



Manly Nippers Competition Policies

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Eligibility to Compete

Eligibility criteria to compete for Team Manly

- Be a Nipper member of Manly LSC
- Have passed the relevant Competition Swim Proficiency & SLS education requirements
- U10-U14 (who competed the previous year) **MUST** have a Family Member who is a Qualified or Probationary Official

NOTE these new rules will apply to ALL Nippers including those whose parents already volunteer on the JAC and as Age Managers.

U10-U14 Competitors

Each Nipper sibling group (**‘Competition Family’**) **MUST**:

- **BEFORE CARNIVALS** have **ONE** family member (parent/grandparent/sister/friend etc) who is a **Qualified/Probationary Official** to be eligible to compete at SLS Carnivals in 2022/23
- **AT CARNIVALS** have at least one family member **PRESENT** & volunteering either as Official, Water Safety, Age Manager, Supporting Age Managers, Towing Trailer, Setting up tents etc

In addition any **WATER Competition Family** should aim for at least one family member to have their Bronze medallion **by U11s** in order to be able to volunteer as **Water Safety** at both carnivals & training sessions.

U9 Competitors

Families new to competition are encouraged to come along and have a go at competing. Please aim to fulfil our Competition Family Expectations for U10-U14s above as soon as you can to support Team Manly.

Exemption from eligibility requirements due to Extenuating Circumstances

Please apply by email to the JAC chairman at Nippers@ManlyLSC.com at least **2 weeks** before the closing date for a referenced carnival with details of the extenuating circumstances. Exemptions will be decided upon by the Junior Activities Committee on a case by case basis.

Selection Policy

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 great fun and build team spirit.

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 recorder's 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 communicated 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.**

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 marshalled, the Age Manager or Team Manager may immediately substitute the athlete for the reserve.
- If the team 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. There 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 medallist for that event and shall appear in all club records as part of that team.

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 provided 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). Nippers must 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 Branch and State level.

Entry Fees

A Training & Competition Levy is payable by each Nipper (U9-U14) that intends to enter train during the season. This helps to subsidise 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)
 - 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. Other out of Branch Carnivals will be promoted on the Manly Nipper Facebook group with details regarding entries. 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 Fees. 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 Nipper parents and in no circumstances will be paid by the Club.
- All queries regarding Carnival Entries should be directed to the Competition 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. Our team manager will in most circumstances be either the club competition manager or the JAC Chairman
- 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.

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.

Age & Club Championships

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 Nipper must have attended and participated in:

- At least 8 “normal” Nipper days at Manly Beach; **plus**
- A minimum of 1 Club Championship round; **plus**
- Completed the relevant Surf Education Award prior to 31/12/19; **plus**
- A minimum of 2 Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Junior Carnivals; **and**

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

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

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

Overall Place in FINAL	Points
1 st	1
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	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.

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

Overall Place in FINAL	Points
1 st	1
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	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)

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Overall Place in FINAL	Points
1 st	1
2 nd	2
3 rd	3
4 th	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.

Club Championships

Club Championships for U8s-U14s is run for both genders over three rounds. The 2 best results for each event will count towards the pointscore. There will be a Club Champion for Water (Surf Swim and Board) and a Club Champion for Beach (Flags and Sprint). Results in the Surf Swim and Board will be counted towards the Water Championship. Results in Flags and 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; **and**

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.

General Competition Policies

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.

As with all Nipper activities each Nipper remains the responsibility of their Parent/carer and all Nippers and their Parents/carers are bound by the Rules & Regulations of SLSA, SLSNSW, Manly LSC and by the Code of Conduct signed by all at registration 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.