



COLLARROY SLSC NIPPERS

Junior Activities Board (JAB)

COLLARROY NIPPERS HANDBOOK

aka 'THE RED BOOK'

Season 2026/27

Further information

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate our Nippers to be competent and safe in the beach/surf environment while having fun and setting them on a path to becoming future Lifesavers.

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WELCOME TO COLLARROY SLSC NIPPERS

On behalf of the Nipper Committee of Collaroy SLSC, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning Nippers and their families to the 2026/27 season at Collaroy.

At Collaroy Surf Club we have a proud history and a close relationship within all sections of the club, ensuring that the approaching season is full of optimism.

The Nipper movement is about inclusion, education, awareness, competition, sportsmanship, transition (to Cadets and Seniors) but most importantly it is about participation and fun for Nippers and parents. Nipper activities are aimed at teaching your children the basics of surf awareness and water safety. Surf knowledge and techniques are gradually introduced to the children in relation to their age and ability. Ultimately at the age of 13, they will attain their SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate), a stepping stone to their Bronze Medallion, and become a Lifesaver and Patrolling member providing an important service in the Collaroy community.

Like all voluntary organisations, parents are required to assist in all aspects of the Nipper season. You could be an Age Manager, an assistant, a Water Safety Officer, an Official at Carnivals. You could assist on the BBQ, setting up the beach or just be a general all-rounder. Nippers enjoy and thrive on seeing their parents get involved, you will also gain a sense of achievement. Please don't be scared to put your hand up. ***"You only get out of it what you put into it"***.

Various courses are available for parents over the season. The Club runs a couple of Bronze and SRC courses, and Age Manager and Officials courses can be completed on-line with some face-to-face mentoring over a few weeks. I encourage all Nipper Parents to get involved and become part of our fantastic community.

Everything you need to know about Collaroy Nippers, is covered in this booklet, so please keep it handy. If you require any further information, please feel free to ask any Age Manager or Committee Member.

After most Nipper days and carnivals, the Collaroy Surf Club Bar is open for a well-earned refreshment. ***Remember it's your Club***, so come upstairs and enjoy the Club's facilities.

GO THE ROY

Gregg Armstrong
Nipper Chairman

MESSAGE OF INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been prepared by the Nippers Committee to assist you with the upcoming season for the junior members of the Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club.

The Collaroy Junior Activities Board (JAB) (Nippers) is a subcommittee of the Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club General Committee.

You, the members of the club, elect the Junior Committee each year.

It is compulsory for at least 1 parent/guardian to be an associate member and all parents are encouraged to participate and assist with Nippers where they can. Note during Nippers a parent or guardian is required to be present at the beach with their child's age group at all times.

The Junior Committee is responsible for the coaching, education, and instruction of both the boys and girls from the under 6's to the under 14's years who are active members of the Collaroy Club. Collaroy SLSC is affiliated with the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW.

Coaching in both water and beach events are available to Nippers who wish to improve their skills.

Our March Past and Rescue & Resuscitation (R&R) teams have a proud tradition at Collaroy, we hope to keep this tradition alive in the Nippers. Anyone wishing to join our teams (under 8's to Under 14's) may attend training.

Several social events and fund-raisers are held throughout the season. Please support them to the best of your ability. The proceeds go towards gear and equipment and to partially offset the costs of attending the State Championships.

Committee Meetings are held at the Surf Club on the 1st Monday of each month at 1900hrs.

If you wish to discuss any area of the Nippers operation, please contact any Committee member.

AGE GROUPS

Nippers are divided into 9 age groups, from U6's through to U14's. The age group is determined by the nippers' age at midnight on the 30th of September each year.

On the 30th of September if your child's age is:

5 then they will be in the Under 6's

6 then they will be in the Under 7's

7 then they will be in the Under 8's

8 then they will be in the Under 9's

9 then they will be in the Under 10's

10 then they will be in the Under 11's

11 then they will be in the Under 12's

12 then they will be in the Under 13's

13 then they will be in the Under 14's

NOTE: *A child may join the Club as soon as he/she turns 5 years of age. No Club can accept membership of a child until they have reached the age of five years to comply with insurance requirements. A child who reaches five years of age after 30th of September may join Nippers at that time; however, this child will be required to stay in the U/6 Nippers age group again the following season.*

NIPPERS ON SUNDAYS

DURING NIPPERS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT AT THE BEACH WITH THEIR CHILDS AGE GROUP AT ALL TIMES.

