

SPECIAL NOTICE

2 March 2026

53rd STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP at STAWELL

SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd MARCH, 2026

This special notice is circulated to all brigades who will be competing in the 2026 State Urban Junior Championship for the attention of:

- Brigade members appointed as Officials and Judges
- Brigade Coach/es
- Brigade Officer or Member in charge of the Junior competitors.

ACCESS TO COMPETITION VENUE

Please note that there is no access to the track and grounds prior to 3pm on Friday.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS & JUDGES

List of Officials and Judges appointed for the Junior Championships is attached.

There is still a need for additional members to assist with judge and official roles throughout the weekend. Please contact the VFBV office on (03) 9886 1141 or championships@vfbv.com.au ASAP if you are able to assist as a judge or official at the Junior Championship.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

Please remind all Officials and Judges of VFBV's requirement to have a current WWCC card for the State Championships, Juniors and Seniors, with VFBV registered as an organisation. If members need information of how to apply for a new WWCC or update their existing WWCC to add VFBV as an additional organisation, they can contact the VFBV office.

All competing Brigades are required to nominate as a minimum, Two non competing members to act as Judges. Where a Brigade has more than one Team competing, for every additional Team, one extra Judge is required to be nominated. Failure to nominate the required number of Judges may result in the Brigade being disqualified from competing in a track event.

OFFICIALS & JUDGES

Officials and Judges are requested to report to the OIC of Judges' office at the Competition Track between 1600 and 1700 hours on the Friday afternoon. Alternatively, Officials can report to the OIC of Judges on Saturday morning before or following the Official Opening. This ensures their presence is recorded, to enable the OIC of Judges to allocate members to the event Rosters. Officials are requested to regularly check the appointment board at the Chairman of Judges Office to see when they are rostered, to enable events to get underway on schedule.

Officials and Judges are requested to be in attendance at the plug line at the conclusion of the event prior to their appointed event, to register with the OIC Judges and be provided with any information required.

VFBV Dress Guidelines for Officials & Judges:

The Dress Guidelines, with CFA summer uniform being the preferred option, are:

1. Track Masters, Track Marshalls and Marshalling Officers are required to wear CFA summer uniform on Saturday and can wear CFA Workwear on Sunday;
2. All other Officials & Judges are required to wear either:
 - CFA summer uniform;
 - CFA Workwear; or
 - VFBV alternative dress polo & shorts (colour of enclosed shoes and socks optional);– but not a combination of.

DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR:

The Officer in Charge of each Junior Brigade is responsible for the discipline and behaviour of the attending members at all times. VFBV asks for the co-operation of the Brigade Officers and Officer in Charge to ensure that recognised standards of discipline and behaviour are observed. Initiation practices or behaviour are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at the risk of disqualification from the Championship or future Championships.

Senior members of Brigades are asked to observe the established standard that consumption of alcohol on or in the vicinity of the competition tracks, Opening Parade or at the Presentation Ceremony is not permitted. Co-operation of senior members would be appreciated at the State Junior Championship.

Please note that under state legislation and local Council policy, smoking is not permitted within the Championship grounds. All Brigade members and spectators are requested to please observe the No Smoking requirement.

MEETING OF TEAM COACHES WITH CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATORS

A meeting of team coaches with Championship Co-ordinator and Track Masters will take place on the main track following the Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning. If all teams can ensure their coaches are represented at the meeting.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The order of events are attached and to be noted, that ROLL CALL for Brigades on Saturday is at 0845 hours for the commencement of the Opening Parade at 0900 hours, and Sunday at 0845 hours with events on both tracks to commence at 0900 hours. Events will continue through the lunch period on each day to assist with finishing at a reasonable time. Officials and competitors to take lunch break as their rostered events allow.

Please note that the start time for each day has been changed to 0900 hours.

OPENING PARADE

For the Opening Parade, Brigades will be lined up in two sections in a random order, as per the attached list. Junior Brigades to line up in the assembly area in the open area behind the Marshall Track, in the order as listed. On Occupational Health grounds, the Association has approved competitors wearing hats during the Opening Parade subject to the following conditions:

- (a) hats must incorporate brims to protect the entire head,
- (b) the same style and colour of hat being worn by all members of the respective team,
- (c) baseball caps not being approved.

CHIEF OFFICER CHALLENGE EVENT

The Chief Officer's Challenge event will be conducted following the conclusion of Event 18 Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice Under 17 years. The Chief Officer's Challenge is where the Chief's Chargers team will compete against the team who won Event 18. This event was previously held the following weekend at the Urban Senior Championship.

