

# Carnival and Competition Handbook



"All you need to know about Nipper Carnivals"

# Surf Sports

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Surf Life Saving has many facets. Some Nippers enjoy the surf as a sport and participating in competition at Surf Carnivals. This section of the handbook provides information for Nippers and their parents wishing to compete in Surf Carnivals. Surf Carnivals are loads of fun, but require a commitment from both Nippers and parents. Nippers at a carnival must have either a parent or nominated guardian present at all times. All Nippers wishing to compete at carnivals **must** complete their Junior Competition Proficiency **prior** to their first carnival/club championship of the season. Board paddlers also must ensure that their equipment has the correct scrutineering sticker on it. Competitors at the Branch and State Championships must also have successfully completed their Surf Education obligations **prior** to December 31.

Surf Sports involves both individual and team events in many disciplines. Competition begins with the U9 Age Group

**Individual events** in the water are Surf Race (swim), Board Race, Surfboard Riding and Iron person.

On the beach, individual events are Beach Sprints and Flags.

**Team events** in the water are Surf (swim) Team; Cameron Relay, Board Relay; Board Rescue; and All-Age Board Relay.

On the beach team events are Sprint Relay, All-Age Relay; March Past; R&R; Cameron Relay.

Team events (except for the All-Age Relays; March Past; Cameron Relay; & R&R) are single gender at the majority of carnivals.

## **Carnival Participation**

Nippers generally have the opportunity to attend approx 8 or 9 Carnivals during the season, 6 of which are on the Northern Beaches. The Branch Championships will be held on the Northern Beaches, and the State Championships are being held at Swansea Belmont SLSC, near Newcastle.

*Please note that due to the escalating cost of carnival entry fees, it has been necessary to have a Competition Fee of \$100 for each nipper (U9-U14). This is payable by any nipper that enters carnivals this season, and offsets some of the costs of providing coaches at carnivals (priceless) and carnival entry fees.*

We encourage all Nippers to represent MLSC. The Club places a high priority on Team Events and will enter as many teams as possible in events. The numbers of teams permitted may be regulated by carnival organisers. Being part of a team represents important values, such as working together for the good of the team, mateship, and sharing in the highs of success, or the lows of not doing so well. It is therefore a Club requirement that those wishing to compete in individual events make themselves available for team selection prior to the teams being selected. Refusal to compete in a team event could mean the competitor will not be permitted to compete in events for individuals at that carnival or future carnivals.

In representing Manly LSC, ALL Nippers must wear the Manly LSC club uniform for competition. The club uniform for competition comprises of:- Sky Blue Nipper Cap, Manly LSC swimmers, Manly LSC Hi-Vis Pink Rash Vest (Unless a competition one is supplied for that specific competition).

As with all Nipper activities all Nippers and their Parents are bound by the Rules & Regulations of SLSA; SLSNSW; Manly LSC and by the Code of Conduct signed by all at rego each year. Any breach of these Rules and Regulations or the Code of Conduct by Nippers or Parents WILL result in the Child and parent being removed from the beach.

## Entry to Competition Areas

Competition areas are limited to nominated officials per club. If other club officials or parents are found in the competition area this may result in the club being disqualified from an event. Also, please be familiar with the Code of Conduct as this will be strictly applied.

## Selection Policy

### 1.1 Selection Policy Objective

The objective of the Manly LSC JAC Selection Policy is to select the strongest team or teams to represent Manly LSC in each Age Group. We encourage all nippers to compete and represent Manly LSC. Carnivals are fun and engender team spirit.