THE COLLAROY JUNIOR ACTIVITIES BOARD DOES NOT PROVIDE A CHILD MINDING SERVICE.

WE UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES PARENTS FACE WHO HAVE MULTIPLE KIDS, KIDS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS OR PLAYING OTHER SPORTS THEREFORE WE ASK, IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT IN THE AGE GROUP FOR ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A GUARDIAN (OR ANOTHER PARENT) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND WILL COLLECT, YOUR CHILD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION.

WHILST NIPPERS REGULARLY FINISHES NEAR THE FRONT OF THE SURF CLUB, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN GROUPS FINISH IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS AND ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RESPONSIBLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOLLOWS THEIR AGE GROUP TO THESE AREAS AND PROMPTLY COLLECTS THEIR CHILDREN ONCE THE SESSION CONCLUDES.

The objectives of Collaroy Nippers are to ensure that those children who register with the Club are provided with:

- The best possible facilities to enjoy their activities.
- The best possible opportunity to participate in Club activities.
- The best possible tuition and coaching to complete the Surf Education Program
- The best possible opportunity to compete for the Club
- The best possible opportunity to learn and understand the surf and the beach.
- A friendly, happy and safe environment for children.

To enable Nippers to run smoothly on Sundays please take note of the following:

U6-U8 Nippers commence at 9am. Children need to assemble in their age groups at 8.45am so that Age Managers can mark the roll. Children should also have their skull caps on, pink vest and sunscreen cream applied ready to start at 9am

U9-U14 Nippers commence at 10am. Children need to assemble in their age groups at 9.45am so that Age Managers can mark the roll. Children should also have their red skull caps on, pink vest and sunscreen cream applied ready to start at 10am.

- Shortly before the commencement of Nippers each Sunday there will be an address made via the PA system as to what will be happening on the day, what events will be held and possibly results from the prior week.

- Please ensure that you listen attentively every week.
- Children must wear their red Collaroy or coloured Nipper cap and pink rash vest.
- If requested please assist your child's Age Manager as a Finish Judge or in the wade etc.
- At the conclusion of events, please collect your children from the Age Managers

Activities at Nippers include:

- Surf Education for U6s through U14s.
- Beach Sprint and Relays and Beach Flags.
- Wade Races and Wade Relays, for U6's to U8's.
- Surf Races and Surf Team Races, Board Races, Rescues and Relays.
- National Award and S.R.C.
- March Past and Rescue & Resuscitation (R&R).
- Great Social Occasions.
- Sprint, Flags, Board and Surf swimming training/coaching available.
- We also hope to include such events as Iron Man and Cameron Relay.

UNIFORMS

For safety reasons ALL children MUST always wear a **RED** (or coloured caps for U6 & U7s) competition cap and a **PINK** rash vest for water events during ALL Sunday activities. We have found it very useful having names printed clearly on all clothing including the cap. Children are also encouraged to wear club costumes. Club caps are to be removed once Sunday junior activities have ceased. The use of long sleeve rash vests or wetsuits for both sun protection and to keep these kids warm is also recommended when necessary. Whilst sun hats and sunscreen are not provided, these items are always recommended.

Collaroy's official competition uniform is a red cap and a black/red swimming costume. Red caps are compulsory for all children competing at carnivals. The Club provides 1 red cap to each Nipper in their first season from U8s (or older if they commence Nippers later). Lost or replacement caps can be purchased from the club. Club swimming costumes are available to members at cost.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

All equipment is supplied by the club and is available for the use of all registered junior members. The Age Managers and Gear Steward are responsible for allocating equipment at Sunday activities. If you use it, then it's your responsibility to wash it and put it back after Sunday junior activities. Nippers must respect all Club property and equipment and are to treat it like their own.

