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Surf Life Saving Season

SANDPIPERS (NIPPERS)  
INFORMATION HANDBOOK



## **WELCOME TO NORTH WOLLONGONG NIPPERS**

On behalf of the Junior Club Committee, Age Managers and North Wollongong Surf Lifesaving Club, *welcome* to North 'Gong Nippers and thank you for joining our club.

Please take some time to browse this handbook as there are some important bits of information about nippers and our club.

Our vision for North Wollongong Nippers is 'to provide a safe, welcoming and family-oriented environment where both nippers and parents can enjoy a healthy outdoor activity in one of Wollongong's most picturesque and dynamic settings'.

Like any surf club program, we rely heavily on the active involvement of parents. I sincerely thank those parents who have "stepped up" in previous years and given their time to make our Nipper program work. I would ask every parent to consider what they could do to help and urge them to talk to an age manager or committee member for further information.

The club is now better placed than ever to provide training to parents who wish to become involved in their child's nipper experience. We are able to offer Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and Bronze Medallion training for those who would like to become water safety qualified. We can offer 1<sup>st</sup> aid and resuscitation training, IRB (rubber ducky) training and many other Surf Lifesaving awards. By completing some of these awards there is also the opportunity to become a patrolling member of the club!

I can say from personal experience that a greater involvement will really add to your child's enjoyment of nippers (and will add to your enjoyment too!)

I look forward to a great summer at North Wollongong Nippers.

See you on the beach!

David Mewett

Junior Activities Chairman

# Code of Conduct

## Parents, Caregiver's, & Spectator's code of behaviour

Remember that children participate in sport for *their* enjoyment and development

Encourage children to participate, do not force them

Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Set realistic goals.

Encourage children to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.

Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Show appreciation for coaches, age managers, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.

If you disagree with an official, coach, age manager, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the officials judgment and honesty in public. Remember that most officials, coaches, and age managers give their time and effort for your child's involvement.

## Nipper's code of behaviour

Compete within the rules, and within the spirit of Surf Lifesaving and North Wollongong Surf Club.

Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.

Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances whether they are given by North Gong or other clubs.

Treat all participants as you would like to be treated. Do not bully, interfere or take unfair advantage of another competitor.

Co-operate with your coach, age managers, team mates, officials and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.

Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.

Respect the equipment you use, wash it and return it after use. Report any damage.

Respect the club house. Treat it as you would treat your home. Leave it tidy

**By joining the North Wollongong Surf Club Nippers, the parent or carer acknowledges and accepts these Codes of Conduct. Any breach of these codes should be reported immediately to the Junior Chairman or member of the Junior Committee.**

## **CLUB STRUCTURE**

The Junior Surf Club movement operates Australia wide, on three levels: State, Regional Branch & Local Club. North Wollongong Sandpipers are part of the North Wollongong Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, which belongs to the Illawarra Branch. The Sandpipers are run by the Junior Activities Committee (JAC).

The North Wollongong Sandpipers JAC is a voluntary organisation run by parents, and relies on the involvement and assistance of all members to run successfully. All parents are invited to attend Junior Activities Committee meetings.

**The Junior Activities Committee for the 2014/2015 season is as follows:**

Position	Name
<b>Chairman</b>	David Mewett
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Ged Bourke
<b>Secretary</b>	Jacklyn Doubell
<b>Registrar</b>	Nigel Harpley
<b>Assistant Registrar</b>	Helen Tapia
<b>Treasurer</b>	Manuel Schuldt
<b>Water Captain</b>	Duane Arnold
<b>Beach Captain</b>	Paul Sparks
<b>Carnival Coordinator</b>	Helen Tapia
<b>Gear Steward</b>	Damien Evans
<b>Education Officer</b>	Paul Sparks

## AGE MANAGERS

Age Managers play a crucial role in a child's nipper experience. The Age Manager role covers all areas of the nipper program:

- Delivery of the Surf Education Program
- Coaching the nippers in different skills
- Supervision of point score events
- Motivating and encouraging the kids to give it their best
- Having fun with the kids!

