



## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**1 March 2024**

### **51<sup>st</sup> STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP at MOOROOPNA** **SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

This special notice is circulated to all brigades who will be competing in the 2024 State Urban Junior Championship for the attention of:

- Brigade members appointed as Officials and Judges
- Brigade Coach/es
- Brigade Officer or Member in charge of the Junior competitors.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS & JUDGES:**

List of Officials and Judges appointed for the Junior Championships is attached.

#### **WORKING with CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC):**

Please remind all Officials and Judges of VFBV's requirement to have a current WWCC card for the State Championships, Juniors & Seniors, with VFBV registered as an organisation. If members need information of how to apply for a new WWCC or update their existing WWCC to add VFBV as an additional organisation, they can contact the VFBV office.

All competing Brigades are required to nominate as a Minimum, Two non competing members to act as Judges. Where a Brigade has more than one Team competing, for every additional Team, one extra Judge is required to be nominated. Failure to nominate the required number of Judges may result in the Brigade being disqualified from competing in a track event.

Officials and Judges are requested to report to the Chairman of Judges' office at the Competition Track between 1600 and 1700 hours on the Friday afternoon. Alternatively, Officials can report to the Chairman of Judges on Saturday morning before or following the Official Opening. This ensures their presence is recorded, to enable the Chairman of Judges to allocate members to the event Rosters. Officials are requested to regularly check the appointment board at the Chairman of Judges Office to see when they are rostered, to enable events to get underway on schedule.

**Officials and Judges are requested to be in attendance at the plug line at the conclusion of the event prior to their appointed event, to register with the OIC Judges and be provided with any information required.**

#### **VFBV Dress Guidelines for Officials & Judges:**

The Dress Guidelines, with CFA summer uniform being the preferred option, are:

1. Track Masters & Marshalling Officers are required to wear CFA summer uniform on Saturday and can wear CFA Workwear on Sunday;
2. All other Officials & Judges are required to wear either:
  - CFA summer uniform;
  - CFA Workwear; or
  - VFBV alternative dress polo & shorts (colour of enclosed shoes & socks optional);– but not a combination of; or
3. Competitors appointed as Judges, can judge in their complete team competition gear.

**DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR:**

The Officer in Charge of each Junior Brigade is responsible for the discipline and behaviour of the attending members at all times. VFBV asks for the co-operation of the Brigade Officers and Officer in Charge to ensure that recognised standards of discipline and behaviour are observed. Initiation practices or behaviour are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at the risk of disqualification from the Championship or future Championships.

Senior members of Brigades are asked to observe the established standard that consumption of alcohol on or in the vicinity of the competition tracks, Opening Parade or at the Presentation Ceremony is not permitted. Co-operation of senior members would be appreciated at the State Junior Championship.

Please note that under state legislation and local Council policy, smoking is not permitted within the Championship grounds. All Brigade members and spectators are requested to please observe the No Smoking requirement.

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS:**

The order of events are attached and to be noted, that ROLL CALL for Brigades on Saturday is at 0815 hours for the commencement of the Opening Parade at 0830 hours, and Sunday at 0815 hours with events on both tracks to commence at 0830 hours. Events will continue through the lunch period on each day to assist with finishing at a reasonable time. Officials and competitors to take lunch break as their rostered events allow.

**OPENING PARADE:**

For the Opening Parade, Brigades will be lined up in 2 sections in a random order, as per the attached list. Junior Brigades to line up in the assembly area in the open area behind the Marshall Track, in the order as listed.

On Occupational Health grounds, the Association has approved competitors wearing hats during the Opening Parade subject to the following conditions:

- (a) hats must incorporate brims to protect the entire head,
- (b) the same style and colour of hat being worn by all members of the respective team,
- (c) baseball caps not being approved.

**SAFETY CO-ORDINATORS:**

In continuing the emphasis on Occupational Health and Safety at competitions and Championships, Safety Co-ordinators are appointed to oversee all safety related aspects both on the competition track and within the grounds. If brigades have any safety concerns, they should be reported to the VFBV office.