### 1.2 Selection Policy

- Age Managers in consultation with the relevant coaches are to select teams in accordance with the Selection Policy Objective prior to being submitted to the Water / Beach Head Coach/Coaches for validation and approval.
- Age Managers will select teams primarily based on ability and performances at carnivals over a period of time, not necessarily the last carnival results. Other factors to be considered are availability, willingness to compete, commitment to training (attendance & performance), character & behaviour, illness/injury, past performances, consistency. Results at Carnivals and Club Championships will carry greater weighting than results at Club Training Days, however conditions during each race will also bear a factor in decisions.
- Results will be recorded to the best of the recorders ability and submitted to the Registrar within 5 days of each carnival. These results will form a basis to assist in the assessment of team selection.
- The Head Coach will have final say over team selections. In the very rare circumstance where there is conflict over selection, the Head coach and Age manager may escalate it to the JAC Chair who in consultation with the Deputy President Competition will make the final decision.
- Parents/carers must not challenge age managers or coaches over selection decisions.
- There is no right of appeal/protest for team selection.
- Teams for all carnivals shall be posted on Manly Nippers Facebook page by 1900hrs on the Wednesday preceding the carnival and emailed by the Age Manager.
- Initial team selections for Branch will be submitted to the JAC Beach and Water Co-ordinator for initial validation no later than 3 days prior to the Branch Championships carnival.

- Initial team selections for State will be submitted to the JAC Beach and Water Co-ordinator for initial validation no later than 3 days prior to the State Championships carnival
- At the start of the season when there have not been many carnivals, team selection will be based on the previous season and/or preseason training.
- All Age Relays (Sprint & Board), March Past, and R&R teams will be selected by the relative discipline coach.
- Run Offs/Paddle Offs/Swim Offs may be held at the discretion of the Age Managers or Coaches. Run-offs are likely to occur between male and female competitors for the All Age relay events, and Cameron Relay.
- Due to the complexities of the Board Rescue event, teams should be presented by the Age Managers to the respective coaches for approval. Board Rescue competitors are encouraged to train and compete in their teams from early in the season to develop combinations.
- Any individuals who voluntarily withdraw from the team after the first marshalling call for that event may not participate in individual events for the remainder of the carnival and may be prevented from competing at future carnivals. This prevents a team member withdrawing to conserve energy for their own individual event at the expense of their team mates who may have been waiting at the carnival to compete.
- Substitutions in teams may be made on the day of the carnival by Age Managers, in consultation with the relevant coaches and the Team Manager. Any changes must be made in accordance with SLSA rules, and should only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- Parents/caregivers must not challenge Age Manager/Coach or any other parent over team selections. If they feel that an incorrect decision has been made they may contact the Team Manager (at carnivals) or JAC Chairman in the first instance.
- It is inappropriate for parents to approach Age Managers/Coaches or other competitors with complaints about team selection or negative comments about any competitors performance. Such behaviour will not be tolerated by Manly LSC. Equally poor sportsmanship and "sledging" by competitors will not be condoned and will result in exclusion from individual events and /or removal from the beach as a minimum.
- **Please note that if a competitor does not wish to be considered for a State or Branch team, he or she must advise their Age Manager by November 30. Late withdrawals will not be tolerated.**

## **Entries at Branch and State Titles**

- Unless event entries are limited, any Nipper who wishes to compete can take part in the Branch and State Titles. They have entered in and competed in two prior SNB carnivals and attended 8 Nipper Sunday Activity days, except at the discretion of the selectors. It is mandatory they have completed their proficiencies prior to the carnival in which they intend to compete or by December 31, whichever is the earlier and Surf Education requirements prior to December 31. The intent that as many members as possible compete at the Branch and State level.

## Team Substitutes and Reserves

- Due to circumstances beyond the control of originally selected team members, they may not be able to compete in heats or the semi finals of a team event. If this occurs then the Age Group Manager may substitute for another competitor.
- If an athlete is not in the competition area when the event is being marshaled, the Age Manager or Team Manager may immediately substitute the athlete for the reserve.
- If the team then qualifies for the next or further rounds of the competition then, depending on the circumstances and at the discretion of the Head Coach/coordinator or Team Manager the originally selected team may compete in that next or further round. This is not a given right to be substituted back in.
- In the event that the team wins a medal in the competition then any person who has been part of that team, even though they did not compete in the final, shall be recognized by the club as a medalist for that event and shall appear in all club records as part of that team.

