

# Entrance Criteria

AHCA is a group of safety-conscious individuals and companies related and/or belonging to the California transportation industry. In order to maximize our marketing ability and promote safety to the trucking industry, AHCA is very selective as to who may become an American Highway Carriers Association member. AHCA maintains high standards for both members and vendors.

Entrance into the AHCA program is based on a safety point count. Basic demographic requirements, traffic violations, convictions and traffic accidents all modify the safety point count. Safety Point Count maximum is 6, see below for details.

The following are basic demographic requirements\*:

Any requirement not met is an automatic disqualification.

- Minimum age 21.
- If the prospective member is a trucking company owner, they must have a minimum of 2 years in business or if new in business must have a minimum of five years commercial driving experience.
- If the prospective member is NOT a truck driver or trucking company owner, they must have a minimum of 3 years associated with the trucking industry.

Driving-related criteria\*

Point Count

• <b>First Chargeable Accident</b> .....	<b>1</b>
An accident is considered chargeable if it results in a paid or reserved loss in excess of \$350 and does not involve an uninsured motorist claim. To qualify as a non-chargeable accident, a claims report or police report showing the accident was not at fault is needed.	
- <b>Second Chargeable Accident</b> .....	<b>3</b>
• <b>Moving Convictions</b> .....	<b>1</b>
- <b>Fourth Moving Conviction</b> .....	<b>2</b>
• <b>Brake Convictions</b> .....	<b>1/2</b>
• <b>Equipment/Safety/FTA Convictions in Excess of Two</b> .....	<b>1/2</b>
• <b>Major Convictions received in the past three-year period in any motor vehicle</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Major Convictions defined as: reckless driving, drunk driving, common drunk, influence of drugs or glue, drinking in a motor vehicle, open container, driving while intoxicated, presumption of any other drinking conviction and exhibition of speed.	

\* Any violation that includes any violent act is an automatic disqualification.  
 \* Vendors for this program are subject to different entrance criteria, call AHCA for details.