**INFORMATION FOR BRIGADE COACHES:**

The conduct of all events shall be in accord with the Association's Urban Competition Conditions & Rules as prescribed in the 2011 Rule Book; with amendments since 2011 available from the VFBV website [tinyurl.com/urban-champs](http://tinyurl.com/urban-champs)

**Coaches should take care that Rules governing:**

- Age of Junior competitors for the two age groups (Rule 5),
- Eligibility to enter more than one team (Rule 3(e)), &
- Borrowing of competitors at State Junior Championships (Rule 7),

are fully observed as any infringement shall be liable for Brigade disqualification.

Please note the requirement for Brigades with more than one team, that a borrowed competitor cannot be used in Team A where a Brigade has two teams, or in Team A or Team B where a Brigade enters three teams, without the approval of the Association. The same rationale applies where a Brigade enters more than three teams.

**Wristbands for competitors**

Where brigades have more than one team entered, the competitors will be required to wear a wrist band indicating which team they are part of. Coaches for brigades entering more than one team should attend the VFBV office to obtain wrist bands for their competitors. If required replacement wrist bands can be issued on Sunday.

**HYDRANTS & TESTING OF WATER:**

It is compulsory for all Junior teams to use VFBV hydrants for all wet events.

Brigade hydrants to be used in the Hydrant Race must be weighed, checked and sealed on Friday afternoon between 1500 hours and 1700 hours, or on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 0730 hours and 0800 hours.

**Please not that access to the track grounds prior to 3pm is not permitted.**

The timing of the water will take place prior to 0815 hours on each day of the Championship. The times to be announced following each test.

**AGE SECTIONS:**

Coaches should ensure that:

- 1) The Brigade is affiliated with VFBV, Junior competitors must be registered with CFA, and competitors aged 16 years or over must be registered with CFA as Senior members of their Brigade, prior to competing.
- 2) Under 14 Years: Juniors shall be aged 11 years, and to be under 14 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 eg. born between 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- 3) Under 17 Years: Junior and Brigade members shall be aged 11 years, and be under 17 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 eg. born between 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Names and details of all competitors is required to be completed in the Operoo Entry and Registration form prior to the State Junior Championship, including contact details for a parent/guardian of each competitor who will then be forwarded consent forms for their child.

Also to be included in the Entry and Registration form is which events each competitor is competing in. Should this change prior to the Championship or on the day, this can be amended using the online Operoo eForm. Coaches are requested to ensure that any change is made well prior to the relevant event/s commencing. The purpose of listing in which events the Juniors compete in, is for VFBV to identify the names of placegetters for announcing at the Trophy Presentations.

**DRAINING OF HOSES**

For every event where hoses are used, the Competition and Rules Committee request that all competitors after they have run, be expected to assist with the draining of the hoses and help set up, in readiness for the next heat. Judges rostered on for that event will assist the competitors where required.

**COMPETITION DRESS (TROUSERS)**

Coaches and team managers are requested to closely check the correctness of trousers worn by their Junior members and to avoid putting Officials in the position of disqualifying or speaking to a Junior member for failing to observe wearing: *"Ankle length trousers, (centre of ankle bone) with trouser legs neither tied, rolled nor held in socks; or featuring leg side zips or stirrups, or being skin tight in fitting". (Rule 19b).*

Please avoid any embarrassment and upsetting junior competitors.

**COMPETITION DRESS (FOOTWEAR)**

Following on from flooding at the venue in October 2022, Coaches and team managers are requested to ensure that all competitors are wearing appropriate athletic footwear when competing for occupational health and safety reasons.

**USE OF VIDEO CAMERA:**

It is a rule that if a competitor intends to use a video camera whilst competing, this must be either mounted on the competitor's helmet or on the competition reel.

**SCRATCHING FROM EVENTS:**

With the procedure of accepting entry of Brigades in all events, the co-operation of coaches is sought, and if the brigade will not be competing in an event or events, a scratching form should be completed at the VFBV office at Mooroopna in ample time prior to the event. Brigade competitors when not in attendance when called by the Marshalling Officer to participate in an event, will be disqualified.

**PROTESTS:**

Official Protest Forms will be available from the VFBV office at Mooroopna and only these forms will be recognised. Any Brigade intending to lodge a protest must first inform the officiating Track Master of their intent **within Five minutes** of the completion of their run and report to the VFBV office **within 10 minutes** of the completion of the run.

The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final without appeal; and if the protest is dismissed or deemed by the Committee to be frivolous, the Brigade shall forfeit the deposit.

