

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Rural Competition Brigades  
District Competition Committees  
**DATE:** December 2022  
**FROM:** State Rural Championships Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Rural Competition Items for Information

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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 2023 Competition season.

**a) 2023 State Championship Entries**

Entries are now open for the 2023 State Championships and will close on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023, entries will once again be collected electronically. Members who are responsible for entering their brigade should register for entry forms online [tinyurl.com/2023-entry-eoi](http://tinyurl.com/2023-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.

**b) 2023 State Championships Track Officials Panel and Recorders**

Track Official and Recorder nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023. To nominate as a judge or official for either or both of the 2023 State Championships, please complete the nomination form: [tinyurl.com/2023-rural-judge](http://tinyurl.com/2023-rural-judge)

*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.*

**c) Updated Rule Book**

An updated Rule Book is available for download from the VFBV website [tinyurl.com/rural-champs](http://tinyurl.com/rural-champs)

The updates approved by the Committee include changes to Event 2 to include a second hose and clarification of team make up along with changes to the hose bowling line for junior competitors in Events 4 and 5.

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

**d) Torchlight Procession**

Following the success of the Torchlight Procession at the 2022 State Championships. Brigades competing in the State Rural Championships are once again invited to take part in the Torchlight Procession to be held on Saturday 25 March 2023 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](mailto: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](mailto:championships@vfbv.com.au)

**e) 2023 Competition Season**

A list of approved local competitions for the 2023 season is attached and can also be downloaded from the VFBV website [tinyurl.com/rural-champs](https://tinyurl.com/rural-champs)

Any updates will be posted on the VFBV website and VFBV's Championships Facebook Page.

**Neil Labbett AFSM**

Chair, State Rural Championships Committee

# 2023 RURAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Organisation	Day	Month	Date	Location
District 7	Sun	Feb	26	Connewarre
District 24	Sun	Feb	26	Bethanga Recreation Reserve
North West Region	Sun	Feb	26	Charlton
District 2	Sun	Mar	5	Maryborough
District 23	Sun	Mar	5	Springhurst
District 14 (Twilight Competition)	Sat	Mar	18	Plenty
West Region	Sun	Mar	19	<i>To be advised</i>
District 22	Sun	Mar	19	Mooroopna

## 2023 State Championships

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

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Mooroopna  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Mooroopna  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Mooroopna  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Mooroopna