Boards are to be carried and not dragged along the beach. They are not to be ridden standing up. They are also not to be sat on at any time on land (as this damages the fin). Any damage must be reported to the Gear Steward immediately.

NO child is permitted to use club equipment after Sunday activities unless they have permission from the Gear Steward.

AGE MANAGERS

Each year, Age Managers are allocated to each age group by the Nipper Committee and are responsible for organising and conducting various Nipper activities. Please contact a committee member or an Age Manager if you would like to assist.

The main responsibilities of the Age Managers are as follows:

1. Encourage the children of their age group to participate, enjoy, co-operate and compete in all activities of the Club.
2. Keep weekly records of each child's attendance.
3. Instruct the children of their age group in the necessary requirements of the Surf Education.
4. Organise the children of the age group at carnivals, which includes marking the attendance sheet, assisting in team selections, and marshalling the children for their allocated events.
5. Assist in the instruction of the correct techniques for events the children may participate in.
6. Keep the children and parents informed of the requirements of the age group and of Club information
7. Make the children of the age group aware of and encourage sun protection.
8. Abide by and ensure adherence to of the Code of Conduct and Working with Children guidelines on page 22.

Parents are encouraged to make themselves known to their children's Age Manager and to assist when required. Age Managers are not baby-sitters. Parents are requested to be on

hand during Nippers and to resume responsibility (for their children) after the day's events.

Children MUST obtain their parents' permission prior to re-entering the water and should you have to leave before events are finished, please inform your child's Age Manager BEFORE taking your child from the beach.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Helpers are always needed to ensure that the day's events run smoothly and safely. Please make yourself aware of the new Working With Children requirements noted on page 22. By enrolling your children at Collaroy Nippers, you are acknowledging that you and your Nipper will actively follow and strictly adhere to the Code of Conduct standards.

At the beginning of each season, training is arranged for any parent interested in obtaining their Bronze Medallion. It is essential that as many parents as possible obtain their Bronze to meet the minimum water safety requirements for SLSA. Many parents have then gone on to obtain their ARTC, (Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate), IRB Driver's License, IRB Crewman's Certificate, or many more awards. It helps teach our children, as well as being a great example to them.

We are also required to have Officials at carnivals. If your child is going to compete at Carnivals, you are encouraged to complete your Officials course.

Parents without qualifications have a role to play as well in the following:

- Committee members
- Age Managers & Age Managers assistants
- Water Safety (note that SLSA award requirements apply)
- BBQ volunteers
- Setting up the beach
- Carnival assistants

COMMUNICATION

Communication to Parents is via Surfguard (central emails will be sent to your registered email address), Collaroy Nippers Facebook pages (Collaroy SLSC Nippers & Collaroy Nippers Group), Smartphone App (TeamApp) and WhatsApp groups for individual Age Groups, training groups (ie beach & water) & competitive/ state teams. It is important for Parents to have TeamApp installed & be part of relevant WhatsApp groups as any last-minute changes or updates to Nippers, Carnivals or training sessions will be communicated via this medium.

Further details on the Smartphone App (TeamApp) is available on the Club's website.

JUNIOR PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS

Many activities completed by children as part of junior activities will be conducted in the water. To ensure that all children have a suitable swimming ability to allow them to participate in these activities, SLSA has developed a Junior Preliminary Evaluation for each age group. Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation prior to any water-based activity being undertaken.

Note: It is not an assessment which if not completed competently precludes the child from becoming a member or continuing with junior surf education or training activities.

Conducting the evaluation

This evaluation should be conducted in a low-risk environment, as determined by the completion of a pre-activity risk assessment. All new junior members should be supported by a 1:1 water safety ratio (water safety personnel: Activity Participant) when completing their evaluation. For all returning junior members, where knowledge of their ability is known by the club, a 1:5 water safety ratio (water safety personnel: Activity Participants) may be used

Following the Evaluation

Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water-based activities. It is a requirement that these children remain in shallow water and based on a 1:1 ratio until the child is deemed competent in relation to the preliminary evaluation guidelines.

