

Branch Notes as at 14/07



- JSAR document is currently being reviewed by lifesaving teams
- Some slides are not complete as waiting on other updates (ie website).
- This PowerPoint can be tailored to the branch as required
- Practical Sessions – Branches are encouraged to bring in Subject Matter Experts (SME) to support with the sessions.
- Age Managers are also encouraged to attend this part of the session.
- IT Session – JACs can bring laptops with them and follow along.
- IT Session – SLSA is going to present an updated webinar, end of August/Start of September. Branches are still encouraged to go over this content with their JACS
- Parent Engagement Plan Worksheet in Folder
- RFID Video in Folder, able to be downloaded and added into PowerPoint

2026/27 Branch Junior Activities Pre-Season



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Firstly... THANK YOU



What Are We Aiming For from Nippers?

- All nippers of all abilities deserve to have an enjoyable time
- Develop a positive culture of participation and fun
- Create an enriching, educational and community focused program
- Develop a well-balanced program with a broad range of activities
- Your Nipper team needs to demonstrate a one club approach
- Include nipper parents and all members at every step

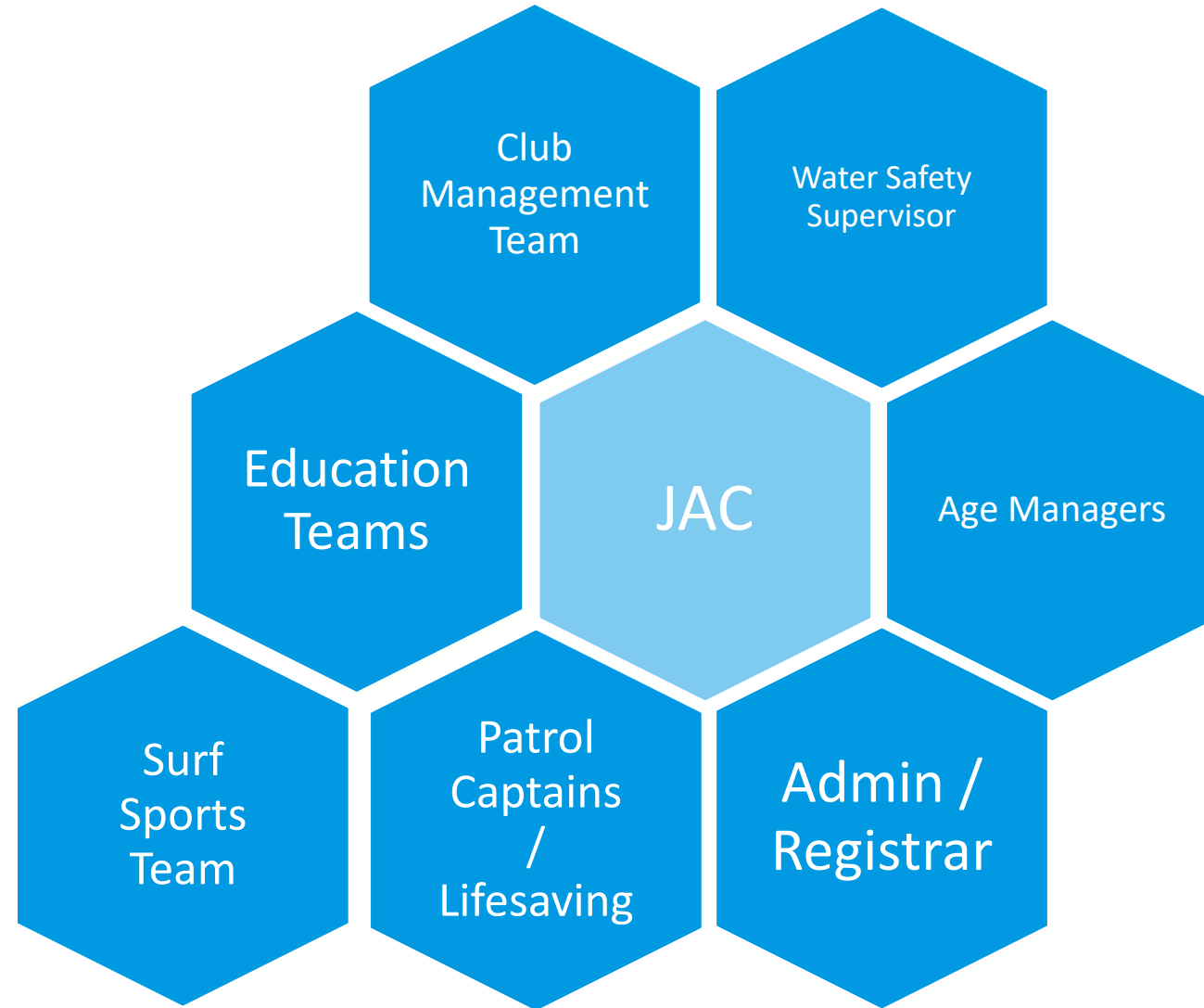
Junior Activity Chair Responsibilities

- Assist with the coordination and delivery of junior activities
- Coordinate the training and induction for Age Managers
- Provide advice, direction and support for Age Managers
- Work with club management to plan junior activities each season
- Coordinate with other areas of the club to deliver the junior activities
- Complete all club documentation and submit reports to club management
- Be aware of club sponsorship policies and club constitution
- Promote and comply with SLSA Child Safe Policy

JAC Position Description can be found here

www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/resources/junior-activity-chair-role-description/

The Junior Activities Team



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TRAINING



Junior Activity Chair Training

SLSA has released a national Junior Activity Chair Training Course

All new JACs are required to complete this training online via SLS Hub eLearning platform prior to 01 December.

NOTE - SLSA has not advised when this course will be available. Hopefully prior to the season start and SLSNSW will advise us.

Returning JACs who completed the SLSNSW training in previous years are not required to complete the SLSA training

SLSA Age Manager Award



- **New Age Managers** must complete SLSA Child Safe Awareness Training then must complete the online Age Managers course (on the SLS Hub eLearning)
- **Returning Age Managers** must complete the proficiency video in the SLS Hub can be viewed as a group at a pre-season meeting and a bulk proficiency processed.
- An important component of the course is the **practical session** on the beach which is organised by Club JAC's. There is no assessment paperwork for this.
- Age Managers who haven't been active for 5+ years will need to recomplete the course.
- The Age Manager : Nipper ratio in NSW is 1:20 for on land activities

Build your Team this season...

Set your team up for success before the season starts by....

- Bringing your team together (who is in your team)
- Plan the season
- Discuss resources
- Talk about season focuses for each age group/club
- Discuss parent engagement



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26/27 CHANGES



2026/27 Season Updates

A new **Junior Activities Coordinator Course** from SLSA will be available online via the SLS eLearning platform. Release date to be advised by SLSA.