*Our age managers are volunteers like many in the club. They generously give their time to make the nipper program work. Please support them and lend any assistance that they may need.*

**If you think you may be interested in taking on a role as an age manager or assistant age manager, please see any of the committee members for further information. You don't need to be any sort of expert in the surf – just ready and willing to lead your child's age group around and have some fun! We particularly are in need of age managers for our newest nippers in the under 6's.**

**Our age managers for season 2016/2017 are:**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Age Manager</b>	<b>Age Manager</b>
<b>Under 6</b>	TBA	
<b>Under 7</b>	Sarah Hypatidis	
<b>Under 8</b>	Carl Jacobs	Belinda Jacobs
<b>Under 9</b>	Maddy Atkins	Suzanne McGuinn
<b>Under 10</b>	Daniel Chapman	Nigel Harpley
<b>Under 11</b>	Manuel Schuldt	Kieran Mckay
<b>Under 12</b>	TBA	
<b>Under 13</b>	Paul Sparks	
<b>Under 14</b>	Don Eady	Anne Mckay

## **AGE GROUPS**

A child may join the club as soon as he / she turn 5 years of age, but not before.

Your child's age group is determined by their age at September 30 each year.

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>Age as at midnight Sept 30, 2016</b>
<b>Under 6</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Under 7</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Under 8</b>	<b>7 years</b>
<b>Under 9</b>	<b>8 years</b>
<b>Under 10</b>	<b>9 years</b>
<b>Under 11</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Under 12</b>	<b>11 years</b>
<b>Under 13</b>	<b>12 years</b>
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>13 years</b>

## **PROFICIENCIES**

***PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THROUGH THIS SECTION CAREFULLY SO YOU ARE AWARE OF THE CLUB'S POLICY REGARDING NIPPER PROFICIENCIES.***

'Proficiency' for nippers is a swim that each child must complete prior to participating in nippers. This check of swimming ability is designed to ensure that all kids in nippers have some degree of swimming ability, therefore adding to the safety of the nipper program. The distances to be swum are described below.

There are 2 levels of proficiency in the nippers program:

### **1. Junior Participation Skill Evaluation (Pool swim & Float)**

To ensure all of our nipper kids are safe, *ALL* nippers (Under 8 – Under 13) must successfully complete the Junior Participation Skill Evaluation. (There is no proficiency swim for U6's or U7's and U14's will be completing their SRC).

*This is required to be completed prior to participation in ANY nipper activity (beach or water).*

There are 2 dates for completing this swim:

Sun September 18th	11 - 1pm
Sun September 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 - 1pm

These proficiency swims will be conducted at the University Pool.

**Please be clear about this point: No nipper child will be permitted to participate in ANY nipper activity (beach or water) prior to the successful completion of this proficiency swim.**

## **2. Junior Competition Skill Evaluation**

This proficiency needs to be done if a child intends to compete at carnivals, and / or, intends to participate in extra club-organised training sessions. This applies to both beach AND water competitors. (U9's – U14's)

Upon successful completion of the Junior Participation Skill Evaluation (pool swim / float described above), the nipper can attempt the Competition Skill Evaluation – which is an open water swim.

The open water swim will be conducted around a competition course (Please see distances below.) This swim will be held at North Gong beach over the first few Sundays of the nipper season.



*This proficiency must be successfully completed in order to compete at carnivals and / or participate in club-organised training.*

Please note: we want as many nippers as possible to be out there competing for our club at carnivals. We encourage all kids to attempt this proficiency if they would like to give it a go, and if they think they may want to compete at a carnival.

This proficiency can be attempted throughout the season, so we encourage the kids to use this as a benchmark and if at first they don't succeed, then try, try again!

**Please note: Nippers IS NOT a learn-to-swim program.**  
**The children will not be taught to swim at nippers.**

We strongly recommend that children attend regular swimming lessons until at least squad level. *Children who do pool swimming regularly will be more capable in the surf and ultimately enjoy nippers much more.*

Distances for the proficiency swims are listed below.

	<b>Junior Participation Skill Evaluation</b>	<b>Junior Competition Skill Evaluation</b>
<b>Under 8</b>	25m swim (Freestyle) 1 min survival float	N/A
<b>Under 9</b>	50m freestyle in 3 min 1 min survival float	150m open water swim
<b>Under 10</b>	100m freestyle in 6 min 1.5 min survival float	150m open water swim
<b>Under 11</b>	100m freestyle in 6 min 2 min survival float	288m open water swim
<b>Under 12</b>	150m freestyle in 6 min 2 min survival float	288m open water swim
<b>Under 13</b>	200m freestyle in 6 min 3 min survival float	288m open water swim

<b>Under 14</b>	200m freestyle in 5 min 3 min survival float <b>OR</b> Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	288m open water swim
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\*ALL nippers must complete the Junior Participation Skill Evaluation before they are able to participate in ANY nipper activities on a Sunday (beach or water).

