

MEMO TO:	Rural Competition Brigades
DATE:	15 th September 2020
FROM:	VFBV State Championships Committee
RE:	2021 State Championships, Juniors & Seniors

With the current COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria, it is still not clear whether conducting local competitions or State Championships will be possible next year. VFBV and CFA however are planning for the best case scenario and that COVID-19 restrictions will ease in time for these events to go ahead – obviously this will be dependent on Government restrictions and the directions of the Chief Health Officer at the time.

It is highly likely that if local competitions and Championships are allowable, they will have to be conducted under specific Government health guidelines. VFBV delegates and CFA are working closely with the Championship Host Committees in pre planning to manage the impact of COVID-19 restrictions and requirements to conduct the events in order to comply with any potential Government health guidelines – and information on this will be forwarded once the guidelines become clearer.

CFA are required to submit to Government a COVID Plan including numbers of teams and competitors that potentially may be competing at the State Championships, if approved to go ahead. To assist in developing CFA's COVID Plan, it is requested that rural competition brigades advise if they intend to compete at the 2021 State Championships, subject to Government restrictions and directions of the Chief Health Officer at the time.

Could you please compete and return the following to VFBV **by 30th October 2020**, preferably by return email to j.laing@vfbv.com.au, or fax to 9886 1618 or post to VFBV, 9/24 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East 3151.

Please note this is not an entry form, only an indication that your brigade potentially could be competing, and the potential number of your Brigade's members attending. Entry forms will be forwarded at a later date.