

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL RULES FOR COUNTRY COMPETITIONS 2018

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. ie 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 C.V.I. to combine more than 3 Grades.
4. Clubs must seek permission from C.VI. 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 A.C.F. Rules.
7. If a Club enters and **competes with 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 Metropolitan Skills Levels.

10. **Penalties**

- Where Novice & Open Competitors are combined at Country Solo Competitions, Competitors listed on the Country Solo Open Grading list will incur a **2 point deduction**.
- Competitors from Clubs in Melbourne, Ballarat or Geelong who compete in a COMBINED NOVICE/OPEN SECTION at Country Competitions will incur the following deductions:

Metro OPEN Competitors	4 points
Metro OPEN RESERVE Competitors	2 points
Metro NOVICE Competitors	0 points

No deductions will apply when running full Open sections.

- Country competitors who appear on the METRO GRADING LIST are subject to the same penalties as competitors from Clubs in Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong (as listed in above 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

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