\*Any nipper wishing to compete at carnivals and / or participate in water training must successfully complete the Junior Competition Skill Evaluation.

### Under 14's

Once a nipper has turned 13 years of age, they can complete the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). SRC courses are conducted throughout the season, although a special SRC course will be run early in the season for our eligible under 14's.

(For those who have not yet turned 13, the proficiency in the above table is required.)

## **SURF EDUCATION**

The 'Surf Ed' schedule is an important part of our nipper program.

The educational program is based on modules established by Surf Lifesaving Australia.

The modules must be completed prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December in order for the children to gain their respective Surf Ed award. (Subject to a minimum number of attendances.)

Following are the names of the modules that the children complete at various ages.

Under 6: Surf Play 1

Under 7: Surf Play 2

Under 8: Surf Aware 1 - Surf & Sun Safety

Under 9: Surf Aware 2 - Waves, Rips & Wading

Under 10: Surf Safe 1 - Flags, Beach & Water Conditions

Under 11: Surf Safe 2 - Board & Surf Skills

Under 12: Surf Smart 1 - Advanced Surf Safety & 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

Under 13: Surf Smart 2 - Resuscitation

Under 14: Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

Completion of the relevant surf education module is compulsory for those nippers intending to compete at carnivals.

## **WHAT HAPPENS ON A TYPICAL SUNDAY MORNING?**

Sunday morning nippers start at 9am on the beach in front of the club house. The kids assemble on the sand in their age groups with their age manager. Parents are asked to stay up on the grass area near the surf club to listen to any announcements / information about the days' activities or other club news.

All children are required to have their attendance recorded by the age manager prior to joining the morning's activities.

Children should arrive ready to start with their North Wollongong red, white and blue cap on and sun screen applied. It is compulsory to wear the club cap whilst participating in nippers. (Once nippers has finished for the day and the child has been marked off by the age manager, the nipper cap must be taken off.)

In addition to the cap, any Under 8 – Under 14 nipper taking part in any water based activity must wear a pink hi-visibility rash vest at all times whilst in the water. The pink rash vests have been introduced to add to the safety children participating in water events.

*No pink rashie = No participation in water activities.*

When the Sunday morning session commences, the children take part in a warm-up and some activities on the beach and in the water.

Under 6's, Under 7's and Under 8's are encouraged to do water wades and other water activities to increase familiarity with the surf and boost their confidence. These groups also are introduced to different events, try out some boards in the shallows and play lots of games in the sand and in the water – again to increase their familiarity with the beach and, well, because nippers is supposed to be fun!

The older age groups (U9 – U14) use their time at nippers to learn and practice the various skills of the surf and surf lifesaving – surf swimming, boards and beach events. There will

also be days where the nippers compete in beach, board and swim events and points are awarded for places. These are Club Championship days, of which several will be run through the season. As the emphasis is on participation and 'having a go', points are also awarded for participation in events.

Participation is not, however, mandatory and no child is forced to compete in any event in which they are not capable, or if surf conditions are inappropriate.

Nippers will usually finish around 11am.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

The only compulsory items for your child's participation at nippers are:

1. Red, white and blue Nth Gong cap
2. Pink hi-visibility rash vest (U8's – U14's)

Other things that are a good idea to bring along are:

- Sunscreen
- Goggles
- Towel
- Drink bottle

Children are not permitted to wear watches or jewellery during nippers.

Wetsuits may be worn on Sunday mornings, but are not permitted at carnivals or club championships.

The North Gong caps, high-vis rashies, club swimmers and other apparel are available from the clubhouse most Sundays.

For carnivals, club swimmers must be worn.

## **TRAINING**

Beach, surf and board skills can be learnt and practised by our nippers at training sessions.

**Due to safety considerations, at present, only those children who have completed the competition proficiency can attend the water training sessions.**

If there are sufficient parents who are willing to gain their Bronze Medallion and provide additional water safety at training, it may be possible to provide training sessions for those children with the junior Participation Proficiency. We would love to see this happen.

Further information on training sessions, days and times will be made available at the start of the season.