The course will provide details on role expectations, activities ideas and guidance on delivering a safe and successful nippers program.

All new JACs are required to complete this course.



2026/27 Season Updates

High Risk Aquatic Play Equipment

SLSA does not recommend the use of high-risk aquatic play equipment such as water trampolines and inflatable obstacle courses.

Floating water mats (eg Lilly Pads) are included under SLSA insurance at no additional cost, provided they are used in accordance with certain conditions.



2026/27 Season Updates

SLSA have released a **communications board** (which can be used for non-English speakers, intellectual impairments, deaf/hard of hearing)

To assist clubs with **delivering inclusion programs**, new eLearning modules have also been released

https://sls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2026/02/2026-HowToUse_CommunicationBoard_web.pdf



2026/27 Season Updates

To **promote sun-safe practices** within Nipper Programs, SLSA **recommends** that:

During all Nipper activities, participants wear a long-sleeve garment (e.g. rash shirt, stinger suit, or wetsuit) that is either high visibility or worn beneath a high visibility rash shirt and for all non-water activities, participants wear a sun smart hat.



RESOURCES



Key Resources

1. Junior Activity Handbook – GO TO GUIDE
2. JAC Season Calendar
3. SLSNSW Website – *information for JACs and Age Managers, Resources and Parents*
4. Age Guides & Junior Development Resource Kit
5. Games and Videos

Don't forget to update your club website / socials / nipper information handbook!



Junior Activity Handbook 2026/27 Season

- All information and resources available via handbook

<https://www.manula.com/manuals/slsnsw/junior-activities/1/en/topic/administration>

- Key changes are outlined at the front
- Search function to find all information
- Updates throughout season will be emailed to JAC and noted on front page

A screenshot of the "Administration" page in the Junior Activity Handbook. The page has a dark blue header with the "Junior Activities" title and a search bar. The left sidebar contains a menu with "Administration" and "Junior Activity Chair" sections. The main content area is titled "ADMINISTRATION" and includes a welcome message, a paragraph about the handbook's purpose, and a "Feedback" section with "Yes" and "No" buttons. A copyright notice is at the bottom right.

Junior Activities 1 Search

ADMINISTRATION

Major Changes for 2025/26 season >

Welcome to our newly combined and comprehensive handbook for junior activities!

This handbook has been updated to consolidate all junior activities information into a one-stop shop for all junior activities information based on valuable feedback from the Junior Activity Working Group. By consolidating all relevant information into one easily accessible resource (complete with an index) our aim is to provide a convenient and efficient reference for Junior Activity Chairs, Age Managers and Clubs. Updated for the 2025-26 season, we hope this handbook contributes to a fun, safe, and enjoyable experience for the 30,000 nippers and their families across NSW.

Major Changes for 2025/26 season >

Feedback Was this helpful?
Yes No

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Administration

- Major Changes for 2025/26 season
- Membership / Age Groups
- U6 and U7 Information
- Child Safe / Working with Children Checks
- Child Safe Awareness
- Child Safe Resources
- Gear and Equipment
- Come and Try
- Insurance / Special Events / Risk Management
- Sun Safety
- Active Kids
- Communication

Junior Activity Chair

- Position Description
- Training
- Season Calendar

JAC Season Calendar

- Month by month guide
- SLSNSW will email JACs before the end of each month as a reminder of the key actions and priorities
- Available on the SLSNSW website

Junior Activity Chair Calendar

A month by month guide

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
• SurfGuard Training – online webinars available July to September • Plan your recruitment drive • Plan season calendar for Junior Activities • Review Age Managers from previous season and ensure Age Manager training was completed and recorded • Review Junior Activities Team for season ahead - JAC assistant, age managers, water safety supervisor.	• SLSNSW Pre-Season Information Pack released. Read and distribute to Age Managers • Meet with the Junior Activities Team to plan for the upcoming season • Recruitment and Registrations • Branch pre-season JAC Meeting • Junior Activity Chair Training • Finalise season calendar and nipper handbook for distribution • Check your clubs end of season nipper award distribution in SurfGuard (hard copy to club or PDF email to member)	• Ensure that Working with Children checks are completed and verified in SurfGuard by Club Admin or Child Safe Coordinator • Nipper Recruitment & Registrations • Junior Activities Chair Training • Organise/ finalise Age Managers for all age groups • Have new Age Managers complete Age Manager Training in SLS Hub eLearning platform
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
• Nippers Starts • Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year Circular released • Review your Club Junior Lifesaver of the Year process • Check that Age Managers have completed Age Manager Training to be compliant for the season • Ensure existing Age Managers complete annual Skill Maintenance video in SLS Hub eLearning Platform to maintain Age Manager Accreditation	• Branch mid-season JAC meeting • Meet with your Junior Activities Team to see how the season is progressing • Review club uniforms for State Championships • Plan Santa's arrival at last nippers of the year	• Junior Competition Evaluations • Age Manager Skills Maintenance due 31st Dec • Nippers break over Christmas period • Presentation for new SRC graduates • Announce Club JLOTY winners
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
• Meet with your Junior Activities Team to see how the season is progressing, discussing State Champs, End of season Presentation & end of season Nipper awards • Thank you gifts for your Junior Activities Team	• Nippers Presentation Planning • Junior Competition Evaluations due • Junior Surf Education Awards to be recorded (refer to timeline from SLSNSW in Junior Activity Bulletin for processing times)	• Nippers Ends • SLSNSW State Championships • Monthly club board meeting • Branch end of season JAC meeting • Review SLSA Service Awards for your Club Age Managers • SRC graduation event • Nippers presentation
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
• Review your season – what went well, what could be improved on • Suggest surveying all junior members/ parents to get feedback on the season • Submit feedback to Branch for review by state and/or national committees • Start to prepare reports for end of season presentation and annual report • SLSA Aussie Championships	• Junior Activities stocktake • Count all stock relating to Juniors eg pinkies, club comp caps, water safety rashies, age manager shirts • Gear Shed/Board check. Check gear for damages	• Finalise all outstanding reporting information in SurfGuard by 30th June • Junior Activity content due for Annual Report • Review and order nipper club swimmers, club comp caps, pink hi-vis rashies

EVERY MONTH

- Attend monthly Club Board meeting
- Check Branch website for Circulars
- Read JAC emails from branch

SLSNSW Junior Activities Website

The website has been streamlined, with content organised into 2 sections:

Junior Activities and Age Managers – Junior Activities bulletin, season calendar, child safety, Age Manager/JAC information and position descriptions

Junior Resource Hub - Nipper Games videos/manual, Junior Development Resources, and Come & Try Resources, Junior Search and Rescue procedure and parent engagement resources

Preliminary Skills Evaluation

The Junior Preliminary Skills reflect industry standard research in aquatic skills, including greater focus on foundation skills in the water which assist in making rescue ready lifesavers.

