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Surf Life Saving Club North Stradbroke Island
Junior Activities



CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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Some Nippers enjoy surf life saving as a sport and participating in competition at Surf Carnivals. This guideline provides information for Nippers and their parents wishing to compete in Surf Sport Carnivals.

Point Lookout SLSC has a strong tradition of competing at a range of carnivals displaying sportsmanship and in particular has encouraged and developed competition in individual and team events.

Surf Sport Carnivals are loads of fun, but require a commitment from both Nippers and parents. Nippers attending a carnival must have either a parent or nominated guardian present at all times.

To Compete You Must Be Proficient

All Nippers wishing to compete at carnivals (either on sand or water) must complete their Junior Competition Proficiency prior to their first carnival of the season. This is a SLSA requirement.

Competitors at Branch and State Championships must also have successfully completed their Surf Education obligations prior to the close of Branch Title entries. Generally, we would need to have any competitors' awards successfully completed by the Christmas Break Up in order to process the relevant paperwork with Branch. Again, this is a requirement of SLSA and it is critical that it is satisfied.

Events

Surf Sport Carnivals involve both individual and team events in many disciplines. Competition in Nippers begins with the Under 8 Age Group and finishes at Under 14s. You can continue in the sport of surf lifesaving beyond the Under 14s.

A summary of events per age group is listed below:

U8	U9	U10	U11-U14
Wade Race	Wade Race	Wade Race	Surf Race
Sprints	Surf Race	Surf Race	Board Race
Flags	Board Race	Board Race	Ironperson
Beach Relay	Sprints	Sprints	Sprints
Wade Relay	Flags	Flags	Flags
	Beach Relay	Beach Relay	1km/2km Run
	Wade Relay	Wade Relay	Beach Relay
	Board Relay	Board Relay	Board Relay
	Surf Teams	Surf Teams	Cameron Relay
			Surf Teams
			Board Rescue

Other Team Events include: All Age Relay, March Past, R&R and Board Riding

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

Other events Point Lookout gets involved with in Junior Activities is the Surf Rescue Championships including Champion Lifesaver and First Aid Competition and the Pool Rescue Events: U11 – U14 years.

TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The objective of the selection policy is to **select the strongest team(s)** to represent Point Lookout SLSC in each Age Group, whilst also encouraging all Nippers to 'have a go' and compete for fun. At Branch and State Championships, the Club will try to select the most competitive team from any age group.

To be eligible for selection the following criteria will be taken into account by Team Selectors which comprise of the Team Manager/s, Coaches and Age Managers:

1. Attendance/performance at Club "Points Days"
2. Attendance/ performance at Carnivals throughout the season. It is strongly recommended that the member has competed at Branch plus one other carnival to be eligible to compete at the State Championships.
3. Attendance at Nippers, minimum of 70% attendance at nipper days before State Championships.
4. Members must demonstrate appropriate and adequate training for events to be eligible (i.e. specialist training during nipper program and/or as otherwise arranged).
5. Members are encouraged to compete in more than 1 event for the Club (unless a qualifying system is in place i.e. U11's).

NOTE: In extreme circumstances when a child has been unable to meet the above requirements due to circumstances outside their control such as illness or family reasons this minimum will be considered by the Selectors.

NOTE: The Selectors will consider the make-up of teams in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual – General Competitive Conditions.

In addition to the selection criteria, there are a number of factors to be considered including availability, willingness and commitment to training and nipper days.

PARTICIPATION IN TEAM EVENTS

We encourage all Nippers to participate in competition, if they choose to. The Club places a high priority on Team events and will enter as many teams as possible.

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. The team selectors will select teams consistent with the best interest of the individual and overall philosophy to send the strongest Point Lookout team to compete at the Branch and State Championships. Selections will be based on performances at 'points days', club training days, other carnivals, the workload on the day and timing of events.

If there are circumstances where originally selected team members may not be able to compete in heats or semi finals of a team event, then the Team Manager in consultation with the Coach/AGL will substitute a competitor at their discretion. If a member has been selected and committed to a team event then withdraws without a valid reason, this may result in the nipper being withdrawn from all individual events.

QUEENSLAND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The culmination of the competition for the Junior Activity season is the Queensland Youth Surf Life Saving Championships. The Championships are open to Nippers in age groups from Under 11 to Under 14, and is extended to include the U15's. It is a very exciting time of the year.

Point Lookout Junior Activities endeavours to support Nippers attending the State Championships. All Nippers reaching the qualifying standards listed below are entitled to a State Championships Kit being provided at minimal cost:

- Under 11's – Finish within the top 12 places for individual events. In team events and some individual events i.e. 1 km run, there is a restricted entries quota per Branch. Refer to SLSQ Circular.
- Under 12's - Under 14's – There is no qualifying criteria for individual events, but to be eligible to receive the State Championships Kit at minimal cost, the member must have finished in the top 12 places or in the restricted entry places within team events.
- Individuals who do not meet the qualifying standards may still compete, providing they have met the approval from the Team Selectors under the selection criteria, and may purchase the State Championships Kit at cost price.

Fundraising events will be conducted to raise money for costs associated with attendance costs at the State Youth Championships. All families will be advised of their obligation to support these events. Those persons who do not participate in these nominated events will not be entitled to any subsidised State Championships Kit.

Any selection concerns should be discussed directly with the Team Manager. The committee's decision is final and no further correspondence will be taken into account

CARNIVAL ENTRY FEES

The club encourages our competitive nippers to attend the many carnivals held throughout the season.

Where a Nipper enters a Carnival, and subsequently fails to attend, the Nippers Parents will be required to reimburse the Club for the Entry Fee. Nippers will not be able to nominate for subsequent Carnivals until outstanding fees are paid.

OFFICIALS AT CARNIVALS

Every carnival requires the Club to supply a certain number of officials, as our competition team continues to grow so does the required number of officials that we must supply.

Parents who are not qualified for Water Safety or an Age Manager are strongly encouraged to assist with being an Official so all our kids can participate.

Officials at carnivals are supplied with morning and afternoon tea, lunch and drinks throughout the day.

WATER SAFETY AT CARNIVALS

At every carnival we are also required to supply water safety officials, to be able to do so you must be a proficient Surf Rescue Certificate holder.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents Code

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate.
- Children are involved for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to play by the rules.
- Encourage the effort being as important as the result.
- Work towards improving skills and sportsmanship.
- Do not yell or abuse a child for making a mistake.
- Recognise and encourage good play or efforts.
- Recognise efforts of volunteer Age Managers, trainers/coaches, water safety and Committee members. They are not there to be abused or harassed. They are doing their best for your children.
- Similarly when at carnivals treat the officials and carnival organisers with respect and in no circumstances abuse or harass them. If unhappy with a decision launch a formal protest via the Team Manager.
- Parents are not to approach the officials.
- Ensure that you stay behind the roped off area. Only Team Managers/Coaches/AGL's in Club apparel should be in the carnival arena.
- Abide by the Photography Rules as set out by Surf Life Saving Queensland.

Participants Code

- Participate to enjoy the sport
- Follow the rules
- Control your temper and be a good sport
- Treat other participants as you like to be treated
- Encourage all in your team
- Listen to your Age Manager, Team Manager, water safety and coaches
- Respect the decision of officials at carnivals

If a parent or child fails to comply with the above code of conduct they may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee (Club Management/Executive). At all times you must remember that you are representing the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club and therefore must act accordingly.

