

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Urban Competition Brigades  
Competition Associations

**DATE:** August 2025

**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.

**a) 2025 Team of the Year**

Following the 2025 State Urban Senior Championship, the Committee approved the following as the 2025 Team of the Year:

Nathan Bolger (Osborne Park Orange), Aiden Couzens (Osborne Park Orange), Jack Geysing (Melton A), Devante Johns (Melton A), Matthew Rennie (Tatura), Bailey Rhodes (Melton A), Matt Royal (Maryvale), Damon Sutton (Wendouree) and Coach Anthony Rhodes (Melton A)

**b) Elevation and Relegation**

Elevation: the Committee have agreed that Swan Hill A, Warracknabeal and Melton B will be elevated from B Section to A Section.

Relegation: the Committee have agreed that Cohuna, Kangaroo Flat and Sale be relegated from A Section to B Section.

All other brigades will remain in the Section they competed in this year. As with previous years, the Committee will review the grading of any Brigade/Team on request.

**c) Senior Championship Events**

The Committee have agreed to changes to the events for the Senior Championship as follows:

***Open events to all A and B Section teams***

Ladder Race - 2 entries  
Hydrant Race – 2 entries  
Champion Fours

***A & B Section***

Marshall One competitor – 2 entries  
Marshall Two competitors – 2 entries  
Y Coupling, 4 competitors  
Hose and Ladder Fives  
Hose and Reel Sixes  
Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice, 4 competitors  
Flaked Y Coupling 6 competitors  
Hose, Hydrant and Pumper, 4 competitors  
Hydrant and Tanker, 4 competitors  
Pumper and Ladder, 5 competitors

***Female Section (all events will be against time and only 1 entry per team)***

Marshall 1 competitor  
Marshall 2 competitors  
Y Coupling 2 competitors  
Y Coupling 4 competitors  
Hydrant Race  
Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice, 4 competitors  
Wet Hose, 2 competitors  
Hose, Hydrant and Pumper, 4 competitors  
Hydrant and Tanker, 4 competitors

As a result of the changes to events a number of other changes will be made to the rule book including:

- Addition of rules for the Flaked Y Coupling 6 competitors event
- Addition of rules for female event eligibility and borrowing rules for female section

- Eligibility and borrowing rules for brigades entering more than one team in the State Championship

An updated rule book will be made available in late September/early October for brigades once the Committee have approved the final rules to be placed in the new rule book.

If any member or brigade would like to put forward any comments for the committee to consider on the new program – please provide this to the VFBV office via [championships@vfbv.com.au](mailto:championships@vfbv.com.au)

**Judges and Officials:** In order for the revised program to be successful brigades and teams are reminded of the requirement to ensure that they nominate a minimum of 2 non-competing members to act as a judge or official at the State Championships. If a brigade enters more than one team in any of A Section, B Section or Female Section an additional non-competing member is required to be nominated as a judge and official also.

**d) Changes to Aggregate Points for Senior Championship**

The points awarded for placings in all events at the Urban Senior Championship will be changed to: First – 8 points, Second – 5 points, Third – 3 points, Fourth – 2 points, Fifth – 1 point

**e) 2025/26 Competition Season**

Applications have been forwarded to competition associations for the 2025/26 Competition Season, applications are due back to the VFBV office by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

The competition forms are available by contacting the VFBV office via [championships@vfbv.com.au](mailto:championships@vfbv.com.au) or (03) 9886 1141.

**f) Skills Workshops**

The Greater Midlands Fire Brigades Competition Association will be hosting two skills workshops aligned with competitions in November and December. Further details on these skills workshops will be forwarded in the next competition circular and published in Fire Wise.

**g) Urban Junior Championship**

The Committee have agreed to retain two entries per team in the hydrant race event for both Under 14's and Under 17's. The start time of both days of competition for the Junior Championship will also remain at 0900 hours with the BBQ lunch supplied by CFA taking place on Saturday.

**h) 2026 State Championship Dates**

It is anticipated that entries for the 2026 State Championships will be opening in early December 2025.

For noting the 2026 State Championship dates are:

State Urban Junior Championship 21 and 22 March 2026 in Stawell.

State Urban Senior Championship 28 and 29 March 2026 in Stawell (in conjunction with the Rural State Championships).

**i) Competitor Registration**

A reminder that brigades should ensure that all members taking part in competition related activities including training and attendance at competitions must be registered as a CFA member.

The new member registration process via the Volunteer Recruitment Hub takes longer than the old registration process and should be commenced well in advance of the competition season to ensure members are registered prior to being involved in competition-related activities. To register a new member please visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer)

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