In instances where evaluations cannot be completed by a Surf Life Saving member and to increase flexibility for clubs, a qualified and accredited swim coach can complete the evaluation by providing their ASTCA number and details.

PRELIMINARY SKILLS EVALUATION			
STAGE ONE: UNDER 6, UNDER 7, UNDER 8			
Aquatic Play and Fundamental Aquatic Skills (FAS) Minimum depth of safe aquatic environment – 1 metre			
MINIMUM AQUATIC SKILL	U6	U7	U8
Flotation	Back or front float for minimum 5 seconds, recover to stand.		
Submersion	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands (e.g. dive ring).		
Propulsion	Push and glide from wall (distance 1-2 metres) recover to stand.	Push and glide from wall, kick (distance 2-3 metres) recover to stand.	Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres).
STAGE TWO: UNDER 9, UNDER 10, UNDER 11			
Applied aquatic skills Minimum depth of safe aquatic environment – 1.5 metres			
MINIMUM AQUATIC SKILL	U9	U10	U11
Flotation	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 minute.		Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 minutes.
Submersion	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands (e.g. dive ring).		Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, retrieve object from bottom of water with hands (e.g. dive ring).
Propulsion	Survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 50 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.

Age Guides

The Age Guides are updated to reflect the most up to date teaching techniques, rules and relevance and lesson plans have been redesigned to ensure ease of use and interaction. They include lessons and resources that are tailored to each different age group.

The program covers a diverse range of skills from body surfing to catching waves on a board to First Aid, CPR and the surf environment.



Junior Development Resource Kit

The national Junior Development Program includes lessons and resources that are tailored to each different age group. The program covers a diverse range of skills and is based on participatory evaluation.

The program provides a pathway of learning towards the Surf Rescue Certificate and creating future lifesavers.

Available on the SLSNSW Website / SLS Hub. Supported by 'Age Groups, Preliminary and Competitions Factsheet'.



SLS Hub		Dashboard	Applications
Document Library			
Total Records: 16			
Document Name	Description		
Junior Development Resource JDR Preliminary Skills Evaluation (PDF) 621.4 KB	JDR Preliminary Skills Evaluation		
Junior Development Resources JDR U7 Age Guide (PDF) 5 MB	Under 7 Age Guide and Lesson Plans		
Junior Development Resource JDR Stage 2 Worksheets (PDF) 466.5 KB	JDR Stage 2 Worksheets - U9, U10 and U11		
Junior Development Resource JDR Surf Sports Events (PDF) 996.1 KB	JDR Junior Surf Sports Events outline and information		
Junior Development Resource JDR Stage 3 Worksheets (PDF) 462.3 KB	JDR Stage 3 Worksheets - U12 and U13		
Junior Development Resource JDR U8 Age Guide (PDF) 3.9 MB	Under 8 Age Guide and Lesson Plans		
Junior Development Resource JDR U13 Age Guide (PDF) 5.6 MB	Under 13 Age Guide and Lesson Plans		
Junior Development Resources JDR U6 Age Guide (PDF) 3 MB	Under 6 Age Guide and Lesson Plans		

Games Manuals/Videos

- SLSQ Nipper Games Videos
- SLSQ Games Manual
- LSV Nipper Games

LAND BASED GAMES

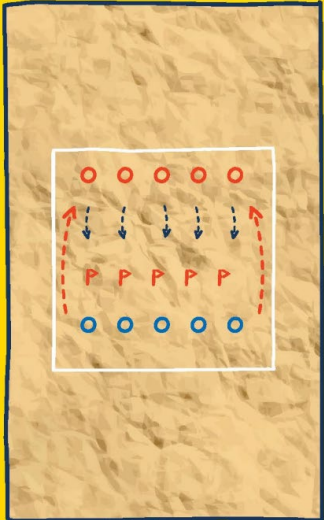
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Participants need to obtain a flag before being caught and return to their starting line.

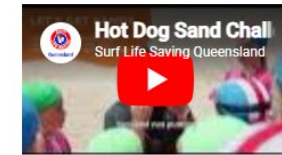
- Equipment**
 - Flat sandy or grass surface
 - 4 x cones
 - Same number of flags as participants
- Minimum Numbers**
 - Five per group
- Related Events**
 - Beach flags
 - Beach sprints

Instructions

1. Set up a square approx 10m x 10m with the flags positioned in the middle of the square.
2. Participants are split up into two teams. Team 'Red' and team 'Blue'.
3. The teams start opposite each other.
4. Team 'Red' will be starting in a sprint position ready to obtain a flag, while team 'Blue' will be starting in a flags starting position facing away from the other team.
5. On the command, team 'Red' must sprint to get a flag and return to their starting line without being tagged by team 'Blue'.
6. On the command, team 'Blue' is to turn and try and tag a team 'Red' member.
7. The game continues until its one on one.



WATER BASED GAMES



INFORMATION



Junior Age Awards and Certificates



As part of the Junior Development and Junior Activities Programs, children have the opportunity to gain a junior development award each season; each member should be encouraged to attain their respective age award.

It is recommended that nippers who complete 50% of nipper sessions (recorded in nipper attendance sheets or via the app) are eligible for the award.

Clubs must check that children are entered into the correct Award Assessment Request for their age group, and this may require clubs to check dates of birth.

More information on award processing is in the [Junior Activity Handbook](#)



This is to certify that

«First_Name»

«Last_Name»

a member of

«Award_Originating_Or
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has fulfilled the
requirements for

«Award_Name»

On

«Award_Date»



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Ingenia Holiday Parks


Steven Pearce AFSM
SLSNSW Chief Executive Officer


Peter Agnew ESM
SLSA President



Junior Education Awards Dates



- Junior Surf Sport competitors (U/8-U/13) are **no longer required** to have the relevant Age Award prior to 31 December to compete in Championship events.
- **The Age Awards remain** a key educational component of Junior Activities and this change enables clubs to deliver surf education to members throughout the season.
- U/14 members are still required to obtain their SRC for championship events as per the Surf Sports Manual.
- To streamline administrative processes and ease pressure on clubs, SLSNSW has extended the cutoff date for Age Award Processing.

Date Received by SLSNSW for Allocation / Processing	Date Awards will be distributed
5th January 2026	Late January/early February
2nd February 2026	Mid-February
2nd March 2026	Mid-March
30th March 2026	Mid-April
30th April 2026	Mid-May

Come & Try

Clubs can offer come and try activities

A Supporting Guide for Clubs and a Come and Try Flyer (with a sign-up form and mandatory SLSA waiver) have been created and is available in the Junior Activity Handbook

The supporting guide includes frequently asked questions including activity scope, preliminary skills clarification, insurance information and risk coverage.

ADD CLUB LOGO



COME AND TRY NIPPER'S

<INSERT DATE> 8-11AM. JOIN FOR BBQ & FINISH BY 11:45AM!

