

The 2024 IFDA National Championship Warehouse Competitor Information

We are excited that you will be joining us in Orlando on October 24 – 26, 2024 for the IFDA National Championship! To ensure a successful competition, below is information that will help you best prepare for your participation.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The IFDA National Championship Warehouse Competition will include 3 parts: the written exam (100 points), the pre-trip inspection (100 points), and the field course (300 points.)

Written Exam (100 points)

The written exam will have 25 multiple-choice questions worth 4 points each.

All information necessary to prepare for the test can be found in **OSHA Regulation 1910.178:**
<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.178>

Pre-Trip (100 points)

Competitors will be asked to inspect a Reach Truck or Pallet Jack to locate 5 defects that have been placed there by the judges. Each defect is worth 20 points, for a total of 100 points.

Field Course (300 points)

The Field Course includes 6 obstacles, each worth up to 50 points each. Competitors will receive an overview of the obstacles during the Competitor Orientation on Thursday evening, and will also have an orientation on the actual course on Friday morning before competition.

Please note: We will NOT be able to make registration changes to your class of competition or register any new competitors on site.

Additional Info:

The order of competition will be random, and competitors will be sequestered to ensure a fair competition for everyone. Competitors shall not have cell phones on them during the competitor orientation and written exam on Thursday, or at any time during the competition on Friday.

Competitors and judges must wear appropriate protective footwear in competition areas with operating machinery. Footwear must have slip resistant ratings with a steel, alloy, or composite toe, preferably with a stamp on them meeting ANSI Z41.

Safety Shoe Policy:

OSHA regulations state “the employer shall ensure that each affected employee uses protective footwear when working in areas where there is a danger of foot injuries due to falling or rolling objects”. (OSHA 1910.136)

The IFDA National Championship is the premier industry event for the very best powered industrial truck operators in the food distribution industry. As such, we require all competitors to comply with the following:

- All competitors and judges are required to wear steel-toe safety shoes during the skills competition portion of the event
- All shoes worn during the competition must have a non-slip sole and must be closed-toe
- If your company does not require safety shoes and you do not own a pair, IFDA will provide toe caps for use during the competition
- An example of the toe cap that IFDA will provide can be found here:
<https://www.uline.com/Product/Detail/S-22258-L/Foot-Protection/Quick-Fit-Toe-Cap-Large>

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

The **Reach Truck** competition class will be using the **Raymond 7500 Single Reach Fork Truck**

The **Pallet Jack** competition class will be using the **Raymond 8410 Double Pallet Jack (96” Forks)**

Competitors will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the equipment, and will need to complete a “skills check” prior to operating it in competition.

If you are less experienced with these models, we strongly encourage you to review the materials provided, and find an opportunity to safely practice operating one of these models if possible.

Please review the attached Operator Manuals for the model of equipment you will be operating during the competition.

There are also numerous videos on YouTube that showcase the Raymond equipment you will be operating during the competition. Here are two examples that may be helpful if you are unfamiliar with the equipment:

Raymond Reach Truck introduction video: <https://youtu.be/0xhO47Uaf1U?si=erhpzTNJsuFijsnS>

Raymond Double Pallet Jack introduction video: https://youtu.be/dzyClo_hqRc?si=nBgKrtVlkdoVpCo9

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando for the IFDA National Championship.