The 2012 Truck Driving Championships, sponsored by the Missouri Trucking Association’s Council of Safety Supervisors, were held at the Holiday Inn KCI Airport & KCI Expo Center in Kansas City.

The 2-day event saw 174 drivers put their skills to the test. They were given a written exam, interviewed by industry experts, completed a federal pre-trip inspection and then took to the driving course that consisted of six obstacles.

Drivers compete as the spectators cheer them on.
Drivers are interviewed by industry experts on their knowledge and how they handle a specific set of questions.

Pre-trip inspections are completed by drivers under the watchful eye of industry experts.

Drivers are instructed on the activities of the Championships during orientation and have the opportunity to see the skills course for the first time.

The skills driving course was kept very busy during the 2-day event.
Local Boy Scout troop presented the colors following the March of Champions.

Keynote speaker, Mark Musso, President & CEO, Special Olympics Missouri, discussed the upcoming Truck Convoy that raises money for Special Olympics.

The coveted trophies.

First & second place winners were invited to a breakfast along with past winners who went on to Nationals. They shared information with the new winners to help prepare them for the National competition that will be held in Minneapolis, MN in August.
GRAND CHAMPION ROOKIE OF THE YEAR PRE-TRIP INSPECTION AWARD

TANK TRUCK CLASS
Jon Hume Thomas Miller Gary Kamler
FedEx Freight Prime Wallis Co.

FLATBED CLASS
Duane Grimme PJ Simpson Joe Mangiaracino
Prime Con-way Freight FedEx Freight

STEP VAN CLASS
John Wood James Houghton Brian Anderson
FedEx Freight FedEx Express FedEx Ground

STRAIGHT TRUCK CLASS
David Wiechers Gary Risman Bruce Diener
ABF Freight Con-way Freight YRC Freight

THREE AXLE CLASS
Mark Goodwin Lynn Wilson Keith Evans
YRC Freight Con-way Freight Con-Way Freight

FOUR AXLE CLASS
Albert Hockett Wayne Pierce Kelly Asher
Con-way Freight UPS Freight FedEx Freight

FIVE AXLE CLASS
Shane Olds Bobby Vorhees James Kristek
USF Holland Orschein Farm & Home Con-way Freight

SLEEPER BERTH CLASS
Bobby Chilcoat Richard Myers William White
Con-way Truckload Walmart Transportation YRC Freight

TWIN TRAILERS CLASS
Wayne Darnell Michael Keeney Tim Cruise
Con-way Freight Con-way Freight Con-way Freight

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION AWARD
Joe Unverzagt
Con-way Freight

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Gary Kamler
Wallis Companies

GRAND CHAMPION
Richard Myers
Walmart Transportation

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER
Con-way Freight