SAFETY CO-ORDINATORS

In continuing the emphasis on Occupational Health and Safety at competitions and Championships, Safety Co-ordinators are appointed to oversee all safety related aspects both on the competition track and within the grounds. If brigades have any safety concerns, they should be reported to the VFBV office.

INFORMATION FOR BRIGADE COACHES

The conduct of all events shall be in accord with the Association's Urban Competition Conditions & Rules as prescribed in the 2025 Rule Book, available from the VFBV website tinyurl.com/urban-champs

Coaches should take care that Rules governing:

- Age of Junior competitors for the two age groups (Rule 5),
- Eligibility to enter more than one team (Rule 3(e)), &
- Borrowing of competitors at State Junior Championships (Rule 7),

are fully observed as any infringement shall be liable for Brigade disqualification.

Please note the requirement for Brigades with more than one team, that a borrowed competitor cannot be used in Team A where a Brigade has two teams, or in Team A or Team B where a Brigade enters three teams, without the approval of the Association. The same rationale applies where a Brigade enters more than three teams.

Wristbands for competitors: Where brigades have more than one team entered, the competitors will be required to wear a wrist band indicating which team they are part of. Coaches for brigades entering more than one team should attend the VFBV office to obtain wrist bands for their competitors on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If required replacement wrist bands can be issued on Sunday.

HYDRANTS & TESTING OF WATER

It is compulsory for all Junior teams to use VFBV hydrants for all wet events.

Brigade hydrants to be used in the Hydrant Race must be weighed, checked and sealed on Friday afternoon between 1500 hours and 1700 hours, or on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 0800 hours and 0830 hours.

Please note that access to the track grounds prior to 3pm is not permitted.

The timing of the water will take place prior to 0815 hours on each day of the Championship. The times to be announced following each test.

AGE SECTIONS

Coaches should ensure that:

- 1) The Brigade is affiliated with VFBV, Junior competitors must be registered with CFA, and competitors aged 16 years or over must be registered with CFA as Senior members of their Brigade, prior to competing.
- 2) Under 14 Years: Juniors shall be aged 11 years, and to be under 14 years on the 1st October 2025 eg. born between 2nd October 2011 and 21st March 2015.
- 3) Under 17 Years: Junior and Brigade members shall be aged 11 years, and be under 17 years on the 1st October 2025 eg. born between 2nd October 2008 and 21st March 2015.

Names and details of all competitors is required to be completed in the Team Sheet entry form prior to the State Junior Championship, including contact details for a parent/guardian of each competitor who will then be forwarded consent forms for their child. No competitor is able to compete unless they were listed on the brigade's entry form when completed in early March.

Also to be included in the Entry and Registration form is which events each competitor is competing in. Should this change prior to the Championship or on the day, this can be amended using the online. Coaches are requested to ensure that any change is made well prior to the relevant event/s commencing. The purpose of listing in which events the Juniors compete in, is for VFBV to identify the names of placegetters for announcing at the Trophy Presentations.

Hydrant Race competitors: Teams are requested to ensure that they have indicated on their entry forms which of their competitors are the first and second entries in both Event 1 – Hydrant Race, One Competitor – Under 14 Years and Event 12 – Hydrant Race, One Competitor – Under 17 Years.

DRAINING OF HOSES

For every event where hoses are used, the Competition and Rules Committee request that all competitors after they have run, be expected to assist with the draining of the hoses and help set up, in readiness for the next heat. Judges rostered on for that event will assist the competitors where required.

COMPETITION DRESS (FOOTWEAR)

Coaches and team managers are requested to ensure that all competitors are wearing appropriate athletic footwear when competing for occupational health and safety reasons.

SCRATCHING FROM EVENTS

With the procedure of accepting entry of Brigades in all events, the cooperation of coaches is sought, and if the brigade will not be competing in an event or events, a scratching form should be completed at the VFBV office at Stawell in ample time prior to the event. Brigade competitors when not in attendance when called by the Marshalling Officer to participate in an event, will be disqualified.

PROTESTS

Official Protest Forms will be available from the VFBV office at Stawell and only these forms will be recognised. Any Brigade intending to lodge a protest must first inform the officiating Track Master of their intent **within five minutes** of the completion of their run and report to the VFBV office **within 10 minutes** of the completion of the run.

The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final without appeal; and if the protest is dismissed or deemed by the Committee to be frivolous, the Brigade shall forfeit the deposit.

