

# Circular

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<b>Audience</b>	Junior Directors/Coordinators, Youth Coordinators, Club Administrators, Club Notice Board
<b>Summary</b>	This circular contains information on the 2023/24 Woodside Nippers Program, Youth Program and Age Managers requirements and opportunities.
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where necessary clubs are required to comply with the information and dates stated in this circular.</li> <li>Enquiries on any of this content can be directed to David Somers.</li> </ul>

## 1. WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM

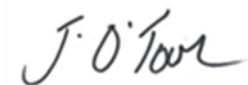
SLSWA has developed the Woodside Nippers Program for children aged 5 – 12 years, which delivers outcomes in four streams – individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving and surf sport skills. Pages 3 – 8 of this Circular contains information for clubs and appropriate personnel on the various requirements associated with the Woodside Nipper Program. For clarification or further information on the Woodside Nippers Program and Requirements for 2023/24, please contact David Somers via email [nippers@slswa.com.au](mailto:nippers@slswa.com.au) or phone (08) 9207 6666.

## 2. SLSWA YOUTH PROGRAM

SLSWA has also developed a Youth Program for youth members aged 13 – 16 years, which delivers outcomes in lifesaving, training, leadership and surf sports. Pages 9-11 of this Circular contains information for clubs and appropriate personnel on general recommendations, the program and supplementary opportunities for youth members. For clarification or further information on the Youth Program for 2023/24, please contact David Somers via email [youth@slswa.com.au](mailto:youth@slswa.com.au) or phone (08) 9207 6666.

## 3. AGE MANAGERS

Age Managers play a vital role in the delivery of both the Woodside Nipper and Youth Programs. Pages 12-13 of this Circular outlines the process of becoming fully qualified Age Managers and provides details of Information Sessions being held in September and October.



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# 2023/24 Woodside Nippers Program Requirements Summary

The Woodside Nipper Program requirements are summarised in the table below, across the four key areas of age, Preliminary Evaluations, Competition Evaluations and Participation Certificates. Further details on each specific area can be found later in this Circular.

**TABLE 1: 2023/24 WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**

Age Group	Birth Date	Preliminary Evaluations	Competition Evaluations	Participation Certificate
Under 6	1/10/2017 – 30/09/2018	<b>Stage One: Aquatic Play and Fundamental Skills.</b> Minimum depth – 1m Please refer to <a href="#">Table 2</a> for details on flotation, submersion and propulsion.	n/a	Surf Play One
Under 7	1/10/2016 – 30/09/2017		n/a	Surf Play Two
Under 8	1/10/2015 – 30/09/2016		Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Surf Aware One
Under 9	1/10/2014 – 30/09/2015	<b>Stage Two: Applied Aquatic Skills</b> Minimum depth 1.5m Please refer to <a href="#">Table 2</a> for details on flotation, submersion and propulsion.	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Surf Aware Two
Under 10	1/10/2013 – 30/09/2014		Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 8 minutes	Surf Safe One
Under 11	1/10/2012 – 30/09/2013		Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 8 minutes	Surf Safe Two
Under 12	1/10/2011 – 30/09/2012	<b>Stage Three: Junior/Trainee Lifesaver</b> Minimum depth – 1.8m Please refer to <a href="#">Table 2</a> for details on flotation, submersion and propulsion.	Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 8 minutes	Surf Smart One
Under 13	1/10/2010 – 30/09/2011		Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 7 minutes	Surf Smart Two

## 2023/24 Woodside Nippers Program Age Requirements

The minimum age for children to participate in Woodside Nippers is 5 years (U6) up to a maximum age of 12 years (U13). Nippers are to be appointed to a particular age group based on their age on 30 September as detailed in table 1 above. It is highly recommended that birth certificates are sighted upon a Nipper member registering with a club.

Please note:

- If the clubs Woodside Nippers Program commences prior to 30 September, then Nippers are still to be grouped into age groups according to the 30 September of the corresponding year
- A child cannot be classed as a Nipper member until they turn 5 years of age (e.g., if a child turns 5 on 1 November, they cannot partake in the Woodside Nippers Program until that date)
- Children who turn 5 years of age after 30 September will be required to join as a U/6 for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons.

# 2023/24 Woodside Nipper Preliminary Evaluations

Preliminary Evaluations are a risk management procedure to appraise the swimming capabilities of participants and must be done as part of club's duty of care. Preliminary Evaluations must be conducted before Woodside Nippers participate in any water-based activities at your club. These evaluations, **which have new components in 2023/24**, can be completed either in a swimming pool or in open water. Preliminary Evaluations can be conducted by appropriately qualified third-party aquatic education providers, including private and government learn to swim providers. Where signed off by a third party a written declaration will be required, signed by the person that conducted the assessment and including the organisation that they represent (page 8 can be used for this purpose). Evaluation sessions should be held regularly and then entered within a week of completion. **All Preliminary Evaluation must be entered prior to 30 November 2023.**