## CARE OF EQUIPMENT

The main piece of equipment the nippers will use is the board. These types of boards are expensive to buy and expensive to repair. This is a major expense for our club and so we ask that all care is taken when handling the boards. Please read the following points and keep them in mind throughout the season. Board handling and care will form part of the orientation schedule.

When taking boards down to the water please ensure that they are carried not dragged. Dragging the boards on the sand will damage them and shorten their lifespan.

Please dig a hole in the sand for the fin to enable the board to lay flat. They should not be left in direct sunlight for lengthy periods of time.

Standing or kneeling on club boards whilst riding them is not allowed.

Foam paddleboards are only to be used by Under 8's to Under 10's.

Small Fibreglass boards are only to be used by Under 11's to Under 13's

Long Fibreglass boards are only used by Under 14's, Under 13's under supervision and Under 13 Surf Rescue Certificate holders if participating in an Under 14 Nipper event.

Children are not permitted to enter the nipper room to obtain equipment unless instructed to do so. The gear stewards record and inspect all equipment as it is taken out and returned. Please tell your child to ASK for adult assistance if the gear stewards are not able to be located.

Please ensure all damage to and loss of equipment is reported to the gear steward or the age manager *immediately*. This will ensure boards are repaired quickly. If damage is not reported immediately it could result in major damage and the club resources become diminished due to lengthy repair periods.

Please make an effort to put boards away at the completion of nippers. Many hands make light work, but it seems that each season there are many boards left languishing on the beach so that the same few people are left to pick them up.

# **CARNIVALS**

There are three levels of carnival competition;

- 1) Local Branch;**
- 2) Inter-Branch; and**
- 3) State Titles.**

## **LOCAL BRANCH CARNIVAL**

All members are encouraged to participate at our local branch carnivals in order to enjoy the friendliness and rewards that competition brings. It must be remembered that if you are not having FUN in competition then you may be trying a bit too hard!

For insurance purposes a carnival entry must be made for each Local Carnival. If you intend to participate in a Carnival, please advise the Carnival Organiser so you can be placed on the Carnival Entry Form. Local Carnivals start at 8.00am sharp and all competitors are asked to be at the beach of the Carnival by 7:30am.

Carnival entry forms can be completed on registration days.

## **INTER-BRANCH CARNIVAL**

Inter-branch Carnivals take place annually. The Illawarra Branch Team comprises of junior and senior competitors selected from the 17 clubs from Helensburgh/Stanwell Park to Windang. Selection is based on results from Carnivals at the beginning of the season and, if necessary, from the end of the previous season.

## **STATE TITLES**

State Competition is open to all members who have their competition proficiency and have completed their Surf Ed requirement for the current season.

**See the calendar for a full list of Carnival dates, times and other Activities.**

## **MARCH PAST TEAM**

We invite children to learn March Past and compete with the team at the Junior, Branch and State Titles. March Past is an important part of the history of Surf Life Saving and is spectacular to watch when performed correctly. This is also a great way for those children not so competitive to participate at a competition level. Please advise a committee member or Age Manager if your children would like to participate.

## **CARNIVAL CONDUCT**

A carnival takes place from approximately 8.00am to 12.30pm. Exceptions are the Branch Championships & the Junior Carnival, which may run all day and State titles, which are held over three days.

Families who have nominated for carnivals will be contacted via SMS / email a week prior to the closing date for entries in order to confirm their attendance at the carnival. ***If the carnival coordinator does not receive confirmation then the child will not be entered in that carnival. If the child still wishes to compete at that carnival it will be the responsibility of the parent to register on the morning of the carnival and late fees may apply.***

Help is required at carnivals. Parents who nominate their children for carnivals must also nominate to officiate at the carnivals in some capacity. The carnival co-ordinator will discuss this with you. In addition to this, there is the opportunity to complete an 'Officials Course' run by Surf Lifesaving. Opportunities also exist for carnival parents to help out by being water safety at carnivals. A Bronze Medallion is required. The club can facilitate parents getting this qualification. See the carnival coordinator for further information.

A tent will be erected at each carnival where possible and the children are asked to stay under the tent whilst waiting for their events. The events are called over a P.A. system and parents are asked to 'keep an ear out' for event announcements and ensure their children are at the marshalling area ready for their events. When arriving on the beach please see the Carnival Organiser to have your child's name marked off. Children must report back to the Carnival Organiser after each event to have their results recorded. It is the responsibility



of the competitor to give their results from each carnival on time as they will not be chased up.