Any child that does complete the preliminary skills evaluation competently can progress to water based junior activities noting 1:5 water safety ratio (water safety personnel: Activity Participants). For still water/pool activities or low-risk conditions (ascertained after a formal risk assessment) the ratio may be expanded to 1:10 water safety ratio.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Junior competition evaluations

Under 9 to 14 juniors can participate in State Competition. To ensure that all junior members who wish to compete in any Inter-Club, Branch, State and National events/championships have the ability, strength and fitness standard to complete the courses they must complete the junior competition evaluation for their age group.

Criteria of the Junior Competition Evaluation

U9s – U10s must complete 150m swim of any stroke

U11s-U14s must complete 200m swim of any stroke

Branch and State competition requirements

Any competitor wishing to compete at carnivals (water or beach events) must have successfully completed:

Junior Preliminary Evaluation

Junior Competition Evaluation

Appropriate Surf Education award for their age group by 31 December.

Junior Activities members (i.e. members comprising Under 14 and below), are not required to perform patrol hours to compete in Junior Activities competitions. However, if eligible members wish to compete in Under 15 competitions, they must fulfil their patrol hour obligations.

SLSA Junior Evaluations and Education National Guidelines

STAGE ONE: UNDER 6

Pool (minimum depth 1 metre)

Note: Recover to stand between each task

1. Float on back (5 seconds)
2. Push and glide from wall (distance 1-2 metres)
3. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

Ocean

1. Wade through water (distance 5 metres)

STAGE ONE: UNDER 7

Pool (minimum depth 1 metre)

Note: Recover to stand between each task

1. Float on back (10 seconds)
2. Push and glide from wall with kick (distance 2-3 metres)
3. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

Ocean

1. Wade through water (distance 5 metres)

STAGE ONE: UNDER 8

Pool (minimum depth 1 metre)

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Start lap by swimming underwater (distance 2-3 metres)
2. Complete lap by swimming on front through water any stroke (distance 20 metres)
3. Float on back (15 seconds)
4. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

STAGE TWO: UNDER 9

Pool (minimum depth 1.5 metres)

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Swim through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, and freestyle for 50 metres
2. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 minute
3. Float on front (5 seconds) then float on back (5 seconds)
4. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

STAGE TWO: UNDER 10

Pool (minimum depth 1.5 metres)

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Swim through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, and freestyle for 50 metres
2. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 minute
3. Float on front (5 seconds) then float on back (5 seconds)
4. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

STAGE TWO: UNDER 11**Pool (minimum depth 1.5 metres)**

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Swim through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, and freestyle for 75 metres
2. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 minutes
3. Float on front (5 seconds) then float on back (5 seconds)
4. Submerge to perform a roll/somersault underwater and recover to surface
5. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

STAGE THREE: UNDER 12 & UNDER 13**Pool (minimum depth 1.8 metres)**

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Swim through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, and freestyle for 100 metres
2. Continue swimming using a survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for 50 metres
3. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 minutes
4. Float on front (5 seconds) then float on back (5 seconds)
5. Submerge to perform a roll/somersault underwater and recover to surface
6. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

STAGE THREE: UNDER 14 (SRC)**Pool (minimum depth 1.8 metres)**

Note: DO NOT recover to stand between each task

1. Swim through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, and freestyle for 100 metres
2. Continue swimming using a survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for 100 metres
3. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 minutes
4. Float on front (5 seconds) then float on back (5 seconds)
5. Submerge to perform a roll/somersault underwater and recover to surface
6. Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of water with hands

Indoor Pool swims will be held at the beginning of the season prior to Nippers commencement.

Subsequent swims are held by Age Managers as required at Collaroy Beach Ocean Pool. Members who are unsuccessful at their first attempt are encouraged to try again later.

For further information : <https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/competition-criteria-for-junior-competitors/>

NATIONAL AGE AWARDS

An important part of our Club's Sunday morning activities will be Surf Education instruction and training. The topics to be covered for each age group are outlined in the SLSA Age Manager Guides:

- Surf Awareness
- Surf Skills
- First Aid
- Resuscitation

The extent to which each of these topics will be taught will naturally depend on the age group and is covered in the S.L.S.A. Instruction and Examination Manual.

