

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL RULES FOR COUNTRY COMPETITIONS 2017

Greater Valley, Horsham, Mt Gambier, Rich River & Warrnambool

TEAMS

1. If a Club has 6 - 7 pupils in an age group, they may compete without penalty, with those 6 - 7 pupils appearing in all items. If they add additional pupils for **some** items, they would incur a “5 point penalty” for any items with less than 8 competitors, **unless** those extra competitors are competing in another age group. (Remember – they cannot compete in 2 age groups in the **same** item, except Calisthenic Revue.)
2. If a Club registers 8 or more pupils in a section (with CVI), and any leave prior to a **Country Competition**, leaving that section with only 6 or 7 pupils, the Club must advise the Director of Competitions who will grant permission for the team to compete without penalty. Non-attendance or illness on the day of the Competition, which leaves the Club with less than 8 pupils, is not a reason for the Club to compete without penalty.
3. Where two divisions are combined at a competition the team in the lowest grading will receive a 1 point bonus. i.e. Division 2 & 3 teams combined, the items of the Division 3 teams 1 point will be added to their total by the adjudicator. This does not apply to Tinies sections. Permission must be sought from CVI to combine more than 3 Grades.
4. Clubs must seek permission from CVI Competition Committee for any pupils to compete outside their age group, **except** where there is **no minimum age**.
5. Permission may be given for 14 year old pupils **in Country Clubs** to compete as Seniors if Clubs do not have enough Intermediates to form a competitive team.
6. Clubs from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong, who compete at Country Competitions, must abide by ACF Rules.
7. If a Club enters teams in at least one age group, they are permitted to enter soloists in any age group.

SOLOS

8. Pupil Skills Levels for soloists from **Country Clubs to compete in **Country Competitions****

8 years	Test 1
9 years	Test 2
10 & 11 years	Test 3
12 & 13 years	Grade 1
14 & 15 years	Grade 2
16 & 17 years & Over	Grade 3

Soloists from Country Clubs who do not meet the Skills requirement, may request an exemption in writing, from CVI Competition Committee.

9. Soloists from Country Clubs who compete in solos in Melbourne and Ballarat, must have the requisite Victorian Metropolitan Skills Levels.

10. Pupils from any Clubs in Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong who compete in Country Competitions must have the requisite Victorian Metropolitan Skills Levels. They will incur the following penalties at Country Competitions –

Open competitors	6 points
Open Reserve	4 points
Novice competitors	2 points

11. If enough soloists from Melbourne, Ballarat or Geelong Clubs (minimum of 3 in a section) enter Country Competitions, they should be adjudicated separately with only one award given.

12. If a Competition does not receive enough entries to run separate sections for each age group, we recommend sections are combined as follows: -

- 9 & 10 years
- 11 & 12 years
- 13 & 14 years (time limit would need to be 2 – 3½ minutes to cover both ages)
- 15 & 16 years
- 17 & 18 years

13. If only 1 entry is received in a particular age group e.g. 15 years, and none in 16 years, it is recommended the competitor be put in with the 13 & 14 year olds but with a 2 point penalty.