

MEMORANDUM

TO: Urban Competition Brigades
Competition Associations

DATE: December 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 for the 2025/26 Competition season.

a) 2026 State Championship Entries – Stawell

Junior Championship	Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March 2026
Senior Championship	Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March 2026

Entries are now open for the 2026 State Championships and will close on Sunday 15th February 2026, entries will once again be collected electronically. The brigade member responsible for completing the respective entry form should use the links below to register your team for the State Championships.

Junior Entry form: tinyurl.com/2026-urban-junior

Senior entry form: tinyurl.com/2026-urban-senior



Please complete the above forms ASAP if your Brigade intends to enter a team in the 2026 State Championships.

Following completion of the above forms a second form will be sent to you early next year which will collect the following information:

- Competitor names and CFA Member numbers (for all competitors)
- Parent/Guardian contact information for members under 18
- The events that each competitor is competing in

Entry fees: VFBV have waived the entry fees for the 2026 State Championships to encourage participation.

b) Member registration

New members: Brigades should commence the new member registration process ASAP to enable them to be registered to compete in both local competitions and the State Championships.

The new member registration process via the Volunteer Recruitment Hub takes longer than the old processes and needs to be started well in advance of the Championships to ensure that members are registered before competing. VFBV has no control over this process and CFA will not authorise competitors who have not completed this to compete at the State Championships.

To register a new member please visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/apply-to-volunteer>

c) Combined Teams and Borrowing Competitors from Non-Competing Brigades

All teams entering the State Championships (Junior and Senior) are reminded of the rules in relation to combined teams and borrowing competitors from non-competing brigades. The process as outlined in the Rule Book for *Rule 6. Combined Teams* and *Rule 7. Borrowing a Competitor* must be followed.

Any requests can be forwarded to championships@vfbv.com.au with permission from both brigades involved to be provided.

d) Number of competitors required to enter two or more teams in the State Championships

Senior

Per Rule 1 (d) a minimum of 10 competitors is required to enter two teams in the State Championship. 'Team A' should be filled with 6 competitors with the remaining competitors making up 'Team B'. Teams also need to adhere to *Rule 7. Borrowing a Competitor Senior State Championships* which indicates that a borrowed competitor can not be used in 'Team A' without the written approval of the Association.

Junior

Per Rule 3 (e) a minimum of seven competitors is required in the respective age group to enter two teams and a minimum of 11 competitors is required to enter three teams. Teams need to adhere to *Rule 7. Borrowing a Competitor Junior State Championships* which indicates that a borrowed competitor can not be used in 'Team A' where a brigade has two teams.

e) 2026 State Championship Judge and Official Nominations

Judge and Official nominations are now open and will close on Sunday 15th February 2026. To nominate as a judge or official for either or both of the 2026 State Championships, please complete the nomination form online: tinyurl.com/2026-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.

Female aggregate: Any team entering the Female Aggregate events at the Senior Championship is also required to provide one additional non-competing member to act as a judge or official at the Senior Championship.

First Aid: we are seeking additional First Aid officials for both weekends. If you are willing to assist, please complete the judge nomination form and email a copy of your first aid qualifications to championships@vfbv.com.au

Working with Children Clearance: All Judges and Officials for the State Championships are required to have a valid Working with Children Clearance and to have registered VFBV as an organisation that they are working with. Further details on how to apply for a Working with Children Clearance or to update a current Working with Children Clearance can be found on the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

f) Updated Rule Book

A reminder that an updated rule book is available for download from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs. The October 2025 updates includes changes to alteration to the number of competitors required to enter two teams at the Senior Championship; amendment to borrowing rules for the Senior Championship; alteration to the points allocations for the Senior Championship; insertion of new rules relating to the female section events; and insertion of new rules for the Y Coupling 6 Competitors event.

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

g) 2025/2026 Competition Season

A list of approved local competitions for the 2025/26 season is attached and can be downloaded from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

h) Female Section Events

Rules have been inserted in the rule book covering the Female aggregate events and borrowing. Brigades with female competitors should familiarise themselves with *Rule 7. Borrowing a Competitor – Senior State Championship* and *Rule 10A. Female Section Events*

i) Torchlight Procession

The Torchlight Procession will again take place on Saturday 28 March 2026 as part of the Urban Senior Championship. The Procession will commence at 2030 hours in Stawell.

Squad Size: the minimum number of marchers is 6 members plus a Commander and the maximum number of marchers is 15 plus a Commander. Any teams with more than the permitted maximum and less than the permitted minimum can enter, but will have points deducted from their scores.

Dress: the preferred dress is CFA Dress Uniform. If brigades are unable to outfit their squad in Dress Uniforms, CFA Workwear, brigade specific uniform with a CFA baseball cap or CFA summer dress uniform can be worn. All members of the squad must wear the same apparel.