The under 14-year old age group will have to attain their Surf Rescue Certificate. During the season there will be one training week. To compete at Branch and State Championships as an U14, you must have attained your SRC certificate entries close for the Branch Titles. All other children who wish to compete at the State Championships must have achieved their respective Surf Education Age award. Our Under 6 & 7 year-old Nippers will be taught about water safety, basic surf awareness such as where to swim, basic first aid, beach patrols, etc., and to learn and understand the beach.

JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN SELECTION PROCESS

There are 2 Junior Club Captains, 1 male and 1 female, from the U14's age group of the current season. They will be the role models and leaders at Nippers for the younger groups. They will also be required to attend the Junior Lifesaver of the year (JLOTY) competition which is typically run in the January school holidays by our local SNB Branch office.

Towards the end of a season the current U13 nippers will have the opportunity to run for the following seasons Junior Club Captains. The Junior Captains will be voted for privately by their peers of the same age group. Should a draw happen then it will be up to the JAB Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to make the final decision. To nominate yourself you MUST be a registered, financial member and have competition rights with Collaroy SLSC.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORES

We will hold 1x Club Championship Day (CCD) towards the end of the season, conditions pending. The CCD will be held on an available weekend which doesn't clash with kids representing Collaroy, SNB Branch or NSW in a Lifesaving Carnival.

Nippers must have **Competitive Rights with Collaroy** for the entire season and have attended at least 50% of Nipper days to be eligible for CCD points. They are still permitted to compete on CCDs if they don't meet this criteria but will not receive CCD points.

Age Champions (Male and Female) and awards for individual events will be calculated at season end based on the points allocation below.

Scores on CCDs will be allocated as follows:

First place	= 6 points
Second place	= 5 points
Third place	= 4 points
Fourth place	= 3 points
Fifth place	= 2 points
Sixth place	= 1 point

CCD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- U8s: Events consist of Beach Sprint, Beach Flags and Surf Wade
U9-U14s: Events consist of Beach Sprint, Beach Flags and Surf and Board race.
An Ironman Race for U11-14 only.

U6 and U7 nippers (Educational Groups) are non-competitive and points will not be scored. Each child will receive an award/gift at the end of the season.

OTHER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In addition, many other awards, and trophies both annual and perpetual are made at our end of season Presentation Day (for U9-U14 age groups). Carnival Point Score allocations to determine Carnival Champions are obtained via **Top 6 result** from local **Northern Beaches carnivals, Manly Nipper Nats, SNB Branch Championships**, as well as the **NSW State Championships**. Carnival Champions are based on individual event results only and allocated as the 'Club Championship Point Score' section above ie competitors must obtain a top 6 result to be eligible.

The awards include, but are not limited to:

- Male and Female Beach Carnival Champions for each Age Group
- Male and Female Water Carnival Champions for each Age Group
- Male and Female SLS Award for each Age Group
- Junior Carnival Champion (male and female – U8 to U11)
- Senior Carnival Champion (male and female – U12 to U14)
- Most outstanding Beach Male and Female competitors at State Championships
- Most outstanding Water Male and Female competitors at State Championships
- R&R, March Past, Club Captains
- Junior and Senior Board Awards
- Chairman's Award

CARNIVALS

- **All competitors must have a parent/guardian nominated as either Water Safety or a Competition Official at each Carnival in which they compete.**
- Carnival entries are the responsibility of parents not Age Managers and are made using the Nippers Online System.
- Failure to attend a Carnival after entering without a reasonable reason will result in parents being asked to reimburse carnival entry costs.
- Late entry fees may be paid on the day, and these costs will not be reimbursed.
- There is a requirement at carnivals for each club to provide a set number of Water Safety personnel and Officials/Judges. If Collaroy does not provide sufficient Water Safety or Officials, we may be asked to remove our competitors from the carnivals. **If your child intends to compete at any local carnivals, you will be required to volunteer as either Water Safety or an Official.** If we have sufficient volunteers, we should be able to share the load across the carnivals. If not we may need to exclude your child from competing at the carnivals.
- A list of carnivals can be located at <https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/calendar/>
- All parents, guardians and nippers are to strictly adhere too and acknowledge our Code of Conduct expectations.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR COLLAROY TEAMS