NIPPERS PROGRAM ROTATING ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES

U6-U7'S BEACH EVENTS - U8-9'S BEACH ACTIVITIES, LIFESAVING DEMONSTRATIONS, FUN & GAMES

U10-U14'S - WADE, SWIM, BOARD & BEACH EVENT TECHNIQUES & APPLICATION

BEACH ACTIVITY / FLAGS



FUN & GAMES



SWIMMING, WADING & PADDLING



LIFESAVING DEMONSTRATIONS



MAP

ADD CLUB MAP

REGISTRATION AT 7.30AM FOR AN 8AM START. FINISH AT 10.45AM BUT STAY FOR THE BBQ ON THE BEACH AFTERWARDS! (OPTIONAL).

TO REGISTER COMPLETE THE WAIVER ON THE BACK AND SEND TO <EDIT EMAIL ADDRESS>

insurance coverage?

1 accident injury insurance. Clubs have the National Ice Scheme, and due to negligence to that policy.

2 Assessment?

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14 Who is the target audience(s)?

15 All sporting and recreational organisations in the local area, for example primary schools, aquatic centres, religious and secular groups, along with migrant centres.

16 Consider approaching the local council in case they have participants of youth programs who might be interested in attending. These local government offices have Community Development Officers or similar, who can share the event with local NGO's that work with the local youth.

17 What time of the year should Clubs consider holding a Come and Try Nipper's activity?

18 When planning the activity, it's important to pick the most appropriate time of the year given the Club's location and demographics. Clubs should consider the season, water temperature, beach access in less congested periods, and avoid clashing with other local events (refer to local council website calendars). It's suggested that the most effective time to hold the event is in the lead up to the nipper season (i.e. one month out to the during school holidays just prior to nipper season commencing).

19 How will my personal information be collected and stored?

20 To register for this event personal information is required from the participant to identify them and the parent/guardian. SLSA's Privacy Policy 6.02 sets out the manner in which the personal information is collected, disclosed and stored. Clubs are encouraged to safeguard this information by entering participants registrations into SurfGuard with the options of either archiving them after the event or convert to membership.

Special Event Applications

Special Event Applications must be completed, where SLS Members are involved in any activity and identified as Surf Lifesavers, outside NORMAL Club/SLS carnival activity.

These events might be:

- Endurance events, triathlons, marathons, displays, come and try days, Nipper Camps and all other events that include a water safety component

1. Event Details		
Name of Event:		
Date:		Start Time:
If over multiple days attach details for each day		Finish Time:
Provide a detailed description of the event:		
Location: (include details if multi-location event)		
Are public roads to be used:	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN	
Has the event been held before?	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN	
Number of Persons Attending		Number of people participating or being serviced
Order and Distance of Legs (if applicable)		
		KM
		KM
		KM
		KM
		KM
		KM
TOTAL EVENT DISTANCE		KM
Which legs are SLSC involved in (if applicable)		

2. Details of Event Manager/Organisation	
Is this a SLS OPERATED SPECIAL EVENT: ☐ YES ☐ NO	
If a SLS Operated Event, are any SLS Members receiving any remuneration or reward for their involvement: ☐ YES ☐ NO	
Is there a jumping castle planned as part of the event (this information is required for insurance purposes): ☐ YES ☐ NO	
If the special event is being organized by a third party, (for example a triathlon being run by ABC Pty Ltd) enter their details below.	
Event Manager or Organisation	
Address:	
Name of Contact:	
Address:	
Office Number:	
Mobile Number:	
Email Address:	
3. SLS Level of Involvement	
Provide a detailed description of the level of SLSC involvement in the event: (For example, if SLSC members are providing first aid, or water safety or advisory services)	

Junior Activity Search and Rescue



How would your club manage a missing nipper?

Do you know how to manage this search and rescue?

Have you practiced this scenario?

In all incidents where a search is required, the highest priority must be to focus on a safe and rapid response to commence the search.

Be prepared and have a current and practiced Junior Activity Search and Rescue plan and a search and rescue kit ready on the beach.

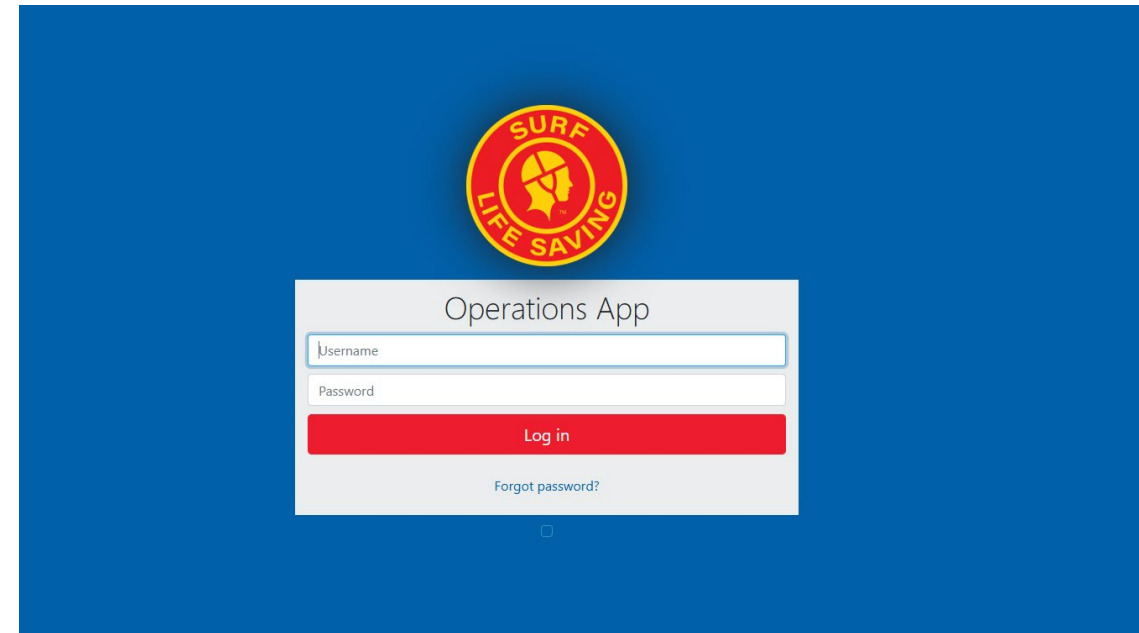
Further information can be found in SOPS, or via speaking with the DOL of each club.

