

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rural Competition Brigades
District Competition Committees

DATE: November 2023

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 2024 Competition season.

a) 2024 State Championship Entries

Entries are now open for the 2023 State Championships and will close on Sunday 18th February 2024, 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/2024-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.

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.

b) 2024 State Championships Track Officials Panel and Recorders

Track Official and Recorder nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 18th February 2024. To nominate as a judge or official for either or both of the 2024 State Championships, please complete the nomination form: tinyurl.com/2024-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 in one the various judging roles.

The Committee are also seeking members who would be willing to do some 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.

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.

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 Event 2 reverting back to the previous rules and updates target positions in Events 5 and 6.

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

d) Female Aggregate

Following a successful trial at the 2023 State Championship, the Committee have agreed to continue with the Outstanding Female Team award at the Senior Championship. The Outstanding Female Team award will be awarded to the team with the fastest average time across any events that an all female team compete in. This is in addition to the team competing in their respective Division. 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 23 March 2024 commencing at 2030 hours.

Squad Size: The minimum number of marchers is 6 members plus a Commander and the maximum number of marchers is 15 plus a Commander.

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

Torches: CFA has a limited number of torches or appropriate alternative light sources available for brigades. Please advise championships@vfbv.com.au if you need to be supplied with torches.

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

f) 2024 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2024 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.

Neil Labbett AFSM

Chair, State Rural Championships Committee

2024 RURAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Organisation	Day	Month	Date	Location
District 2 (Twilight)	Fri	Feb	2	Mandurang
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District 7	Sun	Feb	25	Connewarre
District 24	Sun	Feb	25	Gapsted
North West Region	Sun	Feb	25	Charlton
District 2	Sun	Mar	3	Maryborough
District 23	Sun	Mar	3	Eldorado
Mandurang	Mon	Mar	11	Mandurang
District 14	Sat	Mar	16	Plenty
West Region	Sun	Mar	17	Smythesdale
District 22	Sun	Mar	17	Mooroopna

2024 State Championships

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

16th & 17th March 2024, Mooroopna
 23rd & 24th March 2024, Mooroopna
 23rd March 2024, Mooroopna
 24th March 2024, Mooroopna