

Manly Nippers - State Champs Team

Surf Life Saving NSW State Championships

When - Friday 26 - Sunday 28 February 2021

Where - Blacksmiths Beach, Swansea Belmont SLSC

More than 6000 competitors from all over NSW along with 600 volunteer officials and up to 15,000 family and spectators attend this Carnival over three whole days. It requires Nippers to have the Friday off school. An event program will be posted on Facebook and Team App nearer to the event.



Key Dates

- Week before - State team uniform handout, Manly Club
- Thurs 26 Feb – 4pm Final training session, Blacksmiths Beach, Swansea Belmont
- Fri 26 Feb - Competition commences, daily board warm ups posted on Facebook & Team App
- Sat 27 - Team dinner, from 5.30pm
- Sun 1 Mar - Competition concludes with All Age Beach Relay and All Age Board Relay

Team Manly

A large team of Manly Nippers take part each year. To be able to attend Nippers need to:

- have passed Proficiency. U14s also need to have completed their SRC
- have a parent/carer who is volunteering in some capacity -- water safety, IRB, official, Set up, committee or Age Manager
- be committed to training and reasonably competitive - this Carnival is the highest level of competition in NSW. There are no qualification requirements (except for Ironman/woman and Board Rescue) but Nippers do need to be competent in their events

If you need to borrow a club board, please contact your Age Manager or the Gear Steward.

Need to Know

- Team entries may be limited at State, so not every nipper may take part in a particular team event.
- Each Nipper will have a number assigned to them for each event (State Random Draw). This ensures a random draw for heats and positions on the line.
- Manly Swimmers & Manly Nippers Cap must be worn.
- It is a SLSNSW requirement for all competitors to race in a supplied pink hi-vis vest. Size requests are made through your Carnival entry form. Vests are collected from your Age Manager either on Thursday at the final training session or on Friday morning.
- A Manly State uniform is available to order prior to State. Orders normally close in November. Details will be posted on Facebook and Team App.
- Communication will be by Team App so make sure you have joined and have the correct notifications turned on. Updates will also be posted on SLS NSW Team App too.
- The following documents will be linked to on Team App just before state
 - [Manly LSC State teams 2021](#)
 - [Random Draw](#)
 - [State Program 2021](#)

Volunteering

Organising the team for the State Championships is a big job. Manly Nippers will be expected to provide a strict ratio of volunteers (eg Water Safety & Officials) to competitors in order to compete. There will also be many other jobs that need doing, so help out whenever you can and share the load.

All families attending have to select a volunteering option when making their State carnival entries.

Accommodation and travel

Arrangements need to be made individually by each family. Talk to other families in your age group about where they are staying and get a group together. We encourage you to book ASAP

U9-U10 Events

- Individual events - flags, sprint, 1km run, swim, board
- Team events – March past, sprint relays, board relays and swim teams
- The competition runs for 2 days (Fri & Sat), unless in the All Age beach or All Age board relays which run on the Sunday
- Each day is split between water and beach events so that Nippers can compete across all events
- For water events there is normally an individual board and team swim one day and an individual swim and board relay the other.
- Come and watch Manly Competitors in the finals for the U11-U14 on Sunday and the All Age Relays.

U11-U14 Events

- Individual events - flags, sprint, 1km run, swim, board, ironperson*
- Team events – March Past, sprint relays, board relays, swim teams, board rescue*, Cameron relay, R&R
- For *events (Ironman & Board rescue) Nippers need to qualify at SNB Branch Championships
- State lasts three days with heats for individual events normally on Friday, Team events through to finals on Saturday and Individual finals and Cameron finals on Sunday together with the All Age relays.

On the Day

- Check program for marshalling times – arrive well beforehand
- Check in with your Age Manager
- Be alert for announcements and changes to the program. Stay close to your Age Manager/area at all times.
- Age managers and assistants will be busy so please be responsible for your own child.

Pack-up/down

- **Trailer packing** - assistance required before State will be posted on Facebook and Team App
- **Accessing gear** - from the trailer at state. It will be parked near Swansea Belmont SLSC
- **Tents** – Tents will need to be put in each age group area as early as possible on Thursday morning to secure a good spot
- **Daily tent maintenance/secure** - tents stay on the beach, but must be secured at the end of competition each day, it is a good idea to have rubbish bin tied to the tents
- **Tent pull down** – once competition is over in your area, your age group tent must be returned to the trailer
- **Repacking the trailer (post event)** - all age groups must take their own tents and boards back to trailer.

State Championships rules and procedures

State Championships are governed by strict rules and procedures. This is essential to ensure smooth, efficient and fair running of such a large event. Nippers, parents and Age Managers need to listen closely for race marshalling and instructions. If there are issues and/or protests in your child's event, talk to your Age Manager who knows the procedure to manage these. **Never** approach officials direct. Note Parents should not be in the competition areas.

Checklist for State

- Nippers cap (and spare)
- Sunscreen
- Swim caps and goggles (and spare)
- Black Sharpie Marker pen (to write random draw numbers on arms)
- Board wax
- Wet weather gear and umbrellas
- Spare dry towels
- Pack healthy snacks each day
- Water and/or sports drinks
- Camp chair
- Ensure you people's mobile numbers
- Be prepared for weather changes
- Be prepared for board/equipment failure or repairs
- LABEL EVERYTHING
- Make sure Team App is on!

