



2026 Drivers Official Rules & Procedures

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Driver Schedule of Events



20th National Mixer Driver Championship

Driver Schedule of Events | October 15–18, 2026

Subject to Change

- Driver materials (Friday registration): Pick up your official NMDC shirt and hat when you check in at Driver Registration on Friday, October 16.
- Championship location and transportation: The Driver Championship will be held at The Pavilion on the Gaylord Opryland property. It's walkable from the hotel; shuttle service will run during scheduled times.
- Name badge required at all times.

Friday, October 16

Time	Event	Attire	Location
2:30–5:00 PM (Mandatory) PROMPT start at 3pm	Driver Registration, Briefing, and Walk-Through Shuttle posts at the Delta Portico, and runs from 2–6pm	Casual Driver materials will be distributed	The Pavilion
6:00–7:00 PM (Mandatory)	Driver Position Draw and Reception	Business Casual	Delta Ballroom

Saturday, October 17

Time	Event	Attire	Location
6:30–7:00 AM (Mandatory)	Welcome and Announcements Shuttle posts at the Delta Portico, and runs from 5:30–2pm	NMDC Hat & Shirt Required	The Pavilion
7:00–1:00 PM (Mandatory)	20 th Annual Mixer Driver Championship (light b'fast)	NMDC Hat & Shirt Required	The Pavilion
2:00–4:00 PM (Mandatory)	Driver Exam (closed)	Hat Required	Delta Ballroom
5:30–7:00 PM (Mandatory)	Reception	Business Casual	Exhibit Hall

Sunday, October 18

Time	Event	Attire	Location
2:00–5:00 PM (Optional)	Exhibition and Learning Labs	Business Casual	Exhibit Hall
5:30–6:30 PM (Mandatory)	Reception	Business Casual	Exhibit Hall
6:30–7:15 PM (Mandatory)	Pre-Dinner Gathering Including drivers registered spouses/guests	Business Casual	TBA
7:00–9:30 PM (Mandatory)	Awards Banquet & Winner Announcements <i>Included with driver and spouse/guest registration.</i>	Business Casual	Delta Ballroom

National Mixer Driver Championship Program

National Mixer Driver Championship Program: The National Mixer Driver Championship Program is administered by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's Safety, Environmental and Operations (SEO) Committee. The competition was developed to recognize those individuals with exceptional ability that deliver the world's most versatile building product. The rules and regulations for the competition are formulated by the Committee. The competition is developed with several criteria and it is expected that individual drivers may be at a disadvantage on one or more criteria. The SEO Committee has responsibility to review the program annually and make changes when needed to incorporate fairness and integrity into the program.

Eligibility: The National Mixer Driver Championship (NMDC) is conducted by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association and therefore all applicants must be current employees of an NRMCA member company in good standing. Eligibility requirements include:

- 1. All applicants must be current employees of NRMCA member companies in good standing.
- 2. All applicants must hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (Class A or B), and current Medical Examiner's Certificate (aka, "DOT medical card").
- 3. No driver regardless of credentials is guaranteed eligibility. NRMCA reserves the right to eliminate any potential NMDC competitor for unspecified reasons if the Eligibility Requirements Task Force feels he or she does not appropriately represent the industry and the NMDC event.
- 4. Winners of state association mixer driver championship events are eligible to compete in NMDC provided the state competition meets NRMCA standards and all other eligibility requirements are met. If the winner of a state competition works for a non-member company, the runner up will be eligible instead of the winner, provided he/she works for a member company. State competition runners-up are encouraged to apply.

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Eligibility, continued:

- 5. Intra-company mixer driver competition winners will be reviewed and deemed eligible or ineligible on a case-by-case basis by the Task Force. Preferential treatment may be granted to company competition winners if they represent a state that does not host its own competition.
- 6. Participants needed to round out the NMDC field will be selected from runners-up from state association and intra-company mixer driver championships by the Eligibility Requirements Task Force.

Official Invitees: All applicants were judged and selected contestants have received an official invitation by NRMCA's Safety, Environmental & Operations Committee. All affiliated state association contest winner applicants who meet eligibility requirements have received an official invitation.

Championship Event: The National Mixer Driver Championship will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN on Saturday, October 17, 2026. All applicants will be judged using a point system in three areas. First, all drivers will drive the "Challenge Course" which contains up to eight different challenges. Second, each driver will perform a "Walk Around, Visual Inspection" of a mixer truck, and participate in the "Break an Egg", "Chute a Hoop", "Bowling", "Reaction Test" and "Delivery Ticket Inspection" challenges, among others. Finally, each driver will complete a written examination. Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Drivers are not allowed on or near the driving course until the Driver Check-In, unless authorized by NRMCA staff.

Trucks: Mixer trucks will be provided at the National Mixer Driver Championship event. Both front & rear discharge mixer trucks will be available for use. Individual company mixer trucks will NOT be allowed.