Competition caps must remain on the head and securely tied under the chin during competition in all events, and must remain worn until the child's name is marked off by the official on crossing the line. Rash vests are to be worn, but if competing in a team event, all vests must be identical club vests. No jewellery is to be worn. As of the 2013-2014 SLS season, all competitors in water events must wear a pink high visibility rash vest.

Parents, unless assisting as an official, are not permitted into the competition area. The club Chairperson, or Carnival Organiser, is the only person from the club eligible to lodge protests regarding any infringement of the rules. Parents must be aware that there are a number of factors that can have an effect on the running of events. The numbers of competitors, surf conditions, even the weather may cause changes to timing and /or order of events and may even cause cancellation of some or all of the remaining events in a carnival. The carnival is under the control of the Carnival Referee. The Referee can alter or even cancel a Carnival program if adverse surf, beach or weather conditions prevail.

Remember to slip, slop, slap and wrap and ensure you take adequate supplies of sunscreen, fluids, food, hats and a chair and a black marker. Again, keep an ear out for announcements

**Please note:** The Surf Life Saving Association has banned the consumption of alcohol whilst Junior Carnivals are in progress.

## COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR MEMORIAL SHIELD

North Wollongong Junior SLSC was one of the first clubs in the Illawarra to take up the 'nipper' movement, Ron Middleton being the main driving force. When Mr Middleton passed away, a Memorial Shield was established in his honour. Each year this shield is presented to the Competitor of the Year.

## PRESENTATION DAY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting and Presentation Day will be held upstairs in the North Wollongong SLSC as per the Club Calendar. This season we are planning to have presentations for U8 – U14 age groups in the afternoon, followed by the Junior AGM and then a family dinner. All positions on the Junior Committee are made vacant and nominations are taken (and encouraged) for all positions.

Following the AGM, we will have the end of season dinner to which all nipper families are invited.

## LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR

The Illawarra Branch awards a Lifesaver of the year award. Each club is asked to nominate a candidate, and it is for this reason that all of the Under 14 age group are asked if they would like to present a short resume to the committee, accompanied with a letter, and submitted in November each year.

Branch criteria will be forwarded to each member in this age group. We would like to see every child nominate, and the committee will then forward its selection on to Branch. Branch will then make their decision, which will be forwarded to State.

Awards are presented for Club Lifesaver of the Year, Branch Lifesaver of the Year and State Lifesaver of the Year at the annual Branch presentation dinner.

## ASSURANCE WEEK

Assurance Week is scheduled by Surf Life Saving NSW each year. **This is the biggest fundraiser for the surf club.** On Saturday October 31st, the club has been able to secure the Wollongong Bunnings BBQ. All proceeds from this BBQ will go directly to the Junior Club. ***All members and parents are encouraged to spare an hour or so to help out at this barbie. The children are encouraged to come along as well in their nipper gear to help collect donations.*** Further updates will be communicated at the Sunday morning briefing at Nippers.

***Please support our club during this week!***

## Appendix 1: Rules & Guidelines for the Season

1. **Awards** - All children must be financial and have participated in fundraising and other club activities before they are eligible for trophies or financial assistance from the Junior Activities Club.
2. **Cancellations** - Nippers may be called off in the event of severe wet weather or unsafe water conditions. In the event of poor surf conditions Nippers will still run with groups participating in Surf Education or other sand based activities. You will receive a text message from NWSLSC prior to nippers notifying you of any cancellations.
3. **Water Safety** - All Nippers competing in water events **must** wear a **PINK** safety singlet / vest to help with visibility in the water. These can be purchased from NWSLSC.
4. The Water Captain will make the decision if the water events at nippers will go ahead after liaising with the Patrol Captain. This decision will be made based upon what is best for all competitors and we ask that both parents and nippers respect this decision.