Surf Risk Rating

Ensure that the Surf Risk Rating App is completed by the Water Safety Supervisor before any Nippers session is conducted on the beach. Remember that it should be used prior to any other out-of-regular 'Nipper time' training sessions eg all ocean based coaching sessions

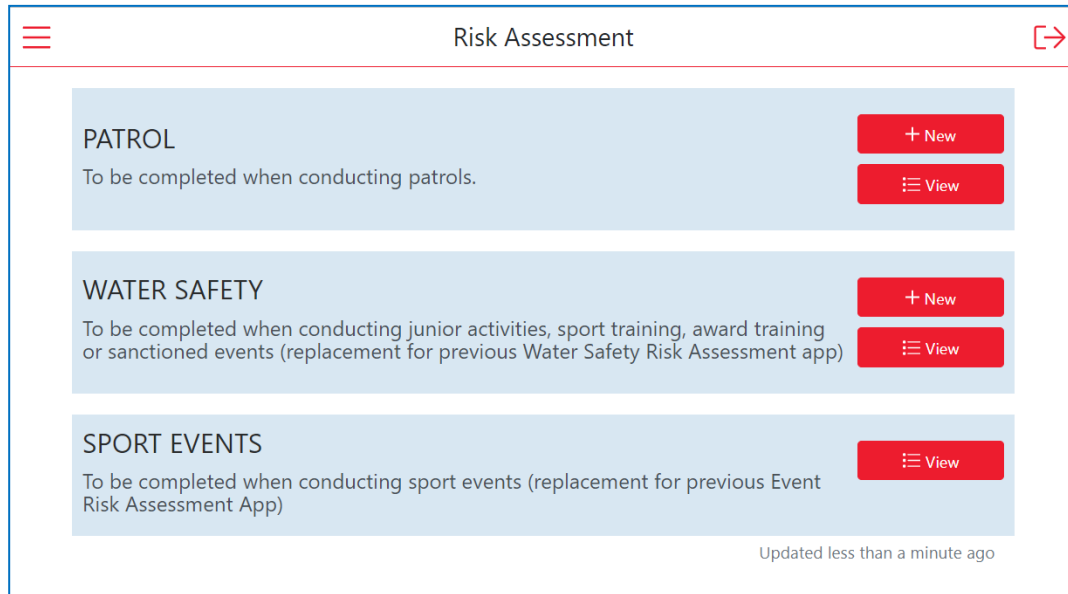
A Surf Risk Rating:

- Is a reflection of the most hazardous observations of the surf characteristics
- Is measured over a given time period (approx. 20 – 30 minutes)
- Is measured ON the beach



Operations App – Risk Rating

Updates have been made to specifically address water safety Junior Activities as a drop-down menu



The screenshot shows the 'Risk Assessment' app interface. At the top, there is a hamburger menu icon on the left and a share icon on the right. Below the header, there are three main sections: 'PATROL', 'WATER SAFETY', and 'SPORT EVENTS'. Each section has a description and two buttons: '+ New' and 'View'. The 'WATER SAFETY' section description mentions 'junior activities, sport training, award training or sanctioned events'. At the bottom right, it says 'Updated less than a minute ago'.

Risk Assessment

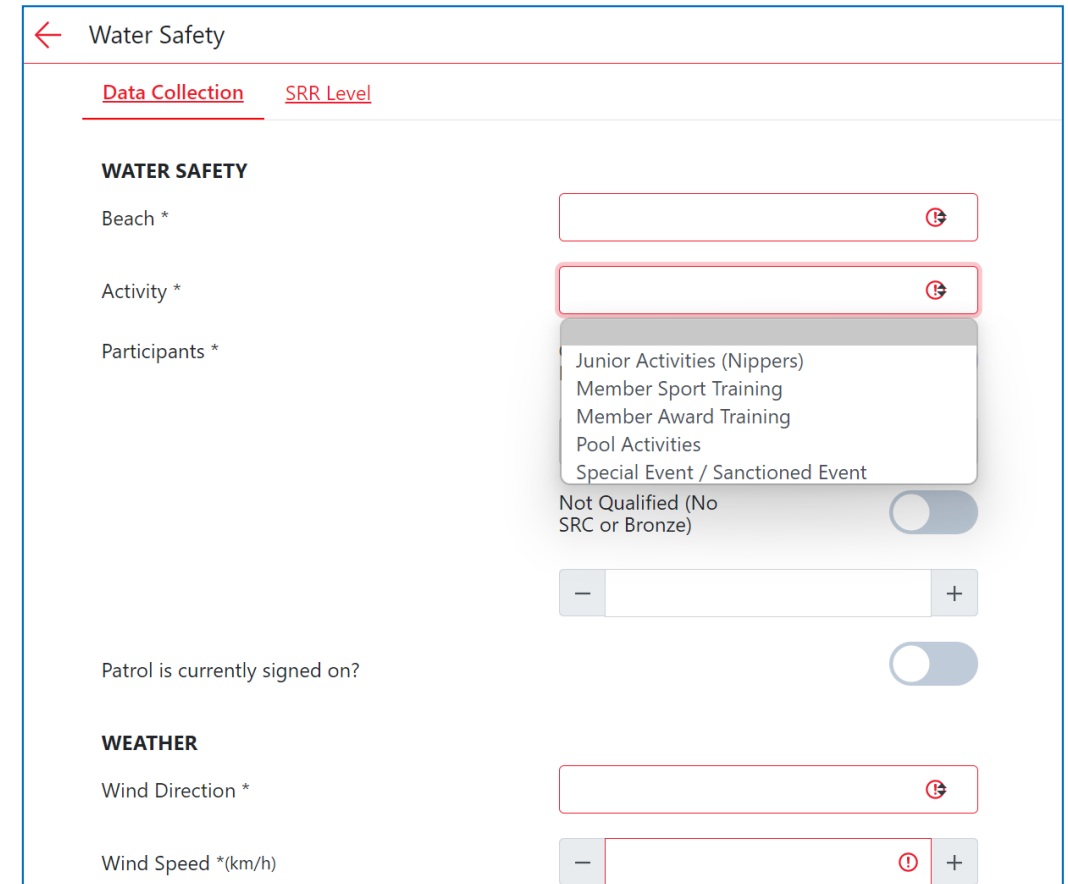
PATROL
To be completed when conducting patrols.

WATER SAFETY
To be completed when conducting junior activities, sport training, award training or sanctioned events (replacement for previous Water Safety Risk Assessment app)

SPORT EVENTS
To be completed when conducting sport events (replacement for previous Event Risk Assessment App)

Updated less than a minute ago

The Surf Risk Rating App User Guide can be found [here](#).



The screenshot shows the 'Water Safety' form. It has a back arrow and a title 'Water Safety'. There are two tabs: 'Data Collection' (active) and 'SRR Level'. The form fields include: 'Beach *' (text input), 'Activity *' (text input), 'Participants *' (dropdown menu showing 'Junior Activities (Nippers)', 'Member Sport Training', 'Member Award Training', 'Pool Activities', and 'Special Event / Sanctioned Event'), 'Not Qualified (No SRC or Bronze)' (toggle switch), a range input with '-' and '+' buttons, 'Patrol is currently signed on?' (toggle switch), 'WEATHER' section, 'Wind Direction *' (text input), and 'Wind Speed *(km/h)' (range input with '-' and '+' buttons and a warning icon).