**TABLE 2: 2023/24 WOODSIDE NIPPER PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

Age Group	Flotation	Submersion	Propulsion
Under 6	Back or front float for minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1m depth)	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (1-2 metres) & recover to stand.
Under 7	Back or front float for minimum of 10 seconds, recover to stand.		From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (2-3 metres) & recover to stand.
Under 8	Back or front float for minimum of 15 seconds, recover to stand.		Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres).
Under 9	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 1 minute.	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1.5m depth)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 10 metres
Under 10			Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 25 metres
Under 11	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 2 minutes.	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1.5m depth)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.
Under 12	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 3 minutes.	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands (1.8m)	Swim on front any stroke for 75 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.
Under 13			Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres

**Note: Under 6 & Under 7 Preliminary Evaluation do not need to be entered**

There are two (2) options for entering the preliminary evaluations:

**Option 1** is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

**Option 2** as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”

Who will be running the assessment

- Organisation - Select club

#### Assessment Details

- Assessment type - select “**Bulk Proficiency**”

#### Award Details

- Award Type – select other
- Award – Chose the correct age for Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation

#### Contact details

- Fill in details

#### Candidates

- Select club
- Click - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time).
- Press > to move candidates into the Selected box

#### Save

- Document location is empty-click on ‘ok’
- Click on “assessment request list” and find the award that you just requested
- Click on “**submit**”
- Print out a copy of the form 14, sign and file at club.

## Woodside Nipper Program

For each age group SLSWA have developed a season program comprising of a set of easy-to-follow lessons which include an introduction, discussion topic, warm up drill, skill development activities and a lesson wrap up. Table 3 below details the recommend time and number of lessons provided in each of the age group programs. The table also provides a link to each age group program which is available through the the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category to find these programs or simply click the link below.

**TABLE 3: 2023/24 WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM**

Age Group	Participation Certificate	Recommend Lesson Time	Recommended number of lessons	Link to Program
Under 6	Surf Play One	60 minutes	12	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U6 Program</a>
Under 7	Surf Play Two	60 minutes	12	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U7 Program</a>
Under 8	Surf Aware One	90 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U8 Program</a>
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	90 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U9 Program</a>
Under 10	Surf Safe One	120 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U10 Program</a>
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	120 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U11 Program</a>
Under 12	Surf Smart One	120 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U12 Program</a>
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	120 minutes	10	<a href="#">Woodside Nippers U13 Program</a>

# 2023/24 Woodside Nipper Competition Evaluations

The Competition Skill Evaluation is a risk management assessment for those who wish to participate in any water event at any interclub state carnivals or event. Participants must complete a timed open water swim that reflects the respective age. Ocean conditions should be considered when setting out the course and an appropriate standard of care maintained. The correct ratio of Water Safety Personnel (1:5 and 1:10 if a suitable pre-activity risk assessment has been conducted) must be in place. Evaluation sessions should be held regularly and then entered on completion. Please note, to successfully enter a Competition Evaluation for a Woodside Nipper, that same Woodside Nipper must have had a Preliminary Evaluation entered and completed through SurfGuard. There are also closing dates and times for when evaluations need to be entered prior to a Carnival. Please refer to the [2023/24 SLSWA Planning Calendar](#) for these dates and times.

**TABLE 4: 2023/24 WOODSIDE NIPPER COMPETITION EVALUATIONS**

Age Group	Competition Evaluations	Notes
Under 8	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Refer to the <a href="#">2023/24 SLSWA Planning Calendar</a> for the closing dates and times relevant to each carnival/event.
Under 9	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	
Under 10	Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 8 minutes	
Under 11	Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 8 minutes	
Under 12	Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 8 minutes	
Under 13	Minimum 200m open water swim in less than 7 minutes	

**Note: Select “Under 8 – Restricted” for Under 8 group**

There are two (2) options for entering the competition evaluations:

**Option 1** is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

**Option 2** as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”
- Who will be running the assessment
  - Organisation - Select club
- Assessment Details
  - Assessment type - select “**Bulk Proficiency**”
- Award Details
  - Award Type – select other
  - Award – Chose the correct age for Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation
  - For the Under 8 group select the **Restricted** evaluation
- Contact details
  - Fill in details
- Candidates
  - Select club
  - Click - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time.
  - Press > to move candidates into the Selected box
- Save
  - Document location is empty - click on ‘ok’
  - Click on “assessment request list” and find the award that you just requested
  - Click on “**submit**”
  - Print out a copy of the form 14, sign and file at club.

Note: Prior to each Carnival there are closing dates for Competition Evaluation to be entered. Please refer to **2023/24 SLSWA Planning Calendar** for these dates.

# 2023/24 Woodside Nippers Participation Certificate

During the 2023/24 season clubs will be provided with blank certificates for each age group. For each enrolled Woodside Nipper, Age Managers will be asked to “tick off” the outcomes that Woodside Nipper has achieved and issue the certificate at the end of the season. This will allow all parents with Woodside Nippers in our program to see where their child is at in terms of the outcomes of our program.