We are required to have 1 water safety person to every 5 children in the water. A water safety person has to have a bronze medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate to be able to help with water safety. *Parents are not to swim with the children if they are not proficient. This is for the safety of the children, the parents and the water safety personnel. This is in accordance with the current Surf Life Saving Circulars 1999/2000.*

5. **Representatives** - In the event of Branch or State Duties, points will be allocated to participants on the basis of an average of the points scored for each event over the season.
6. **Nippers Caps** - NWSLSC nipper's caps **must be** worn to each Sunday nipper session.. NWSLSC nipper's caps **must be** on the child's head at the start of the day, and be removed upon completion of nippers and having their name marked off.
7. **Club Championships** - All Boys and Girls events at Club Championships will usually be run separately.
8. **Age Groups** - Children **will not** be allowed to compete out of their age group; it must be noted some age groups are run together at Club Championships. Refer to table

for Age Group DOB ranges. **Children must have their name marked off by the age managers each week. We also ask that all parents see the age manager to sign their child out at the end of nippers each week.** Parents please ensure that the date of birth of your child is correct on the attendance sheets.

9. **NSW State Titles** - All children are welcome to nominate to attend the State Championships however they must have completed their timed pool swim plus the run swim run and the Surf Education age award prior to the End of the Calendar Year.
10. **Sydney Water / Illawarra Carnivals** - Each nipper who intends on nominating to participate at carnivals must have successfully completed the timed pool swim **and** the run-swim-run at the beach to be eligible. Please refer to 'Proficiencies' for more information.

**NOTE:** In the 2015 – 2016 season we will also be asking that all nippers intending to participate in any carnival reply to the carnival coordinator their intention to compete at **each** individual carnival. An SMS / email will be sent to all competitors who have registered to attend carnivals at the beginning of the season. If you don't reply to each carnival email you will have to register your child on the morning of the carnival.

11. **Attendance** - A Certificate will be awarded for 100% attendance at nippers and Carnivals on presentation day.
12. **Costumes / Uniforms** - Club costumes and caps must be worn at State and other Carnivals in which the child is representing North Wollongong Surf Lifesaving Club. Costumes and uniforms can be purchased at nippers each Sunday or during the week during NWSLSC opening hours (*please refer to the NWSLSC website for opening times*).

## Appendix 2: Club Championship Scoring Policy

This policy is to cover the running and scoring of the Club Championships that is held on some Sundays throughout the season.

### Part 1 Scoring

- The scoring system for the Age Club Champion will be

1<sup>st</sup> Position                      5 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Position                      4 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Position                      3 points

4<sup>th</sup> Position                      2 points

All other Positions 1 point

- If a child does not compete in an event on any Club Championship day they will not receive any points for that event.
- If a child does not turn up on any Club Championship day they will not receive any points.
- If a child competes in an event but does not finish or is assisted in the course of the event the child will be awarded 1 point at the discretion of the Age Manager.
- Each child must attend a minimum of 50% of Sunday Nippers throughout the season to be eligible for Club Championship points
- Children will receive 1 point for each nipper (non-Club Championship) Sunday they attend.

### Part 2 Event Cancellation

- When an event is cancelled due to the conditions and no child in a particular age group competes, then no points will be awarded to any child in the age group for that event.
- When an event is cancelled for a particular age group all competing children of that age group on the Club Championship day will receive 1 point only for each other event competed on that day.
- The above rule is to not disadvantage competitors who are particularly strong in the event that has been cancelled.
- Also other age groups that completed all events on any particular Club Championship day will receive their maximum points.
- If all age groups do not complete the Club Championship on a particular day these points will not contribute to the prestigious annual awards such as Boarder, Swimmer of the Year etc.

## Part 3 Exceptional Circumstances

- A child that misses a Club Championship day due to competing at a Club sanctioned surf lifesaving carnival, e.g. inter-branch carnival, will receive their **average points** for each event awarded over the surf season.
- Any child who misses a Club Championship day due to illness or unforeseen and disruptive personal circumstances may – at the committee’s discretion – be given special consideration and their points calculated, providing the request and explanation of such circumstances is made to the committee in writing within a reasonable period.

## Part 4 Education and Skills Training Days

Attendance and participation at these days is important so our Nippers can improve their skills in a non-competitive environment. All who attend will score 1 point towards their final Club Championship total.

## Part 5 Standby Days

If the water events are cancelled due to the conditions on the day set down for Club Championships, those events will be carried over to the next available weekend.

## Part 6 Iron Person

On the Club Championship day the Iron person events will be run separately to all the other events. There will be three categories:

- Junior Iron person for combined U/11s & 12s age groups.
- U/13’s Iron person – Short Board
- U/14’s Iron person – Long Board

The male and female winners of these events will be lauded as the champion.