Prerequisites

- Any competitor who wishes to nominate for carnivals must have completed the relevant pool proficiency swim, competition competency and the relevant Surf Education Award at the beginning of the season.
- Any competitor who nominates for individual events is available for selection in all team events. The expectation is that all competitors will compete to the best of their abilities both individually and in team events.
- To be eligible to compete at carnivals, a parent of the competitor must be available to assist at the carnival, eg. water safety, official, IRB, and in carnival preparation or clean up.
- A competitor, when nominating for team selection at the Branch Championships, must make it known if they are available to compete at the NSW State Championships. If the competitor is unavailable for the NSW State Championships, they may be placed in a team behind those who are available for this carnival.

Selection Procedure & Carnival Etiquette

- The carnivals prior to Christmas are focused on participation, encouragement & enjoyment and the teams will be selected accordingly.
- The carnivals post Christmas (ie Manly Nippernats, SNB Branch Titles & NSW State Titles) are more serious competitions and team selections will reflect the competitive nature of these carnivals.
- The Coach in the discipline, in consultation with the relevant Age Manager, will select teams primarily based on ability and performances at training, carnivals and club championships
- Other factors to be considered are availability, willingness to compete, commitment to training (attendance, behaviour & performance), illness/injury, past performances, consistency and workload.
- Results at Carnivals and Club Championships will carry greater weighting than results at Club Training Days.
- If there are more competitors available than a single team allows, to be eligible for selection in the more competitive team, a minimum of 2 carnivals must have been attended during the season.
- A team member who has not fulfilled this requirement may be added at the discretion of the coaches/age managers to fill a team spot that otherwise may

not be able to compete. At no time should this team member be given preference over those that have fulfilled the above requirement.

- Should the Coach and/or relevant Age Manager have a conflict of interest when selecting teams, they shall remove themselves from the discussion and teams will be selected by the other relevant parties.
- Any individuals who withdraw without the approval of the coach from a team event may not participate in individual events for the remainder of the carnival and will not be considered for teams at the next Carnival. This prevents team members withdrawing to conserve energy for their own individual event at the expense of their team members who may have been waiting at the carnival to compete or full teams withdrawing, except through injury.
- 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.
- Teams should be selected and notified, where possible, one week prior to the Carnival
- Consideration for nippers competing up an age to help create a team may be contemplated but only if there are insufficient numbers from that age group.
If numbers permit, separate Girls & Boys teams will be picked.
- Age Managers will recommend selection for All Age Relay and All Age Board relay teams. Ultimately, the respective water and beach coaches will then approve and endorse the candidates.
- Note should be made that some team events contain technical aspects and that the fastest individual may not be the best selection to ensure the overall team's success. For this reason, teams may be subject to a late change on the day, depending on conditions.
- Underpinning all selection criteria is the intention to select the team with the best possible chance of success
- For the Nipper March Past team, priority will be given to older Nippers (U14s, U13s & U12s) with the intention that for younger nippers, *their time will come*.

Safety

Coaches and Age Managers may refuse an entry to a competitor for individual or team events if there are concerns about their ability to safely participate at a carnival due to the conditions.

Appeal & Complaints

- It is inappropriate for parents to approach Age Managers and/or coaches, or other competitors with complaints about team selection or to make negative comments about any competitor's performance. Such behaviour will not be tolerated by Collaroy SLSC. 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. If necessary, these matters may be referred to the Club Judiciary for further determination.
- There is no right of appeal/protest for team selection, except for the Branch & State Championships. Any notice of appeal/protest for Branch and State teams must be lodged in writing to the JAB Chairman as soon as possible but no later than 3 working days of the team/s being announced.
- If parents/caregivers wish to dispute/discuss a team selection they should first approach/contact the Age Manager (not on the beach during Nippers). If after discussion, there is no resolution or clarity they must contact the JAB Chairman in writing within 72 hours of the team announcement.

