



Rhapsody First Responders Stair Climb – Categories and Gear Requirements

At the stair climb, a total of six categories are available. These include:

- Individual Urban Firefighters
- Team Urban Firefighters (3 persons)
- Individual Rural Firefighters
- Team Rural Firefighters (3 persons)
- Individual Emergency Services
- Team Emergency Services (3 persons)

Please see the gear requirements and other important details below for each category.

Category	Gear Requirements
<p>Individual or Team Urban Firefighter</p>	<p>Competitors are required to bring and compete in the following equipment. This equipment will NOT be provided for the competitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting helmet - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting bunker coat - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting bunker pants - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting gloves - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting boots - AUS/NZ Rural firefighting boots. - Nationally certified rural firefighter helmet. - Nationally certified rural overalls/two piece and gloves. <p>Note: Nomex Hoods will NOT be required for competition.</p> <p>Urban Firefighters: Turnout coat and pants must meet Australian standard AS/NZS AS 4967: 2019 (protective clothing for structural fire fighting) or NFPA 1971 standards or EU /EN standards, on protective gear for structural firefighting, and must not be altered for the</p>

	<p>competition in any way. It must also be worn correctly for the entire climb to make the climber eligible for race awards. Breathing Apparatus Masks will not be required. PPC MUST be clean</p> <p>The exception is that helmets may be custom painted.</p> <p>Any competitor who does not complete the course will not be given a placement in any category in the event.</p> <p>The event staff shall inspect the gear at the muster area prior to the competition and again at the start area immediately before starting the climb for compliance. They have the <u>authority to disallow any equipment or any competitor</u> that is not compliant. Competitors not able to secure approved equipment in a timely manner will either be removed from the event or deemed ineligible for category placement and prizes. This will be at the discretion of the event organisers.</p>
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Category	Gear Requirements
<p>Individual or Team Rural Firefighter</p>	<p>Competitors are required to bring and compete in the following equipment. This equipment will NOT be provided for the competitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting helmet - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting bunker coat - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting bunker pants - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting gloves - Nationally certified, Structural Firefighting boots - AUS/NZ Rural firefighting boots. - Nationally certified rural firefighter helmet. - Nationally certified rural overalls/two piece and gloves. <p>Note: Nomex Hoods will NOT be required for competition.</p> <p>Rural Firefighters: Protective clothing for wild land firefighting to be worn should be certified to AS/NZS 4824:2021 and must not be altered for the competition in any way. It must also be worn correctly for the entire climb to make the climber eligible for race awards. PPC MUST be clean.</p> <p>The exception is that helmets may be custom painted.</p>

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Category	Gear Requirements
<p>Individual or Team Emergency Services</p>	<p>This category includes all Queensland Police Service and Queensland Ambulance Service members and uniformed and non-uniformed personnel.</p> <p>As this category involves persons with different uniforms, participants may wear any form of athletic style clothing that they deem appropriate and comfortable.</p>

Rhapsody First Responders Stair Climb - Prizes

- Prizes will be awarded to the fastest individual male and female in each event category
- Prizes will be awarded to the fastest team of three in each event category
- The highest individual fundraising will be awarded for their efforts

(NB: To be eligible for prizes, event participants must be wearing their full personal protective clothing. In team categories, all members must participate on event day.)