

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rural Competition Brigades
District Competition Committees

DATE: December 2024

FROM: State Rural Championships Committee

SUBJECT: Rural Competition Items for Information



For information, below are items of interest from the Rural State Competition Committee for the information of Coaches, Competitors and Judges and Officials for the 2025 Competition season.

a) 2025 State Championship Entries

Entries are now open for the 2025 State Championships and will close on Sunday 16th February 2025, entries will once again be collected electronically. The Brigade Member responsible for completing the entry form should register for entry forms online here: tinyurl.com/2025-entry-eoi

A link to the entry form will then be sent to the person responsible for competing the entry.

Brigades are reminded to complete the competitor information ASAP for all members especially those under the age of 18 to enable CFA to undertake the parent/guardian permission process prior to the Championships. The competitor information is also used by VFBV for the announcement of place getters and for official records.

Entry fees: VFBV have waived the entry fees for the 2025 State Championships to encourage participation.

New members: Brigades should commence the new member registration process ASAP to enable them to be registered to compete in both local competitions and the State Championships.

The new member registration process via the Volunteer Recruitment Hub takes longer than the old processes and needs to be stated well in advance of the Championships to ensure that members are registered before competing. VFBV has no control over this process and CFA will not authorise competitors who have not completed this to compete at the State Championships. To register a new member please visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer>

b) 2025 State Championships Track Officials Panel and Recorders

Track Official and Recorder nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 16th February 2025. To nominate as a judge or official for either or both of the 2025 State Championships, please complete the nomination form: tinyurl.com/2025-rural-judge

The State Rural Championships Committee is always on the lookout for new judges and will be willing to train any members without experience to become a judge or official at the State Championships.

First Aid: The Committee are seeking members who would be willing to do dedicated first aid shifts over the two days of competition. If you are first aid qualified and willing to be a dedicated first aid official, please complete the nomination indicating First Aid as your role preference and email a copy of your first aid qualifications to championships@vfbv.com.au

Please note this form does not have to be completed if you are nominating to be part of the Make Up Crews as this information is collected on team entry forms.

Working with Children Checks: All Judges and Officials for the State Championships are required to have a valid Working with Children Check and to have registered VFBV as an organisation that they are working with. Further details on how to apply for a Working with Children Check or to update a current Working with Children Check can be found on the VFBV website tinyurl.com/rural-champs

c) Updated Rule Book

An updated Rule Book is available for download from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/rural-champs

The updates approved by the Committee include the inclusion of a new disqualification relating to commencing the ascent of the ladder above the second rung and the inclusion of new diagrams.

The Committee have also agreed to new changes on how the Champion Team is calculated at the Junior Championship. The Champion Brigade will be determined by adding together the brigade's highest placing team in each age group regardless of their letter designation.

Printed copies of the Rule Book are available from the VFBV office if required.

d) Female Aggregate

The Outstanding Female Team award is presented by the Chief Track Masters to an all female team competing in the Senior Championship. Entries for the Outstanding Female Team award will be taken as teams line up to compete on the day. If you would like further information about this award please contact the VFBV office on championships@vfbv.com.au

e) Torchlight Procession

Brigades competing in the State Rural Championships are once again invited to take part in the Torchlight Procession to be held on Saturday 29 March 2025 commencing at 2030 hours in Mooroopna.

Squad Size: the minimum number of marchers is 6 members plus a Commander and the maximum number of marchers is 15 plus a Commander. Any teams with more than the permitted maximum and less than the permitted minimum can enter, but will have points deducted from their scores.

Dress: the preferred dress is CFA Dress Uniform. If brigades are unable to outfit their squad in Dress Uniforms, CFA Workwear, brigade specific uniform with a CFA baseball cap or CFA summer dress uniform can be worn. All members of the squad must wear the same apparel.

LED Torches: LED powered torches will again be supplied by CFA for the Torchlight Procession. Please ensure that you accurately note the number of members requiring a torch on your entry form.

For further information about the Torchlight Procession please contact the VFBV office on championships@vfbv.com.au

f) 2025 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2025 season is attached and can also be downloaded from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/rural-champs

Any updates will be posted on the VFBV website and VFBV's Championships Facebook Page throughout the competition season as required.

Neil Labbett AFSM

Chair, State Rural Championships Committee

2025 RURAL LOCAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Organisation	Day	Date	Month	Location	Contact Name	Contact Phone
District 2 (Twilight)	Fri	7	Feb	Mandurang	Chris Griffin	0422 634 680
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District 7	Sun	23	Feb	Connewarre	Karen Woodhart	0412 536 243
North West Region	Sun	23	Feb	Charlton	Barry Wiseman	0429 998 266
District 24	Sun	2	March	Gapsted	Tony Treffers	0438 592 843
Mandurang	Mon	10	March	Mandurang	Graeme Pearce	0408 506 157
District 14	Sat	15	March	Plenty	Mark Gravell	0490 677 622
District 2	Sun	16	March	Maryborough	Chris Griffin	0422 634 680
District 23	Sun	16	March	Springhurst	Simone Lewis	0407 310 846
West Region	Sun	23	March	Lexton	Peter Loader	0417 356 210
District 22	Sun	23	March	Mooroopna	Wayne Geisler	0418 176 143

2025 State Championships

State Urban Junior Championship
 State Urban Senior Championship
 State Rural Senior Championship
 State Rural Junior Championship

22nd & 23rd March 2025, Mooroopna
 29th & 30th March 2025, Mooroopna
 29th March 2025, Mooroopna
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