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<b>Audience:</b>	Club Administrators, Club Junior Surf Sports Officers, Team/Age Managers, Competitors and Officials
<b>Summary:</b>	This bulletin outlines event and general competitive conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships events.
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs are to note event dates and competitive conditions for the season’s Championships events.

Events	Event date	Venue	Entries close
Nipper R&R Championships	Saturday 6 March 2021	Sorrento Beach	11pm Tuesday 2 March 2021
Nipper Championships	12-14 March 2021	Scarborough Beach	11pm Monday 8 March 2021

### 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.

**James O’Toole**  
Chief Executive Officer



**GENERAL**

The 2021 Sunsmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships (Nipper Championships) will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36<sup>th</sup> Edition which can be downloaded via [www.mybeach.com.au](http://www.mybeach.com.au). A program of events will be available on [www.mybeach.com.au](http://www.mybeach.com.au) under Surf Sports, Competitions, SunSmart Championships mid-late January 2021.

For any event to be contested at the 2021 Nipper Championships (see Table of Events below), a minimum of three (3) teams and individual from two (2) different clubs is required. As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

**TABLE OF EVENTS**

DISCIPLINE	EVENT	U10		U11		U12		U13	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
WATER	Surf Race	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Surf Teams Race	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MULTI-DISCIPLINE	Ironman/Ironwoman	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
	Board Rescue*			✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
	Cameron Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BOARD	Board Race*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
	Board Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEACH	Mixed March Past	✓							
	Beach Flags*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
	Beach Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Beach Sprint*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
	1km Beach Run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R & R EVENTS	2 Person R&R	✓				✓			

*\* Denotes qualification events*

**TEAM APP**

Surf Life Saving WA will be using the ‘Team App’ smartphone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors regarding all events for the 2019/20 Surf Season. Please note that whilst Facebook and other channels will post periodic updates, the ‘Team App’ will be the main point of communication between the SLSWA event staff and competitors. It is recommended that you sign up for this application to receive important event information.

To download ‘Team App’ visit the 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 it to join and get access to the feed. 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. By joining the group and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information! You can unsubscribe to the email updates if you wish by clicking on the unsubscribe button at the bottom of the email. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.

**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 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.

Clubs wishing to enter the 2021 Nipper Championships, must supply power craft, water safety and first aid personnel on a 'pro-rata' scale based upon the number of competitors entered per club at last year's Championship. The roster for the 2021 Nipper Championships will be found on the bottom of each day's event program on [www.mybeach.com.au](http://www.mybeach.com.au) once released mid-late January 2021. If an IRB, 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.

All Nipper competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events held by SLSWA will be required to wear their Woodside Nipper high visibility yellow lycra vest. 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.

### PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

The specific requirements for competitors are outlined in [SLSWA Circular 4-2020/2021 – Woodside Nipper Program Requirements 2019/20](#). The following events will not require the competitor to have a current Competition Evaluation; 2 person R&R, March Past, Beach Sprints, Beach Flags, Beach Relay and 1km Beach Run. 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.

### PRE-QUALIFICATION EVENTS

- Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Board Rescue, Board Race and Ironman are pre-qualified events.
- Metropolitan Club competitors can only compete in these events if qualified through the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Metro Qualifier.
- Country Club competitors can only compete in these events if qualified through the 2021 SunSmart WA Country Championships.
- Where events are contested by individuals at the SunSmart Nipper Metro Qualifier or the SunSmart WA Country Championships, it is the individual that will qualify through to the Nipper Championships. Should the individual withdraw from the championships, their position may be filled by reserves from the metropolitan qualifying event. Reserves are selected at random.
- In the Board Rescue, it is the Club that will qualify a team through to the Nipper Championships. The members of that team may change via the substitution rule.

### NIPPER TEAM EVENTS

Nipper competitors can only compete in team events in their own age group or in the age group directly above them i.e. U11 can compete in U11 and U12 but not U13. Competitors stepping up age groups to make up a team cannot represent more than 50% of the members in that team. e.g. In an U12 Cameron Relay, only one or two U11 competitors can be in the team. Competitors stepping up age categories require their respective age group evaluations/awards but will not require those of the age category to which they are stepping up.