Where a Protest is upheld and the Brigade was competing in pairs, unless exceptional circumstances exist, the announced winner of the heat will not run in the next round or final (unless included in the fastest losing teams).

Brigades are advised that unacceptable behaviour by any Coach or Brigade member will not be tolerated, and that the Committee will look seriously at consequences for any bad behaviour or sportsmanship following the outcome of a Brigade's Protest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BBQ LUNCH: CFA is funding a BBQ lunch for Junior competitors on the **Saturday**, and all Junior competitors will be provided with a voucher to obtain their free lunch from within the grounds. **Please note the change of day for the BBQ lunch.** Vouchers for the BBQ lunch will be available on Saturday morning for collection from the CFA Youth Pathway's Team located near the VFBV tent.

MEALS: Breakfast will be available for purchase at the track each day of the Championship. Food trucks including take away foods, soft drinks, ice cream etc. will be available throughout the weekend.

PARKING:

- Street parking is available within a one block radius of North Park Reserve
- Accessible permit parking is located within the Newington Road closure
- Parking is not permitted in the Aquatic Centre or Tennis Centre car parks
- Bus parking and a designated drop-off loop is located at the Lamont Street entrance to the reserve
- Brigades dropping off reels to the competition venue will be able to access the grounds via Newington Road

BRIGADE SHADES NEAR TRACK: Limited shade awnings will be provided for brigades on a first-come, first served basis. Brigade awnings will be permitted in designated areas along the track and should not exceed 6mx6m. They should be secured using pegs (max 150mm) or appropriate weights. All structures should be properly secured at all times and should not obstruct the view of other brigades.

Brigades are responsible for securing awnings overnight, and are required:

- To remove covers of awnings at the completion of each day's events;
- To have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket on hand if using a BBQ in their shade area.

TEAM ENTRY FEES: The VFBV Board have waived entry fees for this year's State Championships to encourage participation in the Championships by new teams.

EVENT CONTROL CENTRE: Throughout the weekend the Event Control Centre can be contacted on 0461 333 645 to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Travel reimbursement for competing brigades must be submitted to CFA by midnight **Sunday 3rd May 2026**. Travel claims can be completed online here tinyurl.com/2026-travel-claim or by completing and returning the form attached to this memo. Any claims submitted after Sunday 3rd May will not be accepted by CFA so please do not delay in returning your claim form.

BUS TRAVEL

A reminder to brigades if they are wishing to claim for bus travel to the State Championship this must be approved by CFA prior to the Championship, please contact championships@cfa.vic.gov.au to seek approval for the use of buses.

CFA YOUTH FORUM

Are you aged 11-17? The Youth forum is your time to meet the Leaders of the CFA, and let us know all about what it's like to be a young person volunteering with CFA.

Do you have questions about becoming a firefighter? Want to learn about CFA pathways? Do you want to chat with CFA's leaders about the future of CFA? Come along with your friends and get involved!

The Youth Forum will be held in Football Club Pavillion on Saturday 21 March 2026 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

For further information reach out to CFA's Youth and Young Adults team at the Championship.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Presentation of individual and station trophies for each event will take place on the relevant competition track, at the conclusion of each event or the next day as advised at the start of each event. Could coaches please make sure that placed competitors are ready for the presentation ceremony immediately the event concludes.

Presentation of the Aggregate Trophies will be presented on the Main Track following counting of aggregate points at the conclusion of the final event. Senior Members and Junior Members to be presented with Aggregate trophies are asked to be in full dress uniform, competition dress or in brigade official tracksuits for the presentation, which will include with an address by the VFBV State President.

Conditions of Acceptance of Entry: responsibility of brigades accepting perpetual trophies

It is a '*Condition of Acceptance of Entry*' for all VFBV Championships, that Brigades by entering to compete, accept the responsibility to maintain, repair and engrave any Perpetual Trophy presented as a result of their success; and that any damage suffered to a Perpetual Trophy while in the possession of the Brigade is made good at the Brigade's cost and in time for return to VFBV for the following year's State Championships; and that failure to comply:

- (a) VFBV will have repairs undertaken and engraving in lieu of the work obligated to the '*Trophy Holding Brigade*' and will invoice the Brigade for the costs incurred in carrying out this work;
- (b) Failure to reimburse VFBV for works associated with (a) above, would result in the refusal to accept that Brigade's nomination for future State Championship events where such failure to meet their obligations ignores the '*Condition of Acceptance of Entry*' .