Where a Protest is upheld and the Brigade was competing in pairs, unless exceptional circumstances exist, the announced winner of the heat will not run in the next round or final (unless included in the fastest losing teams).

Brigades are advised that unacceptable behaviour by any Coach or Brigade member will not be tolerated, and that the Committee will look seriously at consequences for any bad behaviour or sportsmanship following the outcome of a Brigade's Protest.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**BBQ LUNCH:** CFA is funding a BBQ lunch for Junior competitors on the **Saturday**, and all Junior competitors will be provided with a voucher to obtain their free lunch from within the grounds. **Please note the change of day for the BBQ lunch.** Vouchers for the BBQ lunch will be available on Saturday morning – please listen out for announcements.

**MEALS:** Breakfast will be available for purchase at the track each day of the Championship. Food trucks including take away foods, soft drinks, ice cream etc. will be available throughout the weekend.

**PARKING:** Car parking is available within the grounds, with access from the Midland Highway and follow the directions. Disabled parking will be available for vehicles displaying a disabled permit.

**BRIGADE AWNINGS:** Brigade awnings will be permitted outside the perimeter of the track as directed by the Championships Committee; such awnings should not exceed 6m x 6m. It is the responsibility of brigades to ensure all awnings including free standing awnings, are properly pegged down and secured, and if sited in front of other Brigades not block their view.

**Brigades are responsible for securing awnings overnight, and are required:**

- To remove covers of awnings at the completion of each day's events;
- To have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket on hand if using a BBQ in their shade area.

**YOUTH FORUM:** CFA will be running a Youth Forum on Saturday 16 March from 3pm at the Sir Ian McLennan Centre. The Youth Forum is an opportunity for Juniors and 16-17-year-old members to meet with the Chief Officer and ask questions and provide feedback on the experience of being a young person in CFA. Snacks and refreshments will be provided to those attending. Please RSVP to <http://tinyurl.com/CFA-youth-2024>

**TEAM ENTRY FEES:** VFBV will be forwarding Brigades who compete at the State Urban Junior Championship an invoice for the entry fees following the Championship, however if Brigades prefer to pay on the day, they can pay the entry fees owing either by cash or cheque at the VFBV office at Mooroopna.

**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:** Travel reimbursement for competing brigades must be submitted to CFA by midnight **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024** Travel claims can be completed online here [tinyurl.com/2024-travel-claim](http://tinyurl.com/2024-travel-claim) or by completing and returning the form attached to this memo. Any claims submitted after Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April may not be accepted by CFA so please do not delay in returning your claim form.

**BUS TRAVEL:** A reminder to brigades if they are wishing to claim for bus travel to the State Championship this must be approved by CFA prior to the Championship, please contact [championships@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:championships@cfa.vic.gov.au) to seek approval.

**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

Presentation of individual and station trophies for each event will take place on the relevant competition track, at the conclusion of each event or the next day as advised at the start of each event. Could coaches please make sure that placed competitors are ready for the presentation ceremony immediately the event concludes.

Presentation of the Aggregate Trophies will be presented on the Main Track following counting of aggregate points at the conclusion of the final event. Senior Members and Junior Members to be presented with Aggregate trophies are asked to be in full dress uniform, competition dress or in brigade official tracksuits for the presentation, which will conclude with an address by the VFBV State President.

**Conditions of Acceptance of Entry: responsibility of brigades accepting perpetual trophies**

It is a '*Condition of Acceptance of Entry*' for all VFBV Championships, that Brigades by entering to compete, accept the responsibility to maintain, repair and engrave any Perpetual Trophy presented as a result of their success; and that any damage suffered to a Perpetual Trophy while in the possession of the Brigade is made good at the Brigade's cost and in time for return to VFBV for the following year's State Championships; and that failure to comply:

- (a) VFBV will have repairs undertaken and engraving in lieu of the work obligated to the '*Trophy Holding Brigade*' and will invoice the Brigade for the costs incurred in carrying out this work;
- (b) Failure to reimburse VFBV for works associated with (a) above, would result in the refusal to accept that Brigade's nomination for future State Championship events where such failure to meet their obligations ignores the '*Condition of Acceptance of Entry*' .

