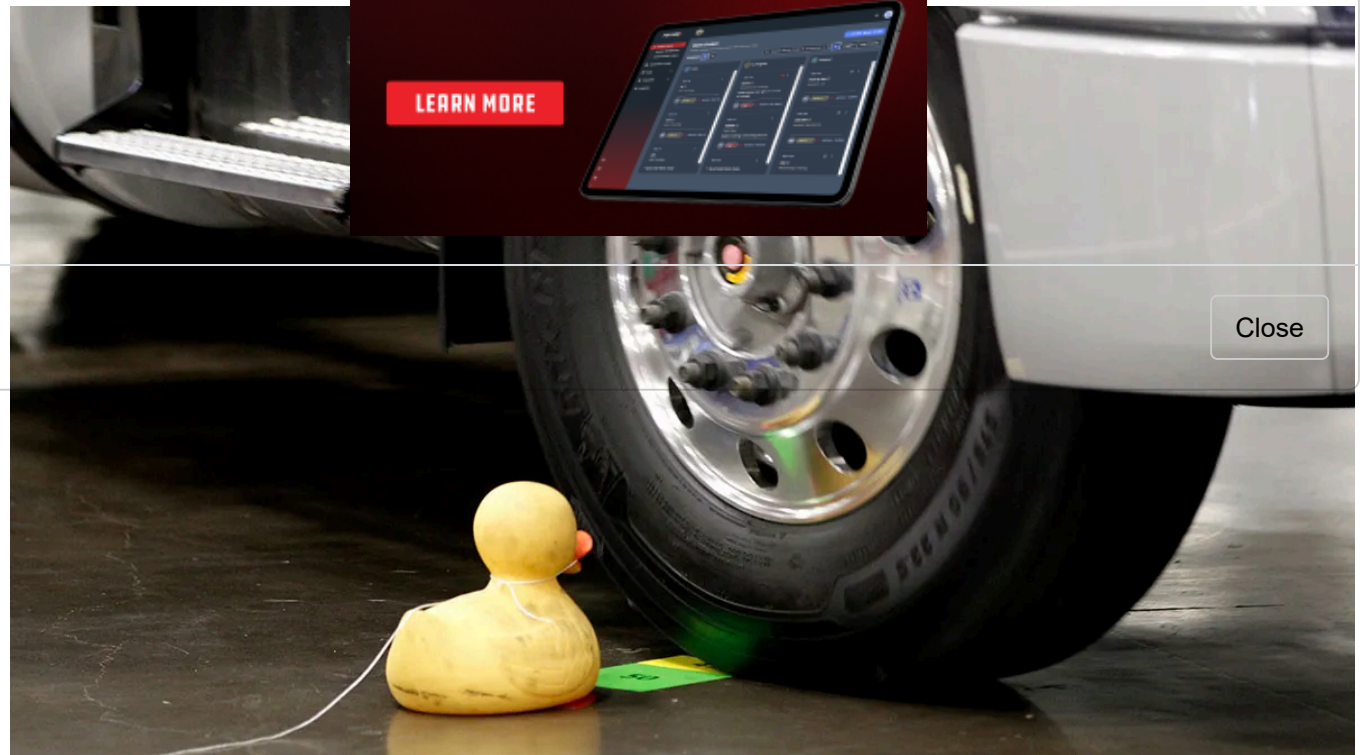
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Rubber ducks are used as a scoring tool at the national competition, which the New Hampshire and Vermont competitions feed into. (John Sommers II for Transport Topics)

Arizona, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut have canceled their state truck driving championships over coronavirus-related concerns.

The New Hampshire Motor Transport Association and the Vermont Truck and Bus Association had planned to hold their joint competition May 30 in Pembroke, N.H. The groups, each representing small states, combine their championships into one event. The Motor Transport Association of Connecticut's competition was scheduled for June 13 in Windsor Locks.

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These decisions mark the first outright cancellations of state truck driving championships due to the coronavirus. Over the past couple of weeks, 10 states have decided to postpone their truck driving championships.

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The Vermont Truck and Bus Association posted an update on its Facebook page March 31 confirming that the 2020 State Truck Driving Championships will be postponed until 2021. Earlier this morning to discuss the postponement, the two associations' conference call earlier that

Motor Transport Association confirmed the cancellation April 1. AATA also confirmed the postponement. Sculley confirmed the postponement of the state competition until 2021.



Arizona made its decision on April 3, saying on its website that it will "come back stronger in 2021."

According to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, 314 cases of COVID-19 have been reported as of March 30. The Vermont Department of Health reported 256 cases of the virus as of March 30. The Connecticut Department of Public Health confirmed 3,128 cases of COVID-19 as of March 31.

The state championships, which determine the qualifiers for American Trucking Associations' National Truck Driving Championships and National Step Van Driving Championships, are slated to run through spring and early summer. As of April 1, the national competition, scheduled for Aug. 19-22 in Indianapolis, is still on.

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States that have postponed their championships include Louisiana,

Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Nevada, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, New Mexico and California.

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Louisiana was supposed to be held with a competition scheduled for Sept. 28. The event has been postponed 11.

California, which was supposed to have its championship scheduled for Sept. 14. A new date has not been announced.

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