Water Safety

Data Collection SRR Level

WATER SAFETY

Beach *

Activity *

Participants *

Junior Activities (Nippers)
Member Sport Training
Member Award Training
Pool Activities
Special Event / Sanctioned Event

Not Qualified (No SRC or Bronze)

Patrol is currently signed on?

WEATHER

Wind Direction *

Wind Speed *(km/h)

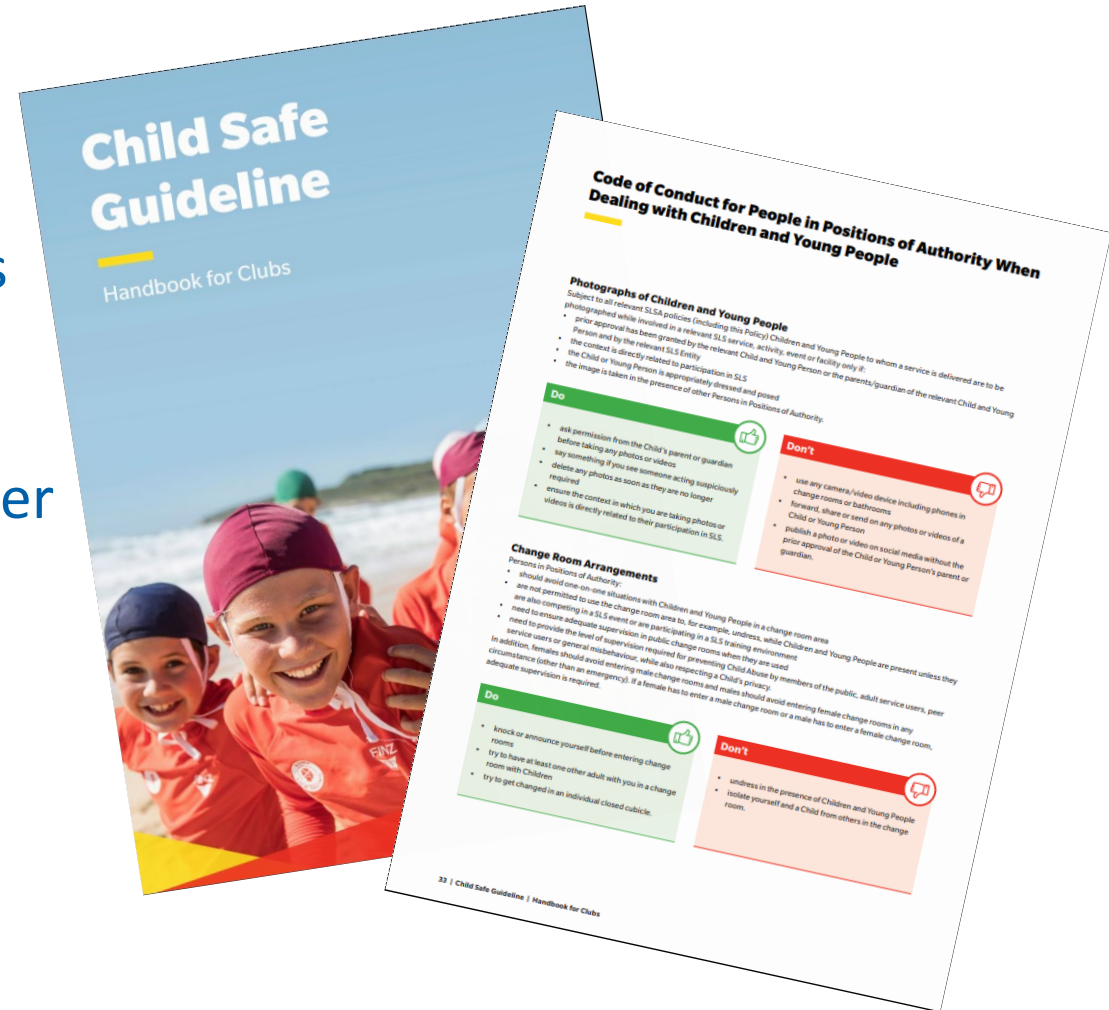
Member Safety and Wellbeing

Clubs always need a safety focus – on the beach, at training and within the club

- Member Protection Policy
- SLSA Code of Conducts – applies to all members
- Child Safe Policy and Guidelines
- Member Protection Information Officer
- SLSA Complaints Portal / Club Complaints Manger



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Working With Children Checks

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility!

Each club should have a Child Safe Coordinator to help in this space

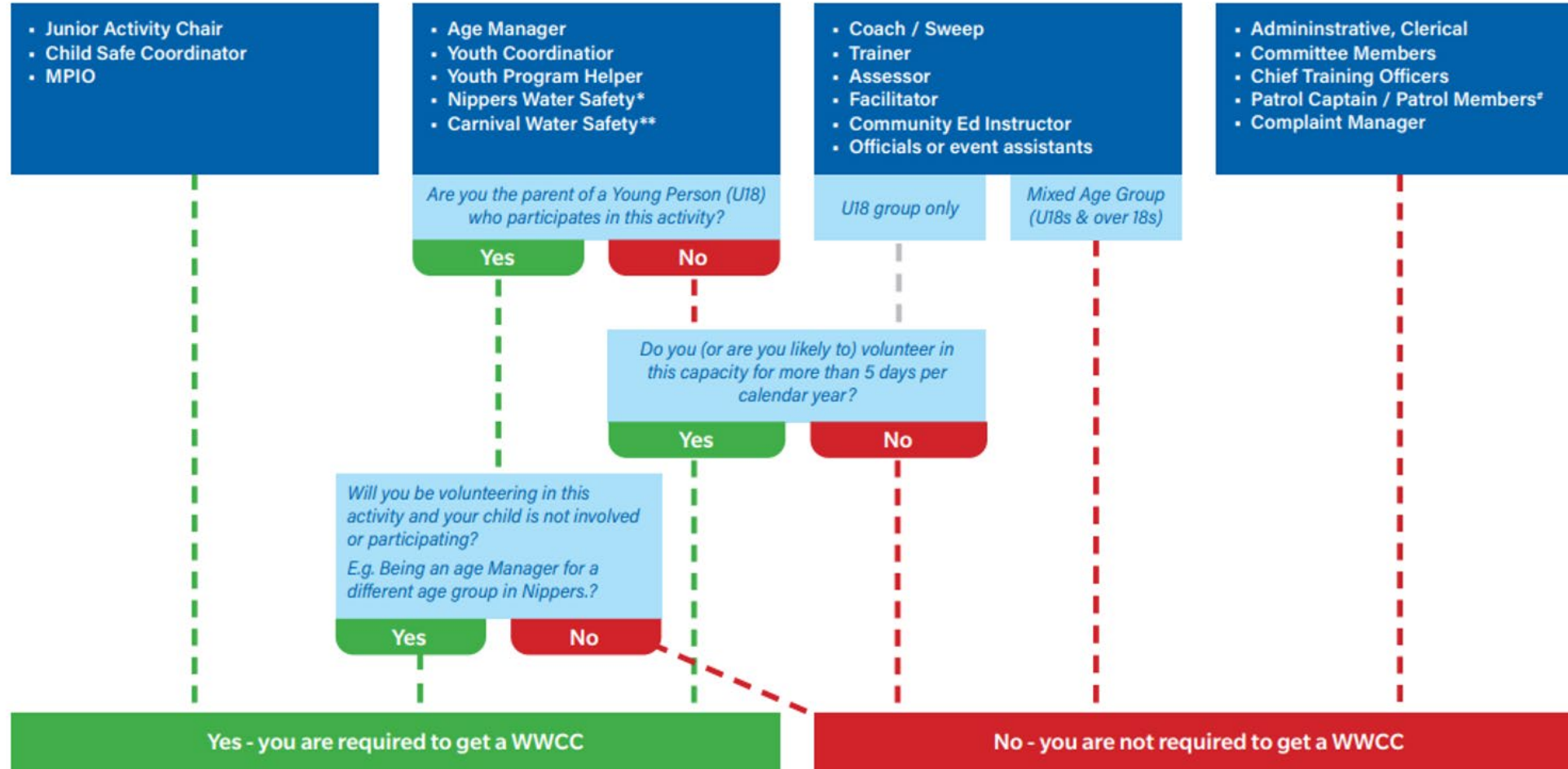
- The Working with Children Check is one part of the risk management approach towards keeping members safe
- The SLSA Child Safe Awareness Course is a great tool available for all