## Appendix 4: Individual Event Scoring System

This system is for an individual Event only (e.g. Boarder of the Year), the Age Club Champion is to remain the same.

### Part 1

The scoring system for the Age Club Champion will be used for part 1 of the Event Champion.

1 <sup>st</sup> Position	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	3 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Position	2 points
All other Positions	1 point

### Part 2

The following system of points will be awarded for Carnival results during the season;

#### Sydney Water Carnivals,

1 <sup>st</sup> Position	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	6 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Position	5 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Position	4 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Position	3 points
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Position	2 points
Participate in final	2 points
All other Positions	1 point

#### Junior Carnival & Illawarra Branch Carnival

1 <sup>st</sup> Position	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	4 points

3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	3 points
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Position	2 points
All other Positions	1 point

### **State Carnival**

1 <sup>st</sup> Position	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Position	9 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	8 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Position	7 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Position	6 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Position	5 points
7 <sup>th</sup> Position	4 points
8 <sup>th</sup> Position	3 points
Final	3 points
Semi-final	2 points
Participation	1 point

Using a child's results for each carnival from the points system above, a total for part 2 is achieved by adding these together.

## **Part3**

Part 1 + Part 2 = the final score for the Event Champion.

Note - Eligibility for End of Year Trophies for Iron person is dependent on a Nipper participating in at least 50% of the Iron person Club Champion events conducted for his / her Iron person event.



# Appendix 5: Carnival Policy

## 1. Preamble:

North Wollongong JSLSC attends a number of Carnivals during the year. These require a substantial amount of organisation, and need to provide a consistent and fair stage for competition. This policy outlines how the Carnivals are to be organised and run, as well as the obligations of members wishing to participate in Carnivals.

## 2. Carnival Entry Obligation Carnival Payment

To participate, members are to nominate their names to the Carnival organiser by the closing date, as documented on the Carnival nomination forms. Carnival nominations must be accompanied by the Carnival Nomination Fee and handed to the Carnival Organiser. For further information, please enquire on registration days or listen to the Sunday morning information before Nippers for further instructions.

Carnival nominations must include the nomination fee. Nippers will not be nominated without the fee being paid. Any families that wish to participate in carnivals, but are unsure due to financial constraints are encouraged to approach the carnival coordinators to discuss what assistance the club may be able to provide.

Late carnival registrations are possible on the day of the carnival. This will need to be organised by the parent/carer of the Nipper. Keep in mind that there is an additional fee charged and the total amount is to be paid by the entrant's parent/carer on the day.

## 3. Organisational and Setup Requirements:

Whether at home or away, every Carnival requires some equipment to be set up.

**3.1. At Home Carnivals:** The at home Carnivals require a number of tents to be set up as well as locations allocated for sprint, flags and water areas.

**3.2. Away Carnivals:** The boards will need to be loaded onto the Junior Surf Club trailer after Friday afternoon training. Each child participating in events is asked to carry their board to the collection area so that it can be loaded. The Junior Club's carnival tent needs to be set up early in the morning prior to the commencement of the Carnival. This tent takes four people and about 20 minutes to set up therefore this should commence at about 7:30 AM in order to complete before the start of the carnival – these assets need to be organised well in advance. At the end of the day, the tent needs to be disassembled and returned to the club.

**3.3. Cleanup Requirements:** The end of a Carnival requires tents to be dismantled and returned, boards to be cleaned, repacked and returned etc. When boards are returned, any damage needs to be brought to the attention of the Gear Stewart or his/her nominated replacement for the day. Failure to report damages could result in the cost for repairs being allocated to the person responsible for the board.

#### **4. Operational Requirements:**

Each Carnival requires certain assets in order to function smooth and safely. Carnivals require a number of officials (1 to 10 competitors every day of carnival) and water safety (1 to 7 competitors every day of the carnival). These numbers should be obtained well in advance so resources can be allocated to these tasks. Home Carnivals also require extra equipment, such as IRBs. Again this needs to be planned well in advance so that requirements can be coordinated with the Gear Steward.

The scoring for Carnivals is as per the “Individual Event Scoring System” refer Appendix 4, which makes up part of the club’s overall policy. Any incidents or problems during the Carnival should be referred to the Chairman or his/her nominated replacement during that carnival, and thereafter followed up in writing if required.