Driver Check-In: All drivers are required to check-in Friday, October 16, 2026 at the driving course promptly at 3:00 PM. Drivers will be given instructions and directions about their badges, materials, schedule, and briefing out on the driving course.

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Competition 1—Driving Course Challenges

ORDER & TYPES OF CHALLENGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Tightest Turn Challenge: Driver must turn left without stopping, trying to get the wheels on the left (driver's) side of the truck as close as possible to a barrel without hitting it. The judges measure the distance between the rear driver's side tire and the barrel to the nearest inch.

Tennis Ball Drive-Through Challenge: Driving forward, driver passes through a series of 10 tennis balls set up on tees. The balls are spread 4" wider than the tire spread. The goal is to not knock any balls over. Points are tallied per the number of balls left standing

Parking Challenge: Driver pulls forward into a parking space, trying to put the truck as close as possible to a "curb" line without going over, or hitting barricades placed in front of and behind the parking spot. Crossing the inside line or hitting a barricade results in a score of zero points. The driver must stop, set the parking brake and sound the horn to signal the judges to measure the distance from curb line to the middle of the tire that is furthest away from the line.

Forward Stop Challenge: Driver proceeds forward towards a stop line marked on a Challenge Mat. The goal is to get the front-most point of the truck bumper as close as possible to the line without crossing it. After stopping, the driver must set his parking brake and honk the horn to signal the judges to measure the distance from the line. The driver may not stop while inching forward, and may not reverse.

On Target Challenge: Driver drives directly over a target mat, trying to stop with the center of the rear bumper (front discharge) or the pivot point of the discharge chute (rear discharge) directly over the bulls' eye. The score is based on which circle of the target (in 6" increments) a plumb bob hung from the center point falls into.

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Scale Box Challenge: Driver slowly drives the left front tire onto a 2'x 2' plate. The plate is similar in size to a portable scale pad. The driver stops, sets the parking brake and sounds the horn to signal the judges to check the tire position. Scoring is based on whether the tire is on the plate, partially on the plate or not touching the plate.

Backing Stop Challenge: Driver backs towards a stop line marked on a Challenge Mat. The goal is to get the rear-most point of the truck as close as possible to the line without crossing it. After stopping, the driver must set his parking brake and honk the horn to signal the judges to measure the distance from the line. The driver may not stop while inching backward, and may not pull forward.

Railroad Crossing Challenge: Drivers must stop a minimum of 15-feet from a simulated railroad crossing, as per FHWA regulations. Drivers will lose points for every inch greater than 15 feet away from the crossing. The driver will receive Zero points if the mixer truck is closer than 15 feet from the crossing.

Competition 2—Driver Ability Challenges

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Walk Around, Visual Vehicle Inspection: All drivers will be awarded points on their ability to conduct a timed Visual Inspection of a mixer truck, similar to what a driver would be asked to do during a pre-trip inspection. The vehicle will be isolated on site to prevent pre-inspection. Driver Championship judges will modify mixer trucks by planting numerous defects on each truck. Each driver will be limited to 4 minutes or to walking around the truck twice. An official judge will accompany each driver and record the defects that are pointed out by the driver. Points will be based on the number of defects found.

Chute a Hoop Challenge: A basketball is placed in a raised mixer truck chute with all its extension chutes in-place. The truck remains stationary. The driver swings, lowers and raises the chute in an effort to drop the ball into a basketball hoop.

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Break an Egg Challenge: As with the Chute Hoops challenge, the mixer truck stays stationary for the Break an Egg challenge. The driver swings and drops the extended truck mixer chute in an effort to “almost touch” an egg on a pedestal without breaking it. Judges will measure the distance from the lip of the chute to the egg to the nearest quarter inch.

Reaction Time Challenge: Drivers will have their reaction time tested using computerized mixer truck breaking equipment. The top five fastest scorers will receive points.

