

MEMORANDUM



TO: Urban Competition Brigades
Competition Associations
DATE: December 2022
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 2022/23 Competition season.

a) 2023 State Championship Entries

Entries are now open for the 2023 State Championships and will close on Sunday 19th 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

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.

b) 2023 State Championship Judge and Official Nominations

Judge and Official nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 19th February 2023. To nominate as a judge or official for either or both of the 2023 State Championships, please complete the nomination form online: tinyurl.com/2023-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.

c) Skills Workshop – Judges and Officials, Coaches and Competitors

A new date has been set for the Judges and Officials, Coaches and Competitors workshop. The workshop will be held on Sunday 22nd January 2023 at the Bendigo Competition Track beginning at 9:30am.

The workshops will be conducted by experienced coaches, judges and officials with members interested in learning more about coaching or officiating at local competitions and State Championships encouraged to attend. Competitors interested in gaining new skills are also welcome to attend.

On the day there will also be a workshop on conducting safety checks on hoses and other competition equipment, members attending are encouraged to bring along their own equipment to learn how to check it if they would like to participate in this workshop.

More information can be found on the attached flyer and RSVP's can be emailed to championships@vfbv.com.au by Monday 16th January 2023.

d) 2023 State Championship Dates

The 2023 State Urban Junior Championship will be held on the weekend of 18 and 19 March 2023 in Mooroopna.

The 2023 State Urban Senior Championship will be held in conjunction with the State Rural Championships on the weekend of 25 and 26 March 2023 in Mooroopna.

2023 will also mark 150 years since the first Torchlight Procession was held in the streets of Melbourne.

e) Expression of Interest – Trophy Coordinator and Deputy for Urban Championships

The Committee are seeking Expressions of Interest from members who would be interested in taking on the role of Trophy Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator for the Urban State Championships.

The role entails sorting and organisation of station trophies, medallions and perpetual trophies on the Friday prior to the Urban Junior Championship, liaising with trophy sponsors and presenters across the weekend and ensuring trophies are ready for presentation at the completion of each event and for the closing ceremonies.

The current trophy coordinator is willing to mentor a new trophy coordinator at next years championships to enable a smooth handover. Interested members should forward their EOI to championships@vfbv.com.au by Sunday 19th February 2023 for consideration by the Committee.

f) Expression of Interest – State Championship Recording team

The Recording team at the State Championships are seeking additional members willing to be trained in how to record results in Excel at the State Championships and to take on this role from a member who seeking to step back from this role. The Recording team is also looking for new members who are interested in being part of the general recording team. Training will be provided at the 2023 State Championships for any members who wish to take on this role.

If you are interested in taking on this role, being involved in the recording team or want more information, please contact championships@vfbv.com.au by Sunday 19th February 2023 with your expressions of interest.

g) Updated Rule Book

A reminder that an updated rule book is available for download from the VFBV website, the update includes the inclusion of rules for the new Striking One Disc Twice with Removable Back Cap – Four Competitors event for B Section brigades. Download the rule book from: tinyurl.com/urban-champs

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

h) 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.

i) 2022/2023 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2022/23 season can be downloaded from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

Rob Waterson AFSM

Chair, Competition and Rules Committee



Urban Competition Coaches & Officials Skills Workshop

NEW DATE: Sunday 22nd January 2023
9.30am, Bendigo Competition Track

A Judges and Officials Skills Workshop for Urban Competitions will be conducted and facilitated by experienced Judges, Officials and Coaches, with all brigades encouraged to attend. The workshops are targeted at members who are interested in gaining skills to assist in the officiating of local competitions and the State Championships as well as current and prospective team coaches to gain new skills. Current and future competitors are also welcome to attend to learn from experienced coaches and competitors

Judge and Officials Workshop

Judges and Officials workshops will cover skills in the following roles:

Judge in the box * Announcers * On track judging
Starters * Recorders * Marshalling Officers *
Track Masters and Track Marshalling * Ladder Catcher

Coaching Workshop

Coaching and competitor workshops will cover skills in the following areas:

Use of the tray in B Section events * Rolling on *
Safety of competitors * How to run various events * Skills and fitness
Appliance Events * Marshall Events * Junior Events * Hose checks & safety



RSVP: to the VFBV Office championships@vfbv.com.au or (03) 9886 1141

By 16th January 2023

for catering purposes (including any dietary requirements)

