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Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competition conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2027 Fuel to Go & Play WA Little Nippers Championships
Action:	Clubs are to note Entry Conditions

EVENT	DATE AND VENUE	ENTRIES CLOSE
Little Nipper Championships	20 February @ Leighton Beach	*Thursday 11 February 2027, 11.59pm*

BULLETINS BINDING ON MEMBERS

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to SLSWA regulations shall be advised to Members of the Association by means of Bulletins approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Affiliated Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. Such inclusions in the Bulletins are binding upon all Members.

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non-receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

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GENERAL

For any event to be contested at the 2027 Fuel to Go & Play WA Little Nippers Championships, see Table of Events below, a minimum of three (3) competitors from two (2) different clubs is required.

EVENTS

		Under 8		Under 9	
DISCIPLINE	**EVENT**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
SWIM	Surf Race	✓	✓	✓	✓
BOARD	Board Race	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEACH	Beach Flags	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Beach Sprint	✓	✓	✓	✓

Further details for the events above, are available in the *2026/27 Little Nipper & Nipper Competition Guide*.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The programs of events will be available on www.mybeach.com.au website in the Calendar Listing.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

The specific requirements for competitors are outlined in SLSWA Circular 26 Woodside Nipper & SLSWA Youth Programs and Requirements for 2026/27. The following events will not require the competitor to have a current Competition Evaluation: Beach Sprints and Beach Flags. Clubs are reminded however, that in the interests of ensuring a standard of competition appropriate for a state championship, that only suitably prepared competitors should be entered.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

It is mandatory that ALL competitors are registered by the respective due date to be eligible to compete in these Championships.

An Under 8 competitor is unable to contest any under 9 events. Likewise, an under 9 competitor is not allowed to contest any under 8 events.

A competitor must have attended at least one other Little Nipper carnival to be eligible to enter into the Little Nipper Championships.

ENTRIES

ENTRIES/CLOSURE

All entries to use the SurfTec entry system at https://entries.surftec.com.au/ Entries must be registered with SLSWA by 11.59pm, Thursday 11 February 2027. Late entries will not be accepted after this closing date.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE LITTLE NIPPER CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL NOT BE USING THE RED WRIST BANDS.
(Note when entering through SurfTec, an automated message may indicate that a wristband will be required, please disregard this for Little Nipper Championship event.)

ENTRY FEES (INCLUDES GST)

- **$15 admin fee, $10 per individual event**
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled.

EVENT INFORMATION

EVENT SAFETY

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount. SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all Little Nipper surf sports carnivals/championships, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Event Manager, Championship Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

Water Safety and First Aid

Clubs wishing to enter the 2027 Fuel to Go & Play WA Little Nipper Championships, must supply water safety and first aid personnel on a 'pro-rata' scale based upon the number of competitors entered per club at this seasons Little Nipper events. This roster for the 2027 Fuel to Go & Play WA Little Nipper Championships will be found on the bottom of the event program on www.mybeach.com.au once released. **If a water safety and/or First Aid volunteer does not attend as required, the Club risks their competitors being ineligible to participate further in the competition until the matter is resolved.**

Officials 1:15 ratio

Officials play an important part in our organisation and are integral to the ongoing delivery of our sport. Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment, while maintaining rules and regulations. For this reason, clubs are requested to provide at least 1 official for every 15 competitors entered. **If the Official quota is not met the Club risks their competitors being ineligible to participate in the competition until the matter is resolved.**

HIGH VISIBILITY LYCRA VESTS

All Little Nipper competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events held by SLSWA will be required to wear their Woodside Nippers high visibility yellow lycra vest as per Circular 20 – 2026/27 High Visibility Competition Vest Requirements. Except where otherwise specified, vests must be worn by all competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth. It is also an expectation that competitors warming up or cooling down for events in the water prior to or during competition also wear the high visibility vests, this includes beach competitors. It is also acceptable for handlers to wear "hi-viz worker" Velcro vests.

DISCIPLINE/PROTESTS

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships, including tampering with signs, fences or PA system equipment will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action.

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate Sectional Referee on the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures set down in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 37th Edition, section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based. There will be a $150 cash charge to lodge an Appeal.

MARSHALLING

It is the competitor's responsibility to report to marshalling within required timeframes, be ready to compete and to present themselves with their equipment and competition attire when called. Failure to comply with directions of the Marshall may render competitors liable for disqualification. The sound van will announce marshalling is open in an arena. Competitors are then required to be in the vicinity of each separate marshalling area as relevant when the call for starters is made by the marshal.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

A Team Managers and Competition Officials On-Site Briefing will be held as outlined on the event program.

A primary administration centre for officials, photographer register, results announcements, lost property and other administrative duties will be established, please refer to the Championships event map for the location.

TEAM APP

Surf Life Saving WA will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Download 'Team App' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**SLSWA Sport**' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join. From here you will be able to access news feeds, event information, key event documents as well as all the latest and up to date information on Surf Sports. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at Team App.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS/TROPHIES

Championship medals in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual place getters in each event. A Presentation Steward will escort the three medallists to the podium within the arena.

Competitors will not be permitted to receive their medal unless appropriately dressed. Competitors must present themselves with Club Competition Cap and bathers, Club and sponsor t-shirts and rash vests are permitted for sun protection.

If any athlete is required to report for another event before or during presentations, it is the club's responsibility to send a proxy to marshalling. That event will be delayed until the presentation is completed, and the area announcers will then coordinate the presentation. Please ensure that all three place getters are at the presentation area at this time in order to receive their medal. Your stand-in/proxy must remain until you return to the competition arena.

In the event of a medal winner not reporting to the podium, the presentation will proceed. The missing medallist will be able to collect their medal from the appropriate presentation area any time during the day, however, no additional presentations will be made. **Please note there will not be a presentation for a single medallist.**

Any medals not handed out on the day will be posted to the recipient's club before the end of March 2027. Championship results will be available on the SLSWA Competition Results web page.

BEACH LAYOUT AND ACCESS

The Championships event layout will be available in the event program. No unauthorised vehicles will be permitted on Mullaloo Beach. The only people permitted in the competition arena are:

- Active competition Officials
- Active competitors (those in the marshalling area or in events)
- Competitor stand-ins/proxies (these people must be wearing the competitors' club cap in the marshalling area and competition arena for identification)
- Club team manager
- SLSWA approved photographers

The Event Manager, Referee or Sectional Referee has the right to evict any person(s) from the arena if the above access requirements are breached. Any person(s) that breaches the above access requirement may be subject to disciplinary action.

CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Club tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas as outlined on the event map. Please ensure tents are securely fixed in the sand by use of pickets or similar. All spectators and competitors are requested to utilise all rubbish bins made available to ensure the beach remains tidy at all times and is left in pristine condition. Take out what you bring in.