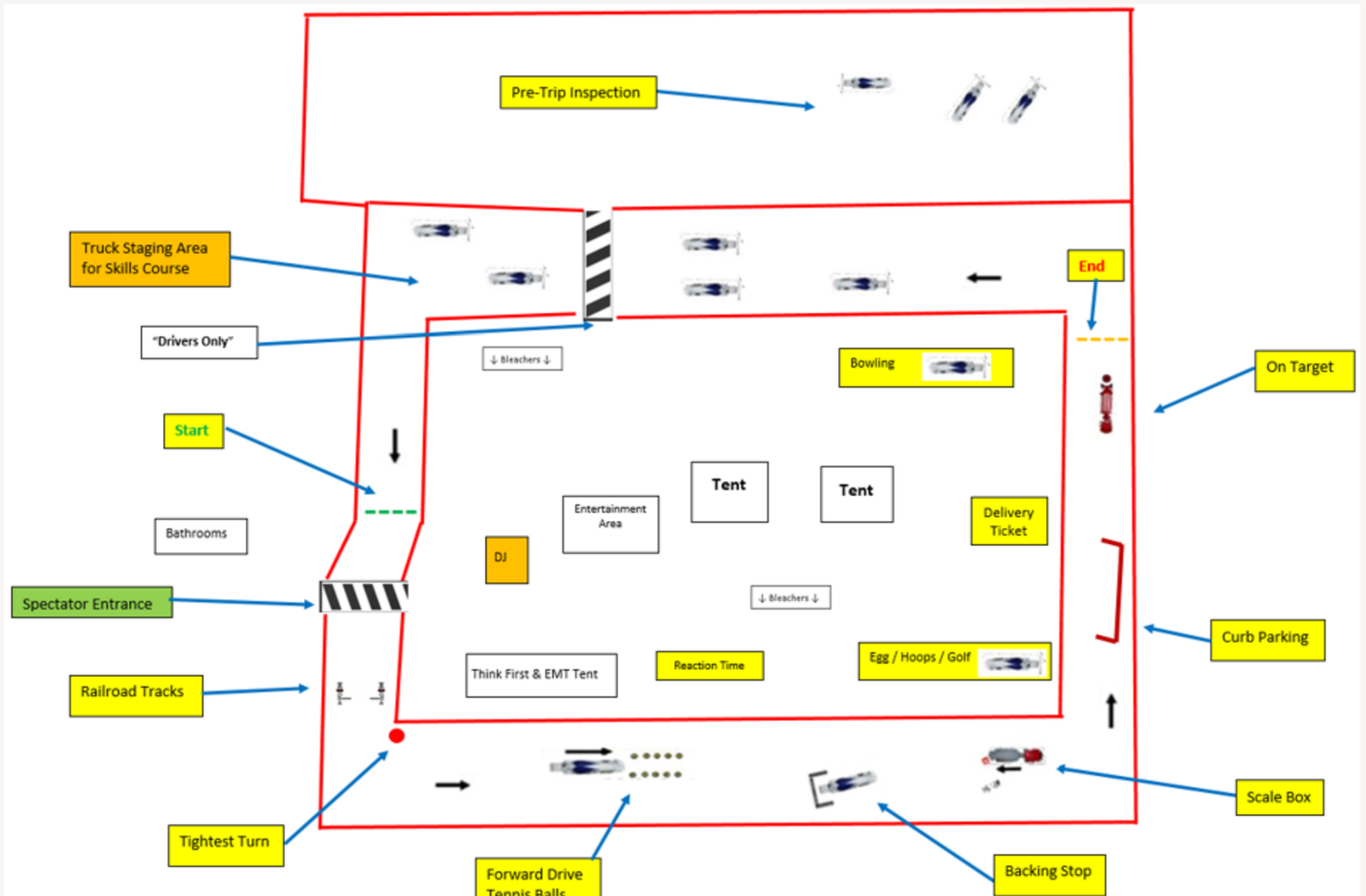
Bowling Challenge: Drivers will attempt to score a “strike” by knocking down 10 bowling pins with a bowling ball attached by chain to the mixer trucks extension chutes. Top scorers will receive points.

Hockey Challenge: A stationary front discharge mixer with a “Hockey Stick” attached to its extension chutes will be used to try make a goal. Top scorers will receive points.

Delivery Ticket Challenge: With a 2-minute time limit, drivers will attempt to pick out errors placed on a sample Delivery Ticket which has numerous issues. The top scorers will receive points.

Golf Challenge: Drivers will roll a golf ball down a mixer trucks extension chutes trying to make a “hole-in-one”. Hole-in-One drivers will receive points.

SAMPLE Challenge Course Layout



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Competition 3—Written Exam

***TIMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The final portion of the National Mixer Driver Championship will be a written examination. The exam will be administered on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The exam will be 2 hours in length. All questions will be either true/false or multiple-choice type. Included as study material for this exam is the NRMCA Concrete Delivery Professional Manual. Examination questions will come from this reference material. In order to maintain the integrity of the process, once the examination starts there will be no talking except for individual procedural questions asked of the examination proctor.

Determining the Overall Champion

Upon completion of the written exam, total scores from the Challenge Course, Walk-Around-Inspection and Written Exam will be tabulated by selected NRMCA staff. Drivers with the top five scores will be recorded in a sealed envelope and will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 18, 2026 by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, with the overall winner being awarded the Mullings Cup.



Safety, Environmental and Operations Committee

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's **Safety, Environmental and Operations Committee** is dedicated to providing the interchange of ideas relating to operations, equipment maintenance, safety, environmental compliance, and the recruitment, training and development of personnel in the ready mixed concrete industry to achieve maximum professionalism and quality.

Our industry continues to ensure that our operators and drivers are knowledgeable and safety-conscious in all aspects of their jobs. To earn a chance to compete in this event, companies have their competitions or have participated in a state competition.

The National Driver Championship is part of the continued effort to recognize those individuals and companies who strive for excellence in our industry. The NRMCA Safety, Environmental and Operations Committee hosts this event as part of the Forum on a yearly basis.

The Committee would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors as well as companies for providing materials, door prizes and equipment. Their support ensures the success of our events.

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