LED Torches: LED torches will again be supplied by CFA for the Torchlight Procession. Please ensure that you accurately note the number of members requiring a torch on your entry form.

j) Schedule of Events – Urban Senior Championship

Following the changes made to events at the Urban Senior Championship, changes have been made to the event schedule. Below is the proposed schedule of events:

Saturday	Sunday
1. Ladder Race (two entries)	19. Hydrant Race (two entries)
2. B Section Hose and Ladder Fives	20. Female Hydrant Race
3. A Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors	21. B Section Hose and Reel Sixes
4. A Section Hose and Ladder Fives	22. A Section Marshall, Two Competitors (two entries)
5. Female Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors	23. Female Section Hose, Hydrant and Pumper
6. B Section Pumper and Ladder	24. A Section Hose and Reel Sixes
7. Female Section Y Coupling, Two Competitors	25. Female Section Marshall, Two Competitors
8. A Section Pumper and Ladder	26. B Section Hose, Hydrant and Pumper
9. B Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors	27. Female Section Wet Host Striking One Disc Twice
10. Female Section Hydrant and Tanker	28. B Section Marshall, Two Competitors (two entries)
11. B Section Y Coupling, Six Competitors	29. A Section Hose, Hydrant and Pumper
12. A Section Marshall, One Competitor (two entries)	30. A Section Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice
13. A Section Y Coupling, Six Competitors	31. B Section Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice
14. Female Section Marshall, One Competitor	32. Champion Fours
15. B Section Hydrant and Tanker	<i>Challenge Events</i>
16. B Section Marshall, One Competitor (Two entries)	
17. A Section Hydrant and Tanker	
18. Female Section Wet Hose Two Competitors	

k) New Y Coupling 6 Competitors Event

A reminder that this is a new event that has been inserted in the program for the Senior Championship. Rules for the event can be found in the updated rule book and a suggested way of running the event is available in the October 2025 Memo to competing brigades (available from tinyurl.com/urban-champs). A video of the event has also been uploaded to VFBV's Championships Facebook page www.facebook.com/vfbvchamps

l) VFBV Championships Facebook Page

Information related to the Championships will also be posted on VFBV's Championships Facebook page in the lead up to the State Championships www.facebook.com/vfbvchamps

Steven Ellis

Chair, Urban Competition and Rules Committee

2025/2026 URBAN COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Organisation	Day	Date	Month	Location	Time	Senior/Junior	Contact Person	Phone
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	8	Nov	Melton	1230	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	16	Nov	Kerang	0930	Junior	Greg Murphy	0429 955 122
District 17	Sun	23	Nov	Warracknabeal	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Greater Midlands FB Assoc. (incl Judges school)	Sat	29	Nov	Bendigo	0900	Junior/Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	29	Nov	Sale	1015	Junior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	29	Nov	Horsham	1300	Junior/Senior	David Hornsby	0408 053 653
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	7	Dec	Kyneton	0930	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc. (incl Coaches workshop)	Sat	13	Dec	Echuca	0900	Seniors	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Combined Gippsland (Training Day)	Sat	13	Dec	Sale	1015	Junior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	17	Jan	Colac	0900	Junior/Senior	Andrew Bath	0419 557 439
Combined East Central FB Assoc.	Sat	17	Jan	Hallam	0900	Junior/Senior	David Baptist	0459 283 174
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	17	Jan	Swan Hill	1000	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	18	Jan	Swan Hill	1000	Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Combined Gippsland (South Eastern)	Sat	31	Jan	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	31	Jan	Bendigo	0900	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	1	Feb	Bendigo	0900	Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
District 17	Sun	1	Feb	TBA	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131

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GMFBCA and WDFBA	Sat	7	Feb	Stawell	0900	Junior	Malcolm Bishop	0407 041 365
GMFBCA and WDFBA	Sun	8	Feb	Stawell	0900	Senior	Malcolm Bishop	0407 041 365
Combined Gippsland (Gippsland)	Sat	14	Feb	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	14	Feb	Osborne Park	0900	Junior/Senior	Terry Mann	0412 516 184
Combined East Central	Sat	21	Feb	Hallam	0900	Junior/Senior	David Baptist	0459 283 174
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	21	Feb	Warrnambool	0900	Junior	Tom Woodhams	0406 778 692
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	21	Feb	Tatura	0900	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	22	Feb	Tatura	0900	Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	22	Feb	Warrnambool	0900	Junior/Senior	Tom Woodhams	0406 778 692
Eastern Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	28	Feb	Morwell	0900	Junior/Senior	Brad Miller	0400 876 325
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	28	Feb	Melton	0930	Junior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sun	1	Mar	Melton	0900	Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
District 17	Sun	1	Mar	Horsham	0900	Junior/Senior	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Greater Midlands FB Assoc.	Sat	14	Mar	Echuca	0900	Junior/Senior	Brendan Jilbert	0438 516 458
Western Districts FB Assoc.	Sat	14	Mar	Hamilton	1300	Junior/Senior	Nathan Appledore	0448 186 904
Combined Gippsland (Eastern Zone)	Sat	14	Mar	Traralgon	0900	Junior/Senior	Helen White	0428 329 233

2026 State Championships

Urban Junior State Championship	21 st & 22 nd March 2026, Stawell
Urban Senior State Championship	28 th & 29 th March 2026, Stawell
Rural Senior State Championship	28 th March 2026, Stawell
Rural Junior State Championship	29 th March 2026, Stawell