## Entry Fees

- *Due to the escalating cost of carnival entry fees, it is necessary to apply a Competition Fee of \$100 for each nipper (U9 - U14). This is payable by any nipper that enters carnivals this season, and offsets some of the costs of providing coaches at carnivals and carnival entry fees.*
- Currently the Club pays Carnival Entry Fees for Nippers to the following Carnivals:
  - Newport Water Junior Carnival
  - Team Events @ Kracka Junior Iron Person
  - Bennett Board Carnival @ Dee Why
  - Freshwater Bennett Fast & Furious
  - Queenscliff Beach Carnival
  - Team Events @ Gardner Junior Iron Person (Wamberal)
  - 7News Nipper Nats (U9's - U14's)
  - Narrabeen Beach Carnival
  - North Steyne Beach Carnival
  - SNB Branch Championships
  - State Age Championships
  - Other carnivals at the discretion of the Manly JAC.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they enter online for all SNB and State carnivals via the Manly LSC website prior to the closing dates for the relevant carnivals as advised online. For other out of branch carnivals, how to enter will be advised via the Manly Nipper Facebook group. Note entries for the State Championships close on January 1.
- Where a Nipper enters a Carnival, and subsequently fails to attend, or withdraws from an event for which they have been nominated (unless withdrawn by the Age Manager and/or coach), the Nippers Parents will be required to reimburse the Club for the Entry Fee of events not competed. Nippers will not be able to register for subsequent Carnivals until outstanding fees are paid.

- Late entries are possible in some cases, but are very expensive. These entries must be paid in advance by the Nipper parents and in no circumstances will be paid by the Club.
- All queries regarding Carnival Entries should be directed to the Team Manager.

## **Water Safety and Carnival Officials**

- There is a requirement that the club supply Carnival Officials and Water Safety Officials for Carnivals. If in the event there are insufficient officials, Manly LSC may be withdrawn from the Carnival and/or fined.
- Parents or siblings of Nippers competing at Carnivals (U9 - U14) are expected to assist with Water Safety (must hold SRC or Bronze Medallion) or Officiating.
- Courses to become an Official are conducted throughout the season, and will be advised.

## **Team Manager and Age Managers**

- The Club person nominated with overall responsibility for the team at a carnival is the **Team Manager**. The Team Manager will directly liaise with the Carnival Referee and senior carnival officials.
- Within each age group the Age Manager is responsible for the group. Duties include "roll call"; warm up; organising the competitors for an event; checking off competitors in an event; ensuring competitors have registered; organising teams; and being available during and after an event should assistance be required.

## **Setting up**

- At the majority of carnivals it is the competitor's responsibility to transport the board they intend to use to the carnival. The club will transport foam boards/spare fibre glass and Board Rescue boards to carnivals, and these can be collected from and returned to the gear trailer at the carnival. Each age group is responsible for collecting & setting up their own tent at the carnivals (Unless notified otherwise). Tents will be available for collection from the gear trailer on carnivals from 6:30am. All gear is to be returned cleaned immediately after completion. Assistance will also be required in setting up the competition areas. This will be coordinated through your Age Manager, so please offer assistance.

# On the Day of the Carnival

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Competitors **must** arrive no later than 30 minutes **prior to the start of marshalling** for the first event on the program. The Carnival program will be available prior to each event. Please note that Age Managers have the right to substitute team members if an athlete is not within the Competition Area when their event is marshalled.

Nippers should be well rested (i.e., an early night prior to the carnival). **Club swimwear and cap must be worn (Hi-Vis Rash Vest if applicable).**

On arrival, the competitor should register (usually requires a stamp on your arm or an ankle band), then check-in with the Age Manager. During the Carnival Nippers should stay around the MLSC tents in their area and keep in contact with the Age Manager. When an event is called, the Age Manager will advise the relevant Nippers and arrange for them to proceed to the Marshalling Area. **Please note that Age Managers have the right to substitute team members if an athlete is not within the Competition Area when their event is marshalled.**

During the day, Nippers should have plenty of fluids, high energy food, keep in the shade and reapply sun-block regularly.

At the conclusion of a race, Nippers should remain at the finish (wearing their club cap), until dismissed by Officials.

