



HVIA NATIONAL APPRENTICE CHALLENGE

The Competition

Each regional team will compete in two heats against each of the other regional teams. The Competition heats will be held on Thursday 13th May, Friday 14th May from 10.30am and Saturday 15th May from 1.00pm. Heats will be forty-five minutes in duration.

The two best regional teams will face off in the final on Sunday 16th May at 1.00pm. The final will be sixty minutes in duration.

Each team will have the following appointed or allocated:

- Independent Supervisor
- Adequate tools and equipment to complete the tasks required
- Access to technical information and specifications for the vehicle concerned
- Access to the spare parts store for any parts necessary to complete the required tasks
- Uniforms – shirts and trousers provided by HVIA
- Safety glasses provided by HVIA
- Hearing protection provided by HVIA

Each apprentice will be required to bring their own safety footwear.

Rules and Regulations

During the Competition all teams must:

- not use mobile phones for any purpose
- work in a manner that ensures their safety and the safety of all staff and spectators
- use personal protective equipment adequate for the task being undertaken
- ensure vehicles are secured with wheels chocked at all times
- make sure that no vehicle is driven or placed in gear while the engine is running, without first advising and receiving permission from the team supervisor
- remain in the designated areas around their vehicle. Technical information or spare parts will be provided by the team supervisor on request
- obey all instructions given by supervisory staff at all times. Any breach of safety requirements or failure to comply with an instruction issued by the supervisor or the Competition organisers or their appointed staff will result in that team being removed from the Competition
- advise their supervisor immediately on rectification of all vehicle faults to their satisfaction
- in the event of an emergency teams ensure their immediate safety and then notify their supervisor of the situation

A Brisbane Truck Show Safety Officer will attend the Competition. All instructions made by the officer are to be followed immediately.



Competition process

Each round of the Competition will begin with a briefing from the organisers including a safety briefing. At the end of the briefing competitors will familiarise themselves with the vehicle, tools and work area.

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their area is safe prior to the commencement of the Competition. Teams will be provided with a worksheet detailing the symptoms being caused by the faults with the vehicle. Their task is to isolate the exact cause of the fault and rectify it. As each fault is rectified it is to be ticked off on the sheet by the competitors. The display board at the front of the vehicle will be updated by the supervisor.

In the event of a truck malfunction not related to faults that are a part of the Competition the supervisor will identify that a problem exists and stop the Competition until the fault can be rectified. If the fault is causing difficulties for the team (for example cab will not tilt) and if no problem is being caused the supervisor will advise the competitors to ignore that fault. During a stoppage, discussion of the Competition between teams is prohibited.

On satisfying themselves that they have rectified all faults both members of the team are to sign off on the job card and notify their supervisor that they are finished (note finished means all tools and equipment returned and neatly packed to toolbox and designated area and Competition area clean and tidy).

The team will then retire to the front of the vehicle until the competition time period has elapsed. At the end of the period all teams must cease work if not finished and wait for the judge to assess their results.

Competitors will accompany the judge during the judging process to answer any questions he may have. Judges will also explain the correct process for fault rectification where competitors have not finalised the fault in full.

At the end of the judging period teams are to return trucks to a serviceable condition with all faults rectified the work area cleaned and all equipment and tools put away.