



## FAQs 2025

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### **Attendance at Orientation Meeting**

Team leaders cannot attend the Transportation and Warehouse Orientation. This meeting is for Competitors and Judges only. Team Leaders are welcome to attend the Family Orientation.

### **Children's Contest**

Thanks once again to our generous sponsor, FLEET Advantage, the [Children's Contest](#) will continue to be an exciting and fun part of this event! The Children's Contest has two parts depending on grade level:

- 1) The Drawing Contest is open to children in 2nd grade and below.
- 2) The Writing Contest is open to children in 3rd grade and above.

All contestants MUST HAVE a parent or relative participating as a competitor in The IFDA National Championship. Contestants have the option to complete their entry in advance of The IFDA National Championship; however, all entries must be submitted on-site. Visit our [website](#) for the 2025 Contest Guidelines, Drawing Contest Entry Form, and the Writing Contest Entry Form.

### **Competing in Multiple Events**

Competitors can only compete in one event at The National Championship.

### **Competitor Shirt Sizes**

Competitor shirt sizes were collected during the registration process. There are no substitutions onsite.

### **Event Dress Code**

Whether you're competing, judging, or volunteering, we want you to feel comfortable, confident, and ready for action. Visit our [Dress for Success](#) page for what to wear to the competition and the awards banquet.

### **Registration**

Registration for the 2025 National Championship closed September 22, 2025. There are no onsite competitor registrations or category changes.

### **Safety Shoe Policy: Warehouse PIT Competitors Only**

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 safety-toe footwear (composite/alloy toe, steel toe) 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: [Quick Fit Toe Cap - Large S-22258-L - Uline](#)

### **Shipping to Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort**

If you’re shipping items to the Championship, please download “RICOH Shipping Instructions” from the Resources page. As specified on page 4 of the Instructions, packages will need to be clearly labeled, including:

Company: IFDA

Recipient: Andrea Streat

Event: National Championship 2025

### **Technology Policy**

The 2026 National Championship will have a strict *no technology* policy for competitors. During Orientations, Written Exam and the competition at Osceola Heritage Park, competitors cannot have their technology, including but not limited to:

- Mobile Phones
- Smart Watches
- iPads
- E-Readers
- Headphones/Earbuds

What should competitors do? We recommend that they leave all technology in their guest room or with family. If competitors bring technology to any of the competition events, they will have to drop it off at the IFDA Tech Desk (Thursday) or Staff Desk in the Sequestered Lounges (Friday).

**Competitors found with technology will be disqualified.**

### **Transportation Learning Exchange**

The Learning Exchange meeting is a peer-driven discussion forum for Transportation Managers or similar positions. Participation is open ONLY to Distributor/Redistributor member companies registered for The National Championship. [Learn more](#) about the meeting format.

To sign up, contact Annika Stensson - [astensson@ifdaonline.org](mailto:astensson@ifdaonline.org).

## **Travel Plans**

All Competitors and Judges are expected to arrive by 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 23 to allow enough time to check-in, pick up registration materials and arrive to the Orientations and Exams on time. Need more details? [The National Championship schedule](#) is available on the website.

**Unaccompanied Children:** All children under the age of 18 must be chaperoned by an adult during The National Championship competitions and other scheduled activities.

## **Walt Disney World Resort Experiences**

We are excited to share that Disney has arranged discounted experiences for those attending The IFDA National Championship! Whether you are looking to explore the enchanting Disney parks, enjoy thrilling attractions or indulge in delightful dining experiences, there is something special awaiting you.

As an event attendee, you have access through this site to:

- Special evening theme park tickets, not available at the gate.
- Advance Purchase Savings on multi-day tickets when purchased prior to the start date of your event.
- Multi-day tickets with an added BONUS! Theme Park Tickets are valid up to seven days before, during and seven days after your meeting/event dates.

Don't miss out on these [special Disney offers](#) and this magical opportunity!

## **Warehouse Competitor Preparation**

As you are likely aware, the OSHA regulation that governs Powered Industrial Trucks is 29 CFR 1910.178. This document is available to you for free at [www.OSHA.gov](http://www.OSHA.gov). In addition to this reference, we recommend you also focus on your companies internal forklift training & certification program materials. These programs are designed to meet the OSHA requirements are focused and user friendly. These materials are likely available with the assistance of your supervisor.

## **Warehouse Competitor Waiver**

When checking in at the event, warehouse competitors will need to complete the [Warehouse Criteria Waiver](#) confirming their qualifications and eligibility. Competitors can review the form in advance of the competition. Forms will be provided and completed on-site at registration.

## **Written Exam in Spanish - Warehouse Only**

IFDA will provide the written exam in English and Spanish for the Warehouse competition only. Although the competitor's preference was collected during the registration process, the request will be confirmed when competitors check in on-site. For those who requested it, they will receive the Spanish written exam on Friday.

IFDA will not provide live translation services during the practical course components of the competition. All verbal instructions, demonstrations, and real-time guidance during the practical portions will be conducted in English only. If translation is needed during the course walk-through, it is up to each company to provide it.