

MEMORANDUM

TO: Urban Competition Brigades
Competition Associations

DATE: June 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.

a) 2024 Team of the Year

Following the 2024 State Championships, the Committee approved the following as the *2024 Team of the Year*:

Miller Anderson (Dandenong), Craig Briody (Wendouree), Aiden Couzens (Osborne Park A), Mark Mullins (Patterson River), Bailey Rhodes (Melton A), Matt Royal (Maryvale), Damon Sutton (Wendouree), Jordan Winsall (Osborne Park A), and Coach Anthony Rhodes (Melton)

b) Elevation and Relegation

Elevation: the Committee have agreed that Cohuna, Echuca A and Hoppers Crossing will be elevated from B Section to A Section.

Relegation: the Committee have agreed that no team will be relegated 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 upon request.

c) Skills Workshop

The Committee will be running a skills workshop on Saturday 5th October at Melton.

This workshop will be conducted by experienced coaches, judges and officials and is open for all to attend. Any current or prospective competitors, coaches, judges and officials are encouraged to attend no matter your skill level.

Brigades attending are encouraged to bring along their equipment to be checked prior to the start of the competition season.

More information can be found on the attached flyer, RSVP's can be emailed to championships@vfbv.com.au by **Monday 23rd September 2024**.

d) Judges at State Championships

Over the years, the number of judges available at the State Championships has been decreasing which is impacting on the running of the Championships. Entry requirements already stipulate that that each team is required to 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 1 team, an additional non-competing member is required to be nominated also.

In order to ensure that there are enough judges and officials at the Senior Championship, teams entering in the Female Aggregate events will be required to nominate an additional judge or official to assist over the weekend.

Any prospective judges and officials are encouraged to attend the skills workshop in October to gain skills in advance of the competition season.

Failure to nominate the required number of judges may result in a Team being disqualified from competing in a track event.

e) Updated Rule Book

The Committee will be considering changes to the rule book at its September meeting. Changes are being considered to the rule relating to a team entering a second team at the Senior Championship. Once agreed to by the Committee an updated rule book will be available from the VFBV website for download. tinyurl.com/urban-champs

f) Female Aggregate events

The Committee have received a number of proposals relating to the Female Aggregate events and the potential introduction of a wet event into the Female Aggregate.

The Committee are requesting that competition associations trial incorporating the Wet Hose – Two Competitor event for Female competitors over the upcoming competition season and feedback to be forwarded to the Committee for consideration regarding potential inclusion at the State Championship.

The Committee have already agreed to changes for 2025 to allow two entries in the Female Aggregate events.

g) Junior State Championship Changes

The committee have approved two changes for the 2025 State Urban Junior Championship.

1. The start time has been moved and both days will now begin at 0900 hours
2. There will be two entries in the hydrant race per team for both the Under 14's and Under 17's.

h) 2024/2025 Competition Season

Applications have been sent to Competition Associations for the 2024/2025 Competition Season, these are due back to the VFBV office by **Monday 2nd September 2024.**

The competition application forms can be downloaded from the VFBV website and can be submitted via email to championships@vfbv.com.au, fax 03 9886 1618 or post 9/24 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East VIC 3151.

i) NSW State Championship

Attached to this circular is an invitation for brigades to consider attending the NSW State Championship to be held in Wagga Wagga on 24th – 26th October 2024.

If any CFA brigade wishes to attend this event or other interstate events, they are required to seek permission from the Association; which will then be forwarded to CFA for their approval. Requests to compete at interstate events can be forwarded to championships@vfbv.com.au

j) 2025 State Championship Dates

The 2025 State Urban Junior Championship will be held on the weekend of 22 and 23 March 2025 in Mooroopna. The Committee have also approved that the starting time for the Junior championship will be 9am both days.

The 2025 State Urban Senior Championship will be held in conjunction with the State Rural Championships on the weekend of 29 and 30 March 2025 in Mooroopna.

Steven Ellis

Chair, Competition and Rules Committee

Urban Competition Skills Workshop 2024

9.30am Saturday 5th Oct, 2024

**S.J. Hirt Competition Track, Melton Recreation Reserve
66 Reserve Road, Melton**

This years workshops will be conducted and facilitated by experienced Judges, Officials, Coaches and Competitors

Workshops throughout the day are targeted at current and prospective judges, officials, coaches and competitors who wish to gain new skills or build upon existing skills.

Judges and Officials Workshop

Improving or gaining new skills in:

Judge in the box – Announcers – on track judging – Starters – Recording – Marshalling – Track Masters – Ladder catcher.

Coach and Competitor Workshops

Improving or gaining new skills in:

Use of the tray in reel events – Rolling on – Competitor safety – Appliance events – Marshall Events – Junior Events

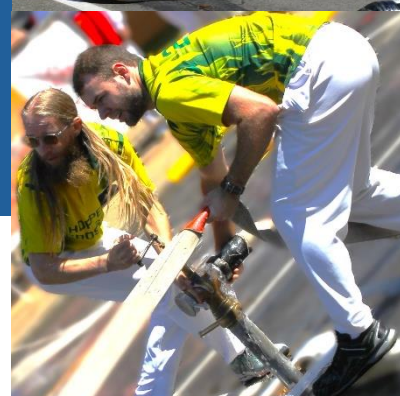
Bring along your equipment to have it checked prior to the start of the season.

**RSVP – VFBV Office, championships@vfbv.com.au
or call 03 9886 1141 by Monday 23rd September 2024.**

***Please indicate any dietary requirements for catering.**



VOLUNTEER FIRE
BRIGADES VICTORIA





Wagga Wagga state championship 2024



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To all Victorian firefighters, permanent, volunteer or any others keen to compete in the NSWFR firefighters state championships.

My name is Brendan Laws I am a firefighter with Turvey park station at Wagga. I am also on the committee for the firefighter championships in NSW and organising these Championships.

On the 24th, 25th and 26th October 2024 Wagga will host the State firefighting championships at Anderson Oval from 8 am each day.

On the Friday evening a display from all emergency services, music, food trucks, a torchlight parade from competing firefighters finishing with fireworks. Saturday will see the completion of events and a dinner and presentation held.

The field is Anderson oval Wagga it is directly opposite the Wagga Rules Club that will host our events, there is also accommodation available there.

Breakfast and lunch provided for all competitors; all equipment supplied.

Needs long sleeved work shirt and pants with runners for all events but will need a helmet, general purpose gloves, and work boots will be required for the rescue event.

We are hoping to attract teams from all over Australia and have seen interest from NZ.

www.firefighterchampionships.com is our web page were under participants you will find videos of events, www.firefighterchampionships.com/participant-information-wagga-wagga-state-2024 is a link to entry forms, accommodation, things to do ect.

Buddy teams or mentors will be assigned to new teams, to assist in preparing for each event.

As part of some events training/ familiarisation will be undertaken, in BA, Rescue and Boosters allowing to claim expenses as training.

I hope this covers most of our event but if not please reach out tome Brendan Laws



Thanks Brendan Laws Turvey park Fire Station Wagga NSW, FRNSW
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