#### **5. Team member obligations:**

Team members will be based on the nominations received prior to the carnival. The selectors will use Club Championship and training records to select the team members.

Members in team events should make an effort to train with that team prior to the Carnival date. On the Carnival day, all team event members should attend the team events as a “no show” disqualifies the whole team. Any incident where a member of a team does not compete on the day and subsequently disqualify the whole team will be raised with the committee as unsportsmanlike behaviour. It is understood that there may be circumstances where a competitor is forced to choose between two events occurring at the same time – this will be taken into account by the committee and it is encouraged that a replacement be organised. All incidents of non-committed or unsportsmanlike behaviour will be brought before the committee for review and action. The committees’ decision will be open to a right of appeal in writing.

Teams will be selected by at least three selectors. The criteria used to select the teams will be as follows.

- Firstly the competitor must nominate before the nominated closing date.
- The competitor must participate in weekly training.
- The competitor must have a 50% or greater attendance to Nippers.
- The Nipper Club Championship results and any previous carnival results will be taken into account.
- Finally the coaches and independent person will differentiate if further selection is required.
- Any competitors or parents/guardians who are not satisfied with team selections or any other issues can raise their concerns in writing to the committee for investigation.

## 6. **OH&S**

Although not strictly a Carnival issue, the issue of “Sun Safe” is relevant. A Carnival bag will be kept in the nipper room and is to go to all Carnivals, containing:

- Textas – for competitors numbers
- Sunscreen – Sun safety for those who forgot their own.
- First Aid Kit – For obvious reasons.
- Team Folders
- Results Sheets

It is everyone’s responsibility to encourage Sun Safe principles.

## Appendix 6: Board Policy

1.0 **Purpose:** To outline the club policy with respect to the allocation, maintenance and use of club boards for competition, training and private use by members of the Junior Activities program.

2.0 **Preamble:** North Wollongong JSLSC provides boards to members for use in Point Score, training and competition. The maintenance costs of these boards are high and hence a fair and equitable method of covering part of these costs is the aim of this policy.

It is anticipated that all members will be mindful of the potential for damage to Club Boards and will endeavour to use care and diligence when using and storing boards.

3.0 **Ownership:** The boards used by the Junior program are either owned by the Surf Club or are privately owned boards. This policy treats both of these scenarios differently.

Those boards owned by individuals shall be maintained by the owner and any costs associated with repairs to these boards will be at the owner's expense, except where the board is being used to compete at or train for Carnivals.

Club owned boards will be maintained by the club and any repair costs for any of the boards whether in competition, training or Point Score will be borne by the club. Any board gained through sponsorship will always remain the property of the club and only be used by an assigned competitor while they represent the club in competition

4.0 **Carnivals:** Carnivals are designated as any competition where the Club is being represented in a SLSA, NSWLS, SLSI or other event as sanctioned by the Junior Committee. Whilst competing at a sanctioned carnival, board repairs will be covered by the Club for all boards and competitors.

5.0 **Board Allocation:** Those club members who are competing at carnivals and do not have a board of their own may apply to the Committee to have a Club board allocated to them for the season. Allocation will be made on the basis of suitability of each board for an applicant, preference by the applicant for a particular board or a previously allocated board. The term of the season shall be from when the first registration day occurs until the Presentation Day or AGM, whichever is the latter. Members may request an extension of this time for the purpose of further carnival entry after the season concludes. The Committee shall determine such extensions

6.0 **Damage Reporting:** Any damage to club boards or personal boards in carnivals shall be reported immediately to the age managers, Gear Stewards or a Committee

Member for recording in the Board Log book. This is to ensure that any damage sustained whilst in the performance of Carnival duties is noted as such so that the user is not charged for those repairs. Failure to report damage to a board immediately may lead to those repairs being levied to the user of the board or the person allocated that board.

- 7.0 **Club Training:** For the purpose of the program, board training shall be defined as those days where the Coach or his deputy, or the Committee run a sanctioned session of instruction. This may include training sessions involving structured training with other clubs. Private training whether it is at North Wollongong beach or other location is not Club Training.
- 8.0 **Dispute:** Where a dispute arises between the owner or user of the board and the Club, around the issue of liability of repair charges the Committee shall decide by majority who shall bear the costs. In the event of any hung decision the Chairman or his deputy shall have the final and casting vote.

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