STEVEN ELLIS

Chair, Competition & Rules Committee

STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

COMMENCES AT 0900 HOURS

OFFICIALS TO REPORT IN AT 0830 HOURS

ROLL CALL OF BRIGADES (for Opening Parade) 0845 HOURS

OPENING PARADE – COMMENCES AT 0900 HOURS

Official Opening

Event 1	Hydrant Race – One Competitor, Under 14 Years
Event 2	Y Coupling – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 3	Wet Hose Striking Second Disc – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 4	Y Coupling – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 5	Wet Hose Striking First & Second Discs – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 6	Marshall – One Competitor, Under 14 Years
Event 7	Wet Hose Striking First & Second Discs – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 8	Marshall – One Competitor, Under 17 Years
Event 9	Wet Hose – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 10	Marshall – Two Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 11	Wet Hose -Two Competitors, Under 14 Years

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

COMMENCES AT 0900 HOURS

OFFICIALS TO REPORT IN AT 0830 HOURS

ROLL CALL BRIGADES (for Events 12 & 13) AT 0845 HOURS

Event 12	Hydrant Race – One Competitor, Under 17 Years
Event 13	Y Coupling – Two Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 14	Wet Hose Striking Second Disc – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 15	Y Coupling – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 16	Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice – Four Competitors, Under 14 Years
Event 17	Marshall – Two Competitors, Under 17 Years
Event 18	Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice – Four Competitors, Under 17 Years
	<i>Chief Officer Challenge Event</i>

TESTING OF HYDRANTS: Hydrants will be weighed, tested, sealed and officially recorded on Friday between 1500 and 1700 hours; Saturday between 0800 and 0830 hours; and Sunday between 0800 and 0830 hours. **There is no access to the track and grounds prior to 3pm on Friday.**

TESTING OF WATER: The water shall be tested prior to 0815 hours on each day of the Championship. The times will be announced following each water test.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES: Presentation of aggregate trophies will take place on the main track at the conclusion of Sunday's final event. Presentation of individual and station trophies to take place on the relevant track, at the conclusion of each event or the next day as advised at the start of each event.

FILMING: VFBV and CFA reserve the right to carry out filming/photography of events during the Championship in order to be used in promotional materials. As filming will occur in a public place, waivers are not required, however if any guest or competitor does not specifically wish to be filmed, please visit the VFBV tent.

2026 STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETING TEAMS

48	Ararat	231	Melton A
31	Colac	231	Melton B
52	Creswick	231	Melton C
15	Echuca A	240	Rowville
15	Echuca B	32	Sale
67	Euroa	55	Swan Hill A
331	Eynesbury A	55	Swan Hill B
331	Eynesbury B	55	Swan Hill C
202	Gisborne	224	Upwey A
253	Grovedale A	224	Upwey B
253	Grovedale B	49	Wangaratta
28	Hamilton	27	Warracknabeal A
236	Hoppers Crossing A	27	Warracknabeal B
236	Hoppers Crossing B	128	Wendouree
24	Horsham	130	Werribee A
7	Kyneton	130	Werribee B
132	Maffra		

OPENING PARADE

BRIGADES ROLL CALL: 0845 hours
TO COMMENCE MARCH: 0900 hours

ORDER OF MARCH

GROUP 1

Wangaratta
Hamilton
Gisborne
Horsham
Hoppers Crossing
Werribee
Warracknabeal
Colac
Melton
Wendouree
Echuca

GROUP 2

Ararat
Eynesbury
Upwey
Euroa
Sale
Rowville
Swan Hill
Maffra
Kyneton
Grovedale
Creswick

2026 STATE URBAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP APPOINTED OFFICIALS & JUDGES

CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTIES

Steven Ellis – Creswick
Robert Waterson - Cohuna
Sean Brittan – Werribee
Peter Every – Wendouree

SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTY

Bruce Pickett – Geelong West
Robert Clark - Grovedale

TRACK MASTERS

Malcolm Bishop - Warrnambool
Harriet Foard – Kyneton
John Holland – Morwell
Harold Jochs – Swan Hill

Greg Murphy – Kerang
Anthony Rhodes – Melton
Rob Waterson

TRACK MARSHALLS

Mel Chappel – Dandenong
John Davies – Horsham
Peter Every – Wendouree

Jeff McEachern – Wodonga
Simon O’Callaghan – Echuca
Ron Shultz – Benalla

MARSHALLING OFFICERS

OIC Bruce Snell – Hamilton
DOIC – Stephen Harris

Adrian Bailey – Pakenham
Robyn Desmond – Dromana
Peter Hannan – Ararat
Shymma Harris - Pakenham
Jean Kelsey – Pakenham

