



Junior Update

August 2020

Welcome to the Junior Reserve Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Association information update for 2020. The purpose of this update is to provide information to Junior coaches in preparation for the State Championships on the 28th November and 29th November 2020.

Junior State Championships

At this stage it is intended to hold the Championships at its usual time of the last weekend in November. Final approval from DFES is still to be sought, however, given that many sports have resumed after the Covid-19 restrictions, unless we experience a second wave the Championships should be able to go ahead. However, there will be some changes. The Junior Reserve Committee are currently working on a Covid-19 plan for the Championships in respect to hygiene, physical distancing, etc. Brigades will be made well aware of these prior to the Championships. There will be a need for sanitisation of gear and the lining up for events will be slightly different. Also our judges need to be looked after.

Nomination Fees

At the last Competition Management Committee meeting in July it was proposed by the Junior Reserve Committee to change the nomination fee for this year's Championships. The Junior Reserve Committee have reviewed their funds and believe that they have sufficient funds for the purchase of any new equipment that may be required in the near future. They recommended that for 2020 the nomination fee be \$165 (\$150 fee plus \$15 GST) per brigade.

While speaking of nominations, the Nomination Form will be sent out to brigades in September. They will be due back to the Association by the **1st November 2020**. Please make sure that your brigade adheres to this date as any late nominations create difficulties in the programming and organisation of the Championships.

Dress for Junior Competitors

Coaches are reminded that long white trousers are to be worn by all Junior competitors. If a Brigade wishes to wear different coloured long trousers they must apply to the Association for permission.

Junior Registrations

Brigades should check with their AO/DO and obtain a list of all their registered juniors. Check that the list is up to date and ensure that all new junior competitors are registered prior to the State Championships. Note that last year a few brigades found that due to changes in AO's/DO's some of the application forms for new members had not been processed.

Working with Children Check (WWC)

Brigades are reminded that by DFES Policy (check this policy on the Volunteer Hub as it has a checklist for the guidelines of who requires a WWC Card) brigade personnel coaching Juniors or helping out with Juniors need to have a Working with Children card. The Application Forms for this check may be obtained from an Australian Post Office Shop. Remember to apply for a card as a volunteer. A person from your brigade will need to complete the relevant section on the form. The cost of the card may be recouped from DFES through your brigade. Usually it takes a couple of weeks for the card to come through. In the interim period the copy of the form with the receipt attached that is given to you is acceptable as proof that you have applied for a card.

Please check the DFES Portal for the latest guidelines.

Rule Changes that will apply for the 2020 Junior Competitions

At this stage there are two rules to note for the Championships.

Two Competitor Wet Hose Event Sub Juniors

At the 2019 Championships the shifting of the first coupling in the Two Competitor Wet Hose Event for Sub Juniors to the box at the 21.336 metre (70 Ft) line used in the Wet Disabled Hose Event was trialled and worked very well in eliminating the safety issues associated with competitors and judges that had occurred previously. This change will be adopted permanently.

Hoses for the Junior Wet Hose Events

The red 38 mm service hoses for the Junior Wet Events were used at the 2019 Championships. At the Junior AGM feedback about the use of these hoses was asked for. Comments at that time were positive. The President also requested if anyone had further feedback to contact him. No further feedback has been received. Given the apparent success of the hoses in 2019 the red service hoses will again be used at the 2020 Championships

Note that the Sub Juniors will continue to use the 38 mm canvas hoses.

Brigades are able to continue to train with the canvas hoses that they already have but will need to note that the water will go through the red hoses slightly quicker.

Opening Ceremony and March

The Inspection, March and Opening Ceremony will be reviewed from a Covid-19 perspective and brigades will be advised as to the format for 2020.

Junior Reserve Committee AGM

The 2020 Junior AGM will be held at the conclusion of events on Saturday 28th November 2020.

Parking

Brigades are reminded to park buses and cars in the designated parking area at the Traffic Bridge end of the oval.

Inclement Weather Policy

The Competition Management Committee are in the process of finalising an Inclement Weather Policy that will apply to all competitions, both Junior and Senior. This Policy will cover all weather events that may impact upon a competition from extreme heat to thunderstorms.

Competition Management Committee August 2020