Some roles are required to have a WWCC, some roles may need a WWCC

SLSNSW meets the national legislation – we cannot ask everyone to get a WWCC

Do you require a WWCC?

If you perform multiple roles in surf life saving, please check all the roles that may apply to you and obtain a WWCC where needed.



* Nippers Water Safety - If you are doing water safety for Nippers - you may be covered under an exemption if you are ONLY doing water safety for groups your own children are participating in.

** Carnival Water Safety - If you are doing water safety for Carnivals you will NOT be covered by an exemption because you will be providing water safety for other groups, not just groups your children are in.

* Patrol Captains and Patrol Members are exempt as they are considered 'co-workers' of patrol members who are under 18 years.

FOCUS AREA ONE PRACTICAL SKILLS



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Set Yourself Up for Success



- 1. Be prepared with spare caps and pink rashies**
- 2. Start every session with a short group briefing**
 - Clearly explain the day's plan, safety messages and expectations
 - Position the group so everyone can see and hear
 - Do you need a loud hailer, should this be done by age group?

Teach Smarter, Not Harder

1. Focus on only 3-4 teaching points each session
2. Break skills into small, manageable steps
3. Use simple demonstrations or drawings in the sand
4. Keep instructions clear and concise



Create a Welcoming Environment

1. Keep learning fun and engaging
2. Use games, challenges and scenarios
3. Celebrate effort and progress
4. Bring energy, enthusiasm and encouragement

Practical Skills

Wet Weather / Alternative Programs

Brainstorm / Share:

What ideas can you share with other JACs for fun engagement activities?

Where can you find alternative activities for wet weather/alternative programs?



FOCUS AREA TWO

IT SKILLS



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IT Updates

This section will focus on:

1. Nipper App/Surf Guard Nipper Module
2. Age Award Processing
3. RFID Bands for Nippers
4. LiveHeats

Many sections have videos for ease of understanding

Nipper App / SurfGuard Nippers Module

The Nipper 'App' is a platform introduced by SLSA, accessible via Members Area.

Junior Activity Chairs can:

- Access a newly assigned permission area in SurfGuard - Nippers module
- Manage and assign Age Manager access to the Nipper App
- *Age Managers can access one or multiple age groups and access levels (below)*

Age Managers can:

- Manage Nipper Age Groups – check in, check out, add notes, view nipper details
- View sessions attended and approve Nipper Age Group Awards and
- Approve preliminary and/or competition skills evaluations

Nippers can view sessions attended and awards gained via Members Area.

SLSA Nipper Module Overview

An overview of the Nipper module functions in SurfGuard & SLS Hub

<https://help.sls.com.au/webinars/>

SurfGuard - Session Admin

SLS Members Area - Nippers

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surfguard.sls.com.au/SLSA_Members/modules/nippers/sessions.php

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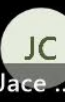
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https://surfguard.sls.com.au/SLSA_Members/modules/nippers/ageManagers.php



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Age Managers @ Test NSW Club

Age Manager	Award Expiry	Session Attendance ⓘ	Preliminary Assessment ⓘ	Competition Evaluation ⓘ	Surf Ed Award ⓘ	Age Group Access	Actions
Emma Jordan	31/12/2028	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 10, Under 11	 
Glenda Luong	31/12/2028	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 11	 
Isabella Tarantola	31/12/2028	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 7	 
Rebecca Cocks	31/12/2027	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 10	 
Yvette Rutherford	31/12/2026	Yes	No	No	No	Under 8	 

Total Records: 5

Add Age Manager



Rebecca Cocks

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Allocate Awards @ Test NSW Club

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First Name

Last Name

Age Group

Season

2026/2027

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Member ID	First Name	Last Name	Gender	Age Group	Sessions attended	☐ Preliminary Assessment Award	☐ Competition Evaluation Award	☐ Surf Ed Award
6073499	Paddy	Adam	Male	Under 13	0/13	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
6073497	Rebecca	Adam	Female	Under 12	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5734085	Kazi	Ahsan	Male	Under 11	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5812817	Brown	Almond	Male	Under 13	0/13	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
6000902	Testo	Bambino-testoooooooo	Female	Under 12	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
6019240	Travisio	Bamboni	Male	Under 11	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5708912	Sarah	Bock	Female	Under 11	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5966341	Patrick	Boddan	Male	Under 11	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5841995	Becky	Boo	Female	Under 9	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
6073664	Kid	Brown-Test	Female	Under 12	0/16	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
5860328	Sally	Candlelight	Female	Under 13	0/13	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified
6024999	Angus	Clapper	Male	Under 13	0/13	☐ Qualified	☐ Not eligible	☐ Qualified



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Nipper Awards Processing

In recent seasons Clubs have advised SLSNSW of their preferred certificate format; if you wish to check or change your preference for PDF emails/hard copy Nipper certificates for the 2026/27 season please email education@surflifesaving.com.au **before** submitting any awards for processing.