At the conclusion of a carnival, parents are requested to assist packing up tents and equipment; return boards to MLSC or the MLSC trailer; and ensure the area is left clean.

A tradition of Manly LSC is that competitors wear the sky blue cap when being awarded medals, Manly nippers are strongly encouraged to continue this tradition.

Nippers should not leave the carnival without "checking-out" with the Age Manager.

## Protests

Should a competitor feel he/she has been unfairly impeded by another competitor or that an irregularity has occurred, there may be grounds for a protest. Please note however that "luck of the prevailing conditions" is an integral part of surf sports and is not a grounds for protest. Any protest about the course must be made prior to the start of the event.

Should a protest be considered the Nipper must immediately notify the Age Manager &/or Team Manager. A protest must be lodged within 5 minutes of the end of a race.

## Competing Outside Age Group

In general terms, competing outside Age Groups is not permitted **in events for individuals.**

In team events it is allowable to compete in the age above in some team events, subject to: i) the competitor holding the proficiency qualification for the older age group; and ii) the approval of the JAC Chairman, Superintendent, Coaches or Team Manager.

# Age and Club Championships

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## Age Group Champions

Age Champion will be awarded for each gender of the U8 - U14 age groups. Points will be accumulated towards the Age Group Champion over the season as specified below. The nipper with the lowest cumulative points is ranked highest. To be **eligible** to be an Age Group Champion a member must have attended and participated in:

- ❖ At least 8 "normal" Nipper days at Manly Beach; **plus**
- ❖ A minimum of 1 Club Championship rounds; **plus**
- ❖ Completed the Surf Education Award prior to 31/12/19; **plus**
- ❖ A minimum of 2 Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Junior Carnivals; **and**
- ❖ Completed the Competition proficiency prior to the event for which they receive points.

U8s do not compete in Branch or State Championships and so only points accumulated in Club Champs will be included.

Subject to a member being **eligible**, points shall be awarded as follows:

- ❖ Club Championships (2 best results for each event over the season)

<u>Overall Place in FINAL</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4

ETC. Each place in the final thereafter add 1 point

**Heat:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 1.

Do Not Compete (DNC) Do Not Finish (DNF); or are Disqualified (DSQ) receive points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 2.

- ❖ Branch Championship each event (best three events only, including a MAX of 2 teams).

<u>Overall Place in FINAL</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4

ETC. Each place in the final thereafter add 1 point

**Semi Final:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 1.

**Quarter Final:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in Final plus 2.

**Heat:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 3.



**Do Not Compete (DNC) Do Not Finish (DNF); or are Disqualified (DSQ)** receive points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 4. State Championship (best three events only, including a MAX of 2 teams)

<u>Overall Place in FINAL</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4

*ETC. Each place in the final thereafter add 1 point*

**Semi Final:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 1.

**Quarter Final:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in Final plus 2.

**Heat:** Points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 3.

**Do Not Compete (DNC) Do Not Finish (DNF); or are Disqualified (DSQ)** receive points equivalent to the number of competitors in the Final plus 4.

## **Club Championships**

*In each age group, with the exception of U6 and U7, the Club Championships will be run for both genders over three rounds. The 2 best results for each event will count towards the championship. There will be a Club Champion for Water (Surf Swim and Board) and a Club Champion for Beach (Flags and Sprint). The results in the Surf Swim plus the results in Board will be counted towards the Water Championship. The results in Flags plus the results in Sprints will be counted towards the Beach championship. Points will be calculated as detailed above.*

*To be **eligible** to be a Club Champion a member must have attended and participated in:*

- ❖ *At least 8 "normal" Nipper days at Manly Beach; **plus***
- ❖ *A minimum of 2 Club Championship rounds; **plus***
- ❖ *Completed the Surf Education Award prior to 31/12/19; **and***
- ❖ *Completed the Competition proficiency prior to the event for which they receive points.*

*If a scheduled round of the Club Championship cannot be held due to adverse conditions, it will be attempted to be rescheduled. Two rounds need to be held to constitute the Club Championship.*