

MEMORANDUM

TO: Urban Competition Brigades
Competition Associations

DATE: November 2023

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 2023/24 Competition season.

a) 2024 State Championship Entries

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

A link to the entry form will then be sent to the person responsible for completed 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 so should be as accurate as possible including indicating which members are the first or second entry in events with multiple entries.

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.

b) 2024 State Championship Judge and Official Nominations

Judge and Official 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 online: tinyurl.com/2024-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.

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) 2024 State Championship Dates

State Urban Junior Championship: 16 and 17 March 2024 at Mooroopna

State Urban Senior Championship: 23 and 24 March 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. The October 2023 updates includes updates to the rules for the *Hydrant Race, Pumper and Ladder – 5 Competitors Event* and *Hydrant and Tanker – 4 Competitors Event* as well as clarification for the calculation of points for the Urban Senior Championship. The updated rule book is available from: tinyurl.com/urban-champs

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

e) 2023/2024 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2023/24 season is attached and can be downloaded from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

f) Female aggregate

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.

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Chair, Competition and Rules Committee

2023/2024 URBAN COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Organisation	Day	Month	Date	Location	Time	Junior/ Senior	Contact Person	Phone
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Nov	19	Kerang	0930	Junior	Greg Murphy	0429 955 122
District 17	Sun	Nov	26	Horsham	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Dec	2	Stawell	0900	Junior/Senior	Myles Gellie	0412 410 152
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Dec	10	Kyneton	0900	Junior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	13	Colac	0900	Junior/Senior	Andrew Bath	0419 557 439
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	13	Swan Hill	1000	Junior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Jan	14	Swan Hill	1000	Senior (no reel events)	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	20	Hamilton	1300	Junior/Senior	Nathan Appledore	0448 186 904
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Jan	20	Melton	1200	Junior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Jan	21	Melton	0900	Senior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	Feb	3	Morwell	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	3	Bendigo	0900	Junior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	4	Bendigo	0900	Senior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
District 17	Sun	Feb	4	Stawell	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Combined Gippsland (South Eastern)	Sat	Feb	10	Morwell	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	10	Osborne Park	0900	Junior	Terry Mann	0412 516 184
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	11	Osborne Park	0900	Senior	Terry Mann	0412 516 184
Eastern Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	17	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Brad Miller	0400 876 325

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Combined East Central	Sat	Feb	24	Hallam	0900	Junior/Senior	David Baptist	0459 283 174
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	24	Warrnambool	0930	Junior	Tom Woodhams	0406 778 692
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Feb	24	Tatura	0900	Junior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	25	Tatura	0900	Senior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sun	Feb	25	Warrnambool	0930	Senior	Tom Woodhams	0406 778 692
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	Mar	2	Echuca	0900	Junior/Senior	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Combined Gippsland (Eastern Zone)	Sat	Mar	2	Morwell	1000	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
District 17	Sun	Mar	3	Warracknabeal	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131

2024 State Championships

Urban Junior State Championship	16 th & 17 th March 2024, Mooroopna
Urban Senior State Championship	23 rd & 24 th March 2024, Mooroopna
Rural Senior State Championship	23 rd March 2024, Mooroopna
Rural Junior State Championship	24 th March 2024, Mooroopna