Charlie Landsdown – Pakenham
Andrew MacDonald - Pakenham
Tyson Thompson – Euroa
Michael Ziersch – Horsham

STARTERS

Nathan Appledore – Hamilton
Stephen Ash - Kerang
Adam Browning – Kangaroo Flat
Bill Gordijn – Sale
Graeme Humphrey – Ararat

Robert Keith – Ararat
Thomas Meadows – Grovedale
Peter Quinn – Morwell
Philip Trifilo – Werribee

TIMEKEEPERS

OIC Ale Eenjes – Traralgon East

Ian Addicott – Echuca
Belinda Balaess – Swan Hill
Graeme Brew - Upwey
Jodi Dawson – Hoppers Crossing
Frank Eenjes – Traralgon
Gary Farrell – Castlemaine

Len Griffiths – Benalla
Frank Harris – Kangaroo Flat
Tahlia Pearce – Kyneton
Steve Phillips – Benalla
Julia Trethowan – Benalla
Michael Weiser – Grovedale

ANNOUNCERS

OIC Timothy Desmond – Dromana

Clare Murphy – Kerang
Julie Rhodes – Melton

Trevor Rickards – Melton
Joanne Steele – Melton

COMMUNICATIONS

OIC Jim Van Der Velden – The Basin

Matt Ahern
Barry Condick – Tarnagulla

Donna Maro – The Basin

RECORDERS

OIC Andrew Bath – Colac

DOIC Helen White – Narre Warren

Linda Becker – Echuca
Louise Black – Leongatha
Greg Greenwood – Maryborough
Vickie Linaker – The Basin
Don Lovison – Morwell
Nell Maro – The Basin

Samantha McKean – Narre Warren
Susan Mongelli – Pakenham
Jason Stone – Melton
Cheryl van der Velden- The Basin
Kerri Winsall – Belmont

JUDGES

OIC Darryl Wagstaff – Maryborough

DOIC Peter White – Casterton

DOIC Phil Slender – Tatura

Forad Ali – Hoppers Crossing
Rod Bates – Maffra
Terry Becker – Echuca
Lauren Brayshaw – Rowville
Kim Briggs – Eynesbury
Clive Brooks – Kyneton
Bayley Charalambous – Morwell
Scott Clarke – Melton
Jess Cockerill-Wright - Junortoun
Joshua Deakin – Werribee
Heath French – South Wangaratta
Bella Gluskie – Rowville
Rennie Hannan - Ararat
Bruce Harker- Gisborne
Jacqui Heenan – Hoppers Crossing
Ron Hooper – Echuca
Ian Hubble – Maryborough
Brendan Jilbert – Swan Hill
David Jones – Wendouree
Warren Johnston – Horsham
Dallas Knights – Sale

Bill Maltby – Castlemaine
David McLarty – Seymour
Belinda Middlebrook – Eynesbury
Terry Miller – Maryvale
Dwayne Millington – Melton
Matthew Monck – Sale
Daniel Moylan – Echuca
Colin Newell – Warracknabeal
Anthony Passalick – Maryborough
Cody Polack – Warracknabeal
Annabelle Radford – Rowville
Andrew Richards – Warracknabeal
Kasey Schoenmaekers – Tinambra
Leon Schoenmaekers – Tinambra
John Seymour – Wangaratta
Royce Sharp – Wangaratta
Stephanie Sharp – Kyneton
Tristian Smith – Kyneton
Tim Welshe – Diggers Rest
Jaxon Winsall – Grovedale

FIRST AID OFFICERS

OIC Marc Leitch – Melton

Glenn Charteris – Geelong West
Danielle Cooke – Melton
James Gluskie - Montrose
Daniel Harrison- Melton

Peter Patterson – Swan Hill
Cathryn Portelli – Kyneton
Kate Wills – Horsham

TROPHIES

Julie Britten – Cohuna
Kayla Manning – Daylesford

Bill Rodda – Korumburra

CFA-VFBV State Firefighter Championships 2026



North Park Reserve - Stawell

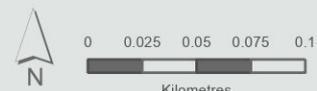


Legend	
	Pedestrian Entry Point
	First Aid
	Bus Parking
	Drop off Zone
	ECC
	Echelon
	FEM
	Marshall Track
	No Parking
	Pumper Track
	Road Closed - VIP and Accessible Permit Parking
	Rural Track
	Urban Main Track
	Urban Roll On
	VFBV Admin

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