**STEVEN ELLIS**

Chair, Competition & Rules Committee

# STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**COMMENCES AT 0830 HOURS**

**OFFICIALS TO REPORT IN AT 0800 HOURS**

**ROLL CALL OF BRIGADES (for Opening Parade) 0815 HOURS**

**OPENING PARADE – COMMENCES AT 0830 HOURS**

### Official Opening

Event 1	Hydrant Race – One Competitor, Under 14 Years
Event 2	Y Coupling – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 3	Wet Hose Striking Second Disc – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 4	Y Coupling – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 5	Wet Hose Striking First & Second Discs – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 6	Marshall – One Competitor, Under 14 Years
Event 7	Wet Hose Striking First & Second Discs – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 8	Marshall – One Competitor, Under 17 Years
Event 9	Wet Hose – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 10	Marshall – Two Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 11	Wet Hose -Two Competitors, Under 14 Years

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**COMMENCES AT 0830 HOURS**

**OFFICIALS TO REPORT IN AT 0800 HOURS**

**ROLL CALL BRIGADES (for Events 12 & 13) AT 0815 HOURS**

Event 12	Hydrant Race – One Competitor, Under 17 Years
Event 13	Y Coupling – Two Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 14	Wet Hose Striking Second Disc – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 15	Y Coupling – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 16	Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 17	Marshall – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 18	Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years

**TESTING OF HYDRANTS:** Hydrants will be weighed, tested, sealed and officially recorded on Friday between 1500 and 1700 hours; Saturday between 0730 and 0800 hours; and Sunday between 0730 and 0800 hours.

**TESTING OF WATER:** The water shall be tested prior to 0815 hours on each day of the Championship. The times will be announced following each water test.

**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** Presentation of aggregate trophies will take place on the main track at the conclusion of Sunday's final event. Presentation of individual and station trophies to take place on the relevant track, at the conclusion of each event or the next day as advised at the start of each event.

**FILMING:** VFBV and CFA reserve the right to carry out filming/photography of events during the Championship in order to be used in promotional materials. As filming will occur in a public place, waivers are not required, however if any guest or competitor does not specifically wish to be filmed, please visit the VFBV tent.

## 2024 STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETING TEAMS

48	Ararat	147	Red Cliffs A
31	Colac	147	Red Cliffs B
179	Diamond Creek	240	Rowville A
15	Echuca A	240	Rowville B
15	Echuca B	32	Sale
15/99	Echuca/Mildura	74	Seymour
67	Euroa A	58	Stawell
67	Euroa B	55	Swan Hill A
331	Eynesbury	55	Swan Hill B
33	Frankston	224	Upwey A
202	Gisborne	224	Upwey B
253	Grovedale	49	Wangaratta
28	Hamilton	27	Warracknabeal A
236	Hoppers Crossing	27	Warracknabeal B
24	Horsham	128	Wendouree
16	Kangaroo Flat	130	Werribee A
7	Kyneton	130	Werribee B
132	Maffra		
231	Melton A		
231	Melton B		
231	Melton C		

## 2024 STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – OPENING PARADE

BRIGADES ROLL CALL: 0815 hours  
TO COMMENCE MARCH: 0830 hours

### ORDER OF MARCH

#### GROUP 1

Kyneton  
Gisborne  
Hoppers Crossing  
Red Cliffs  
Grovedale  
Sale  
Warracknabeal  
Swan Hill  
Eynesbury  
Stawell  
Wendouree  
Rowville  
Hamilton  
Colac

#### GROUP 2

Maffra  
Upwey  
Frankston  
Wangaratta  
Ararat  
Horsham  
Kangaroo Flat  
Melton  
Werribee  
Diamond Creek  
Seymour  
Echuca/Mildura  
Euroa

## 2024 STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP APPOINTED OFFICIALS & JUDGES

### CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTIES

Steven Ellis – Creswick  
Rob Waterson - Cohuna  
Sean Brittan – Werribee  
Peter Every – Wendouree

### SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTY

Bruce Pickett – Geelong West  
Robert Clark - Grovedale

### TRACK MASTERS

Rod Bates – Maffra  
John Holland - Morwell  
Harold Jochs – Swan Hill

Bill Maltby – Castlemaine  
Greg Murphy – Kerang  
Tony Winsall – Belmont

### TRACK MARSHALLS

Malcolm Bishop – Warrnambool  
Mel Chappel – Dandenong  
Peter Every – Wendouree

Jeff McEachern – Wodonga  
Ron Shultz – Benalla  
Gerrard Williams – Euroa

### MARSHALLING OFFICERS

OIC Leonard Balfour – Mooroopna  
DOIC Bruce Snell – Hamilton

Adrian Bailey – Pakenham  
Robyn Desmond – Dromana  
Peter Hannan – Ararat  
Stephen Harris – Pakenham

Jean Kelsey – Pakenham  
Charlie Landsdown – Marshalling Officer  
Susan Mongelli – Pakenham  
Michael Ziersch – Horsham

### STARTERS

OIC Geoff Browning – Kangaroo Flat

Bill Gordijn – Sale  
Robert Keith – Ararat

Peter Quinn – Morwell  
Philip Trifilo – Werribee

### TIMEKEEPERS

OIC Ale Eenjes – Traralgon

Lisa Bailey - Red Cliffs  
Rhianna Bailey – Red Cliffs  
Barry Bennet – Maffra  
Frank Eenjes – Traralgon  
Len Griffiths – Benalla  
Peter Leach – Wangaratta

Brad Morpeth – Swan Hill  
Doug Pearce – Ocean Grove  
Steve Phillips – Benalla  
Olivia Rimon – Red Cliffs  
David Taylor – Shepparton  
Julia Trethown – Benalla

### ANNOUNCERS

OIC Timothy Desmond – Dromana

Ron Gartside – Castlemaine  
Neil Hogan – Wendouree

Clare Murphy – Kerang  
Trevor Rickards – Melton



**COMMUNICATIONS**

OIC Jim Van Der Velden – The Basin

Matt Ahern  
Barry Condick - Tarnagulla  
Nick Hanna – Kyneton

Donna Maro – The Basin  
Sarah van der Velden – Bairnsdale

**RECORDERS**

OIC Helen White – Narre Warren

Andrew Bath – Colac  
Louise Black – Leongatha  
Greg Greenwood – Maryborough  
Vickie Linaker – The Basin  
Don Lovison – Morwell

Nell Maro – The Basin  
Samantha McKean – Narre Warren  
Jason Stone – Melton  
Cheryl van der Velden- The Basin  
Kerri Winsall – Belmont

**JUDGES**

OIC Darryl Wagstaff – Maryborough

DOIC Peter White – Casterton

DOIC Phil Slender – Tatura

Clive Brooks – Kyneton  
Adam Browning – Kangaroo Flat  
Kadisha Bruton – Melton  
Bayley Charalambous – Morwell  
Jess Cockerill-Wright - Junortoun  
Ian Cooper – Traralgon  
John Davies – Horsham  
Mark Delahey – Euroa  
Scott Eldridge – Strathfieldsaye  
Thomas Evans – Grovedale  
Gary Farrell – Castlemaine  
Harriet Foard – Kyneton  
Rennie Hannan - Ararat  
Bruce Harker- Gisborne  
Jacqui Heenan – Hoppers Crossing  
Peter Higgins – Maryborough  
Laura Hitchcock – Hamilton  
Ian Hubble – Maryborough  
Graeme Jilbert - Swan Hill  
Warren Johnston – Horsham  
Gabby Keats – Melton

Anthony King - Sale  
Jason McEgan – Eynesbury  
David McLarty – Seymour  
Belinda Middlebrook – Eynesbury  
Ken Miller – Maryvale  
Terry Miller – Maryvale  
Matthew Monck – Sale  
Daniel Moylan – Echuca  
Colin Newell – Warracknabeal  
Anthony Passalick – Maryborough  
Brian Robertson – Wendouree  
John Seymour – Wangaratta  
Daniel Smith – Scoresby  
Tristian Smith – Kyneton  
Alan Squires – Melton  
Rod Steer – Mooroopna  
Michael Thissen – Rowville  
Luke Tracey – Kyneton  
Tim Welshe – Diggers Rest  
Jaxon Winsall – Grovedale

**FIRST AID OFFICERS**

OIC Marc Leitch – Melton

Maree Fraser – Stawell  
James Gluskie - Montrose  
Amber Holloway – Stawell

Michael McLaughlin – Violet Town  
Peter Patterson – Swan Hill