

Circular

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Summary:	This Circular contains information on the qualification processes for the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships
Action:	Clubs are asked to ensure Nipper Age Managers and parents of Nippers are aware of the qualification processes for the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships.
Attachment:	Regional Championship Recording Sheet . This sheet must be scanned and sent to surfsports@slnwa.com.au on or before 7 February 2022.

This season's SunSmart Country Championship will be held on Sunday 6 March 2022. The SunSmart WA Nipper Championships will commence five days later, on Friday 11 March and will continue through to Sunday 13 March 2022. For this reason, we have changed, for the 2021/22 season, the qualifying process for entry into certain events at the SunSmart WA Nipper Championships. An email outlining these changes was sent to Club Administrators on Tuesday 22 June 2021. This Circular further details these changes for clubs.

For the 2021/22 season, country nippers will potentially be able to qualify for the Championships via two ways;

1. Via their Regional Championships

Four regions have been established and will conduct Regional Championships as outlined in the table below.

Regions	Clubs	Club Code	Date of Regional Championships	Venue of Regional Championship
Mid-West	Broome	BM	Sunday 6 February 2022	Geraldton
	Dampier	DP		
	Champion Bay	CH		
	Geraldton	GN		
	Dongara Denison	DD		
Peel	Secret Harbour	SH	Sunday 19 December 2021	Secret Harbour
	Mandurah	MH		
	Port Bouvard	PB		
South-West	Binningup	BP	Sunday 16 January 2022	Bunbury
	City of Bunbury	BY		
	Dalyellup Beach	DB		
	Busselton	BN		
	Margaret River	MR		
	Smiths Beach	SM		
Great Southern	Denmark	DK	Saturday 29 January 2022	Albany
	Albany	AL		
	Esperance-Goldfields	EG		

At these Regional Championships, results will need to be recorded on the attached **Regional Championships Recording Sheet**. Please use the Club Code in the table above on these recording sheets. These sheets will need to be scanned and sent to surfsports@slswa.com.au on or before 7 February 2022.

Beach Flags and Beach Sprints

One individual per region will qualify for the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West and Great Southern Regional Championships (4 in total). This will be the gold medallist. If the gold medallist does not enter the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships, the spot will go to the silver medallist, if entered, or if they are not entered the bronze medallist. If none of the medallists are entered in the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships, the qualifying spot it will be forfeited and a random draw of reserves will be conducted and that spot offered to the winner of that draw.

Board Rescue

One team per region will qualify via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West and Great Southern Regional Championships (4 teams in total). This will be the team that win the gold medal. If the gold medal team do not enter the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships, the spot will go to the silver medallist, if entered, or if they are not entered the bronze medallist. If none of the medallists are entered in the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships, the qualifying spot it will be forfeited and a random draw of reserves will be conducted and that spot offered to the winner of that draw.

Please note: 100% of the club team can change at the SunSmart WA Nipper Championships from what medalled at the Regional Championships with the condition that those making up the team did not compete in the Board Rescue at the Regional Championships.

Board Race, Ironman and Ironwoman

Two individuals per region will qualify via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West and Great Southern Regional Championships (8 in total). This will be the gold medallist and silver medallist. Should one of these two not enter the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships the bronze medallist, if entered, will take that spot. If spot/s are not taken by medallist, it/they will be forfeited and a random draw of reserves will be conducted and that spot/those spots will be offered to the winner/s of that draw.

2. Via the Qualifier

This season the Qualifier on the 12 & 13 February 2022 at Mullaloo Beach will be **open to Nippers from all clubs** both metropolitan and country. The following will apply;

Beach Flags and Beach Sprints

Twelve individuals will qualify via the Qualifier on 12 & 13 February 2022. A minimum of four reserves will be recorded at the Qualifier with reserves offered a position, via a random draw, for one of the following three reasons;

1. A country nipper, who has already qualified in that event via their Regional Championships, finishes in the top 12
2. A medallist from the region does not take their regional spot
3. A qualifier does not attend the Nipper Championships

Board Rescue

Twelve teams will qualify via the Qualifier on 12 & 13 February 2022. A minimum of four teams will be recorded as reserves at this event with reserves offered a position, via a random draw, for one of the following three reasons;

1. A country team, who has already qualified in that event via their Regional Championships, finishes in the top 12
2. A medallist from the region does not take their regional spot
3. A qualifying team does not attend the Nipper Championships

Please note: 100% of the club team can change at the SunSmart WA Nipper Championships from what qualified at the Qualifier with the condition that those making up the team did not compete in the Board Rescue at the Qualifier.

Board Race, Ironman and Ironwoman

Twenty-four individuals will qualify via the Qualifier on 12 & 13 February 2022. A minimum of eight reserves will be recorded at this event with reserves offered a position, via a random draw, for one of the following three reasons;

1. A country nipper, who has already qualified in that event via their Regional Championships, finishes in the top 24
2. A medallist from the region does not take their regional spot
3. A qualifier does not attend the Nipper Championships

Should any further clarification be required on the 2021/22 SunSmart WA Nipper Championships qualifying process please contact the SLSWA Surf Sports Department.



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