

Official Rules

2011 Columbia Forklift Challenge (CFC)

GOSH Conference, Portland, OR

“THE EMPHASIS IS SAFE OPERATION”

Although it is necessary to include speed as a skill requirement to provide some measure of driver efficiency, excessive speed (as determined by the course judges) will not be tolerated.

1. The promotion of safe and efficient operation of Powered Industrial Trucks (aka “forklifts”) is the sole purpose of the Columbia Forklift Challenge (CFC).

The competition will be conducted in accordance with OR-OSHA Div 2/Sub N 29 CFR 1910.178, Powered Industrial Trucks and these rules.

- http://www.orosha.org/pdf/rules/division_2/1910-178.pdf

Propane-powered (sit-down) counterbalanced trucks will be used.

2. The CFC Committee reserves the right to introduce new and additional rules as necessary to ensure a safe and successful competition. All drivers will be advised of any changes prior to the beginning of the competition.
3. All drivers must check in at the registration desk.

Check-in begins promptly at 7 a.m. and closes at 7:45 a.m. in Exhibit Hall C at the Oregon Convention Center.

All drivers must attend the driver’s orientation at 8 a.m.

Starting times will be chosen by drawing numbers and assigned to each driver after check in. Failure to report to the starting line on time will result in disqualification.

Each driver must have already submitted their registration form and “Driver Application” packet including the signed waiver, proof of operator training/evaluation from respective employer*, driver biography, and completed “Safe Forklift Operation” quiz before the start of the event. The actual date to submit these required documents is on the CFC Driver Entry Form.

The quiz is not a pass-fail exam. However, each driver will receive a one point demerit for each incorrect answer which will affect your overall score and standing in the competition. Example: a participant correctly answering 18 of the 20 questions will receive two demerit points.

4. This is a “low score wins” event. Winners will be determined by the lowest total score. Individual prizes: \$500 (1st); \$350 (2nd); \$200 (3rd). Team prize: \$450 (to be divided among the three drivers).

Scoring: Course demerits will be totaled and added to the course time (time is multiplied by three to provide appropriate scoring weight).

Each registered driver will be provided a copy of the Course Scoring Sheet at the time of check-in on event day.

5. An infraction deemed a major safety violation and/or abusive, hostile behavior will result in immediate disqualification. Excessive speed, wheels off the ground, skidding the tires, tipping the forklift, losing/dropping the load, intentionally running over cones to shortcut the course etc., are examples of a major safety violation. Decisions from the head judge are final.

The CFC encourages cheering and moral support; however, coaching from the sideline is prohibited.

6. Drivers are responsible to learn and adhere to these rules and all other expectations outlined in the “Driver Application” packet.
7. The CFC will use a variety of course obstacles and props. These devices will be reviewed during the driver orientation. Markings and other tell-tales (i.e. tape, tennis balls on top of cones, etc.) will be used to determine if contact is made.
8. In case of a tie, there will be a re-run (time and course demerits are the only factors).
9. There will be a first place “team” award. The team having the lowest aggregate score is the sole winner. Aggregate score equals the sum of the final total scores of the three drivers.

Teams must consist of three drivers from the same organization.

- “Team Entry” must be marked on your CFC Driver Entry Form. Lineup changes will be accepted just prior to check in.

* Per 29 CFR 1910.178(l)(6): “The employer shall certify that each operator has been trained and evaluated as required by this paragraph (l). The certification shall include the name of the operator, the date of the training, the date of the evaluation, and the identity of the person(s) performing the training or evaluation.”