In individual events there can be no substitution. Members shall compete in heats as drawn. In events where two or more persons comprise a team, substitution of up to and including all team members is permitted as outlined in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36<sup>th</sup> Edition](#).

### MARSHALLING

SLSWA will be using the RFID bands and associated software to manage the championships. All athletes will be required to have a band. Bands will be allocated at carnivals throughout the season. Bands will be available at the championship in the administration van. Location of the administration van will be advised in the final event circular which includes all site maps.

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.

### EVENT TIME LIMITS

All water events will be subject to a time limit. Such a time limit shall be advised to competitors prior to the commencement of the event.

- In the board relay, cameron relay events where the winning team is across the finish line, any other teams with members yet to enter the water may be withdrawn from the event.
- In board rescue rounds, once the first four place getters have been confirmed, any teams still on the water may be directed to paddle to the side of the course and return to the beach.
- In ironperson races, once the winner is across the finish line, any other competitor yet to enter the water for the final leg may be withdrawn from the event.
- In surf races, a time limit will be announced on the day and any competitor exceeding that limit may be picked up by the duty boat and withdrawn from the event.

Where practicable, disqualifications due to the time limit being exceeded shall be advised to the competitor by the Referee, Sectional Referee or the Course Judge-in-Boat.

### ENTRY CLOSURE

- Entries must be registered via the [Event Management System](#) with SLSWA by 11pm, Monday 8 March 2021.
- Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

### ENTRY FEES

- The cost per competitor entered in these Championships is \$40.00 each, irrespective of the number of events entered.
- Clubs will be invoiced accordingly for entry fees after the event.
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the Championships.
- All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

### TEAM MANAGER AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS

A Team Managers and Competition Officials On-Site Briefing will also be held each day as outlined on the event program. A primary administration centre for officials, photography register, results announcements, lost property and other administrative duties will be established, please refer to the Championships event map for the location.

### 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 carnival official in accordance with the procedures set down in the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual 36<sup>th</sup> Edition](#), section 14 – PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Competition Manual upon which the protest is based.

### PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS/TROPHIES

Championship medallions in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual/team place getters in each event. A Presentation Steward will escort the three medallists to the nearest dais.

Competitors will not be permitted to receive their medal unless appropriately dressed. Competitors must present themselves with Club Competition Cap and costumes only, however 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 clubs 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 dais, 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 2020. A full copy of the State Championship results will be available on the web, [www.mybeach.com.au](http://www.mybeach.com.au), by the Wednesday after the Championships completion.

#### **BEACH LAYOUT & ACCESS**

The Championships beach layout will be available in the event program. No unauthorised vehicles will be permitted on Scarborough Beach under City of Stirling regulations. 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 (one per club)
- 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.

#### **PARKING, GEAR TRAILERS, CRAFT STORAGE & SECURITY**

Parking will be as per the City of Stirling's regulations. The City of Stirling will be enforcing the parking restrictions throughout the weekend so please abide by all regulations.

There will be limited security on Friday and Saturday evenings. No responsibility will be taken for theft/damage of gear that is left unattended. Leave gear at your own risk.

#### **CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING**

Clubs tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas as outlined on the event map. There is no draw for tent positions. 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.

#### **SUNSMART WA NIPPER CHAMPIONSHIPS, TROPHIES & NIPPER AGE CHAMPIONS**

Presentation of awards and trophies will be made at the conclusion of the Championships with the exception of the Surf Sports Age Champions and Surf Sport Champion, which will be presented on the 4 April 2020 at the Nipper and Youth Awards.

- The Nipper Champion Club Trophy will be presented to the Club with the highest total point score overall at the 2020 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships.
- The Nipper Handicap Shield will be presented to the Club with the highest total handicap point score overall at the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships, based on a handicap derived from an aggregate of the past three years overall point scores.
- The Surf Sports Age Champions will be determined for each gender age group based on performances at the 2021 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships held on 12 -14 March 2021. The winners of each gender age group will be determined by tallying the number of individual gold medals won. In the case of a tie the determination will then be made based on the number of individual silver medals won and then individual bronze medals won. If still undetermined team medals will be taken into consideration with gold considered firstly, then silver, then bronze. There will be an overall Surf Sport Champion as well, determined using the method outlined above.