Clubs have 3 options for processing Nipper Age Awards:

Option 1 (SLSNSW recommended method)

- Age Managers approve the Age Awards in the Nipper App
- Nipper Admin/JAC allocate the Age Awards in SurfGuard
- SLSNSW then distributes the certificates in the selected format (PDF email direct to member/hard copy posted to the club)

Option 2

- Nipper Admin/JAC creates an assessment request in SurfGuard (must follow through to award allocation phase – your CTO should be able to help here)
- SLSNSW then distributes the certificates in the selected format (PDF email direct to member/hard copy posted to the club)

Option 3 (available only to clubs who have selected to self distribute via the Nipper App)

- The option to do this will only come up in the nipper app if you have informed SLSNSW that you would like this option. The workload for this option is higher
- Clubs will approve in the Nipper App
- Nipper Admin/JAC allocate the Age Awards in SurfGuard
- The club will then be responsible for either downloading PDF for printing or emailing the PDF direct to members.

Nipper Tracker

Sessions

Awards

Club
Test NSW Club

Gender
All

U10



Total Records: 7

First Name	Last Name	Gender	Attended	Lessons	Preliminary Assessment	Competition Evaluation	Surf Ed Award	Actions
Angela	Turner	Female	1/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>
Bangoo	Klicker	Female	1/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>
Bingooo	Klicker	Female	0/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>
Daughter	Pending	Female	0/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>
Dingoo	Klicker	Male	0/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>
Son	Pending	Male	0/17	0/11	<button>Approve</button>	⊖ Not Eligible	<button>Approve</button>	<button>👁</button>

Help Guide:

<https://slsitjira.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ITSYSUG/pages/2215117122/1.+Overview>

IT Updates – SLS Hub Nippers Sessions



Nipper Tracker

[Sessions](#)[Awards](#)

Club
Test NSW Club

Session Type
All

☒ Show today only

Total Records: 1

Search

Club	Date	Time	Location	Session Type	Is Open	Age Group	Checked In	Checked Out
Test NSW Club	09/07/2026	12:00 - 13:00	Beach	Nippers	Yes	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14		

Records per page: 10 1 - 1 of 1



IT Updates – RFID



Insert RFID video from the folder

IT Updates - LiveHeats

<https://sites.google.com/liveheats.com/liveheats-entries/home>

Surf Life Saving Entries

Home Club admins Event organisers

SLSA - events@slsa.asn.au

Upcoming Training Dates

You MUST Register!

Recordings will be made available after the sessions have been run

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES



[Recording 1 + Q&A](#)
[Recording 2 + Q&A](#)
[Recording 3 + Q&A](#)

For those wanting to register
individuals
(Athlete, parent, club)

EVENT ORGANISERS



[Recording 1 + Q&A](#)
[Recording 2 + Q&A](#)

For those who create, manage and
set up events

TEAM ENTRIES



[Recording 1](#)
[Recording 2](#)

For those who perform relay and
team entries for a club

CLUB MANAGEMENT



[Recording 1](#)
[Recording 2](#)

For clubs, branches and states,
adding new members and transfers

FOCUS AREA THREE

PARENT ENGAGEMENT



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Parent Engagement

- Parent Engagement is what grows and support clubs
- Parent engagement in an ongoing journey
- Directly asking parents is key



Get involved!

AGE MANAGER

Who it's for: Those who want to be in the thick of the action, delivering fun activities to Nippers and teaching them new skills.

Training: Online learning and on-the-job

Commitment: Weekly

AGE MANAGER SUPPORT

Who it's for: Those who want to be in the thick of the action but feel more comfortable as an offside rather than taking the lead.

Training: Online learning and on-the-job

Commitment: Weekly

NIPPER SAFETY ASSISTANT

Who it's for: Those who want to help the U6-U8's with shallow water-based activities – a great way to dip your toes into the water at Nippers.

Training: Face-to-face session (est. 60 mins)

Commitment: Weekly or Fortnightly

INTRODUCTION TO PATROLLING

Who it's for: Those who want a taster of some of the skills used on patrol. Visit a patrol after to get a better idea of what it means to wear the red and yellow!

Training: Online (est. 30 mins)

Commitment: N/A

NIPPER SUPPORT TEAM

Who it's for: Gear and equipment gurus who don't mind hosing down boards or helping set up or pack down the beach.

Training: On-the-job

Commitment: Join the roster or jump in weekly – your call

WATER SAFETY SUPERSTAR

Who it's for: Those who love the ocean! Learn the basics of lifesaving and join our Water Safety Team.

Training: Surf Rescue Certificate (est. 6 weeks)

Commitment: Weekly or Fortnightly

PHOTOGRAPHER

Who it's for: Those who have an eye for capturing the fun! Help us build memories and create content to promote the club.

Training: N/A

Commitment: Join the roster or jump in weekly – your call

BBQ & CANTEEN HELPER

Who it's for: Budding BBQ chefs and shop assistants

Training: On-the-job

Commitment: Join the roster or weekly – your call

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Shelly Beach

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**ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
HELP IN SOME FORM AT NIPPERS**



**WE ARE A
VOLUNTEER RUN
ORGANISATION**



PLEASE TICK ONE

- ☐ 1. AGE MANAGER
- ☐ 2. WATER SAFETY (SRC REQUIRE)
- ☐ 3. PARENT HELPER DURING ACTIVITIES
- ☐ 4. SET UP ON SUNDAYS 8AM
- ☐ 5. PACK UP AFTER NIPPERS

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

CARNIVALS U9s TO U14

PLEASE TICK ONE

- ☐ OFFICIAL
- ☐ WATER SAFETY
- ☐ OFFICIAL PARENT HELPER



TOGETHER

WE KEEP OUR
KIDS SAFE!



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CLUB AND
HELPING CREATE A SAFE & FUN ENVIRONMENT
FOR ALL OUR NIPPERS!**

THANK YOU!

Parent Engagement – DISCUSS

Discuss: Ways to engage parents?

Discuss: What jobs do you need help with on nippers' day?

Workshop: Use the worksheet to create your nipper parent engagement plan for nipper?

NEXT STEPS



Next Steps

Bookmark the Junior Activity Bulletin

Review and meet with your Junior Activities Team
Water Safety Supervisor, Age Managers, Registrar

Ensure Age Managers for all age groups are trained and ready

Ensure new Age Managers have buddy / mentor

Plan your season (don't forget to engage new parents)



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THANK YOU



Branch Specific Information



- Junior Lifesaver of the Year process and key dates
- Rookies/Youth Program details and opportunities
- Upcoming Branch-run camps or programs
- Key carnival dates specific to the Branch
- Branch contacts for:
 - Junior Activities
 - Surf Sports
 - Member Services / Youth Programs
- Any additional Branch initiatives, events, or updates



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