Carnivals

- The three main carnivals in any Nipper season are the Manly Nippernauts, SNB Branch Championships & the NSW State Age Championships.
- Competitors must wear the Collaroy red cap. Caps must be worn at the start of races, if not the competitor could be disqualified.
- All competitors must wear a SLSC endorsed, bright pink rash vest.
- Meet at the Collaroy tent at least 30 minutes prior to your first event and report to your Age Manager or Carnival Team Manager.
- Locate and ensure that you attend the carnival registration table to have your name ticked off and receive a coloured band to be attached to the ankle.
- Ask your Age Manager how you may be able to assist on the day
- Carnival Programs are usually available a week before the carnival

- Please be aware of Team App, social media and SMS/ WhatsApp alerts or if in doubt, contact your Age Manager for possible change of venue or cancellation due to bad weather.
- Always let your Age Manager know when you are leaving the carnival at the end of competition
- Please note that on carnival days, Nippers will continue at Collaroy for those not attending with minimal Age Managers and parent support - Age groups may need to be grouped together.

CARNIVAL EVENTS

BEACH EVENTS

SPRINT (70m)

Boys and girls

Ages U9 to U14 (in age groups)

BEACH FLAGS (15m)

Boys and girls

Ages U9 to U14 (in age groups)

BEACH RELAY

Ages U9 to U14 (in age groups).

ALL AGE RELAY

Ages U9 to U14 – 1 competitor from each age group (7 competitors in total)

MARCH PAST

Open (Preferred Ages Under 12 to Under 14 years)
There two categories at several carnivals this year

- 5 competitors to a team, and
- 12 competitors to a team

WATER EVENTS

Wade and water events will be decided on the day according to water conditions

SURF SWIM

Boys and Girls

Ages U9 to U14 years (in age groups)

BOARD RACE

Boys and Girls

Ages U9 to U14 years (in age groups)

SURF TEAMS RACE

Boys and Girls

Ages U9 to U14 (in age groups)

4 Competitors per age group

BOARD RESCUE

Boys and Girls

Ages U11 to U14

(2 competitors to a team)

1 swimmer (patient)

1 board Paddler (rescuer)

BOARD RELAY

Boys and Girls

Ages U9 to U14

(3 competitors in a team)

CAMERON RELAY

Open

Junior – Ages U11/12 years

Senior - Ages U13/14 years

(4 competitors to a team)

1 swimmer, 2 runners and 1 board paddler

IRON MAN

Boys

Ages U11 to U14 (in age groups)

Swim, board, and run

IRON WOMAN

Girls

Ages U11 to U14 (in age groups)

Swim, board, and run

RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION (R&R)

2 PERSON RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION

Ages U10 to U13

(2 competitors to a team)

5 PERSON RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION

Ages U10 to U13

(5 competitors in a team)

CODE OF CONDUCT & WORKING WITH CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL NIPPER MEMBERS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS

We need to bring to your attention two important items that are mandatory at Collaroy SLSC

1. Surf Life Saving Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

A Parent/Guardian of an SLSA member will always:

- Remember that their child participates in surf lifesaving for their own enjoyment.
- Focus on their child's efforts and performance rather than winning and losing.
- Show appreciation for good performance by all participants.
- Never ridicule or yell at their child or other children for making a mistake.
- Respect Age Managers and other club members decisions and teach their children to do likewise.
- Not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the activities (eg., coach, official, age managers, etc.)
- Be a positive role model for others.
- Adhere to the SLSA social media policy (this policy can be found on the club's website)

Any abuse or breach of this Code will be subject to disciplinary action

2. New legislation as to Working with Children (WWC)

There are new legislative requirements for those people that work with children and SLSA have taken a strong stance around these legislations.

Any parent or volunteer that assists with nippers **MUST** have a valid WWC certificate if their child is not in the Age Group or Training Group they are assisting with.

This is free for volunteers and can be gained via the following link.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

The WWC certificate needs to be emailed to the Collaroy Nippers Secretary @ ***collaroynipperssecretary@gmail.com*** once received.

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