

MEMORANDUM

TO: Urban Competition Brigades
Competition Associations

DATE: December 2024

FROM: VFBV Competition and Rules Committee

SUBJECT: Urban Competition Items for Information



For information, below are items of interest approved from the VFBV Competition and Rules Committee for the information of Coaches, Competitors and Judges and Officials for the 2024/25 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 online via Operoo. The Brigade Member responsible for completing the entry form should register for entry forms online: tinyurl.com/2025-entry-eoi

A link to the entry form will then be sent to the person responsible for completing 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 the awarding of points in the Champion Competitor at the Senior Championship so should be as accurate as possible including indicating which members are the first or second entry in events with multiple entries.

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 processes 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 process and needs to be started 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 process 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 Championship Judge and Official Nominations

Judge and Official 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 online: tinyurl.com/2025-urban-judge

Brigades are reminded of the requirement to nominate two non-competing members to act as a judge at each of the Championships. When a brigade has more than one Team competing, for every additional team, one additional non-competing member is required to be nominated as a judge or official. Failure to nominate the required number of judges may result in the brigade being disqualified from competing in a track event.

Female aggregate: Any team entering the Female Aggregate events at the Senior Championship is also required to provide one additional non-competing member to act as a judge or official at the Senior Championship.

First Aid: we are seeking additional First Aid officials for both weekends. If you are willing to assist, please complete the judge nomination form and email a copy of your first aid qualifications to championships@vfbv.com.au

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/urban-champs

c) 2025 State Championship Dates

State Urban Junior Championship: 22 and 23 March 2025 at Mooroopna (commencing at 9am each day)

State Urban Senior Championship: 29 and 30 March 2025 at Mooroopna in conjunction with the State Rural Championships.

d) Updated Rule Book

A reminder that an updated rule book is available for download from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs. The October 2024 update includes changes to Rule 1: Eligibility to Compete – Senior Brigades.

Printed copies of the rule book are available from the VFBV office if required.

e) 2024/2025 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2024/25 season is attached and can be downloaded from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

f) Female aggregate

Borrowing Rules: Competing brigades are reminded that borrowing rules for the female aggregate differ slightly compared to other events. Prior to the 2022 Competition season the Committee agreed that if a team does not have two female competitors to participate in the Female Aggregate they are able to form a combined team for the purposes of the Female events only with another Brigade with only one female competitor. Any Brigades that wish to undertake this option should contact the VFBV at championships@vfbv.com.au to register with permission to be provided from both brigades prior to any approval being given.

Number of entries: The Urban C&R Committee has agreed to two entries in the Female Aggregate events. Please ensure that on the entry form you note which competitor/s are the first and second entries in each of the Female Aggregate events.

g) Torchlight Procession

The Torchlight Procession will again take place on Saturday 29 March 2025 as part of the Urban Senior Championship. The Procession will commence 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.

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2024/2025 URBAN COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Organisation	Day	Month	Date	Location	Time	Senior/Junior	Contact Person	Phone
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Nov	17	Kerang	0930	Junior	Greg Murphy	0429 955 122
District 17	Sun	Nov	17	Warracknabeal	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	Nov	30	Maffra	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Nov	30	Stawell	0900	Junior/Senior	Mal Nicholson	0407 860 295
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Dec	8	Kyneton	0900	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	Dec	14	Sale	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	18	Colac	0900	Junior/Senior	Andrew Bath	0419 557 439
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	18	Swan Hill	1000	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Jan	19	Swan Hill	1000	Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	Jan	18	Hallam	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	25	Echuca	0900	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Jan	26	Echuca	0900	Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Combined Gippsland (South Eastern)	Sat	Feb	1	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	1	Bendigo	0900	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	2	Bendigo	0900	Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
District 17	Sun	Feb	2	Stawell	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	8	Osborne Park	0900	Junior/Senior	Terry Mann	0412 516 184
Combined Gippsland (Gippsland)	Sat	Feb	15	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	15	Tatura	0900	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397

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Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	16	Tatura	0900	Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Combined East Central	Sat	Feb	22	Hallam	0900	Junior/Senior	David Baptist	0459 283 174
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	22	Warrnambool	0900	Junior/Senior	Tom Woodhams	0406 778 692
Eastern Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Mar	1	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Brad Miller	0400 876 325
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Mar	1	Echuca	0900	Junior/Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
District 17	Sun	Mar	2	Horsham	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Mar	15	Hamilton	0900	Junior/Senior	Nathan Appledore	0448 186 904
Combined Gippsland (Eastern Zone)	Sat	Mar	15	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Mar	15	Melton	1000	Junior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Mar	16	Melton	1000	Senior	Anthony Rhodes	0448 674 397

2025 State Championships

Urban Junior State Championship	22 nd & 23 rd March 2025, Mooroopna
Urban Senior State Championship	29 th & 30 th March 2025, Mooroopna
Rural Senior State Championship	29 th March 2025, Mooroopna
Rural Junior State Championship	30 th March 2025, Mooroopna