

SPECIAL RULES FOR COUNTRY COMPETITIONS 2012

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

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. When multiple grades are combined, a graded scale of penalties will be applied by C.V.I. Director of Competitions to the higher graded Clubs. Permission must be sought from C.V.I. to combine more than 3 Grades.
4. Clubs must seek permission from C.V.I. 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, (as listed above), must abide by A.C.F. 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** (as listed above): -

11 years	Test 3
12 years	Grade 1
13 & 14 years	Grade 2
15 & 16 years	Prep 3
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, Ballarat or Geelong, must have the Metropolitan Skills Levels.
10. Pupils from any Clubs in Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong who compete in Country Competitions must have Metropolitan Skills Levels. They will incur the following penalties at Country Competitions –

Open competitors	6 points
Novice competitors	3 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 (time limit would need to be 1½ -3 mins to cover both ages)
 - 11 & 12 years
 - 13 & 14 years
 - 15 & 16 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 she be put in with the 13 & 14 year olds but with a 3 point penalty.