When clubs receive their blank certificates, they are asked to immediately ensure the quantities received meet their needs. Please email [nippers@slswa.com.au](mailto:nippers@slswa.com.au) if more are needed.

**All Woodside Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2024.**

**TABLE 5: 2023/24 WOODSIDE NIPPER PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES**

Age Group	Nipper Participation Certificate	Notes
Under 6	Surf Play One	All Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2024.
Under 7	Surf Play Two	
Under 8	Surf Aware One	
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	
Under 10	Surf Safe One	
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	
Under 12	Surf Smart One	
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	

There are two (2) options for entering the participation award certificates:

**Option 1** is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

**Option 2** as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”
- Who will be running the assessment
  - Organisation - Select club
- Assessment Details
  - Assessment type - select “**Award**”
- Award Details
  - Award Type – select SLSA Education
  - Award – Click on the relevant Age Group Award – Surf Play 1, Surf Aware 2 etc
- Contact details
  - Fill in details
- Candidates
  - Club – Select Club
  - Press - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time).
  - Press > to move candidates into the Selected box
- Save
  - Document location is empty-click on ‘ok’
  - Click on “assessment request list”
  - Select the award you just requested.
  - Click – “**Submit**”
  - Print out a copy of the Form 14, sign and file at the club.

# WOODSIDE NIPPER PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS – THIRD PARTY DECLARATION

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions to Assessors:** Based on the child's age group, please ensure they can complete the tasks outlined in the table below. Initial and comment in relevant box and then sign, date and identify the organisation you represent below the table. Thank you for your assistance.

Age Group	Flotation	Submersion	Propulsion	Task Complete/Comments
Under 6	Back or front float for minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1m depth)	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (1-2 metres) & recover to stand.	
Under 7	Back or front float for minimum of 10 seconds, recover to stand.		From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (2-3 metres) & recover to stand.	
Under 8	Back or front float for minimum of 15 seconds, recover to stand.		Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres).	
Under 9	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 1 minute.	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1.5m depth)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 10 metres	
Under 10			Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 25 metres	
Under 11	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 2 minute.	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands. (1.5m depth)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.	
Under 12	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 3 minutes.	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands (1.8m depth)	Swim on front any stroke for 75 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.	
Under 13			Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres	

Assessor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2023/24 Youth Program Summary

It is highly recommended that clubs make use of the Youth Program developed by SLSWA, as it will provide some structure to your Sunday morning youth activities. There are four components to the Youth Program, namely Lifesaving, Training, Leadership and Surf Sports. In addition to these four components, further development and recognition of various skills has been encompassed within a Youth Leaders Program and the four Youth Pathways: Youth Trainer, Youth Age Manager, Youth Coach and Youth Official. The Youth Program along with various other youth resources can be found in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Other as the Category to find the program and resources.

## 2023/24 Youth Program Age Requirements

The minimum age for children to participate in the Youth Program is 13 years (U14) up to a maximum age of 16 years (U17). Youth are to be appointed to a particular age group based on their age on 30 September as detailed in Table 6 below. It is highly recommended that birth certificates are sighted upon a youth member registering with a club.

## Youth Preliminary Evaluations

Youth members are to be put through a Preliminary Evaluation prior to them participating in any water-based activities at your club. The evaluations for each youth age group are outlined in Table 6 below. You will notice that the evaluations are a pre-requisite for the SRC or Bronze which will allow youth members to easily transition into award training when appropriate.

**TABLE 6: 2023/24 YOUTH PROGRAM AGE & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Age Group	Birth Date	Preliminary Evaluations	Notes
Under 14	1/10/2009 – 30/09/2010	SRC Pre-requisite swim 200m swim in under 5 minutes	Preliminary Evaluations for U14 must be entered on SurfGuard prior to 30 November 2023. <a href="#">Refer page 4 for process.</a>
Under 15	1/10/2008 – 30/09/2009	SRC Pre-requisite swim 200m swim in under 5 minutes	
Under 17	1/10/2006 – 30/09/2008	Bronze Pre-requisite swim 400m swim in under 9 minutes	

## Youth Program

As stated above the SLSWA Youth Program will help clubs provide a structure to Sunday morning youth activities. The program has three parts:

1. Education Workshop or Teambuilding Activity;
2. Recreation /Modified Sport Activity; and
3. Club Event

Clubs are free to determine how many of the three parts they will incorporate into their Sunday morning activities, but it is recommended there is more than just the Club Event. The Youth Program has been designed in a way that Age Managers can select the activities and workshops that they consider will help engage, enthuse and educate their youth members. [Link to program](#).

## Youth Leaders Program (YLP)

Developed to complement SLSWA's Youth Program, the opt in Youth Leaders Program (YLP) offers youth members the opportunity to formally record their experiences and service and receive recognition for doing so. The YLP entails three levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold – for youth members to work towards achieving. Each level stipulates certain requirements and experiencing of various roles associated with surf lifesaving. Interested youth members can complete and return the [Registration Form](#) (page 11), ticking the Youth Leaders Program box.

## Youth Pathways

SLSWA have designed a number of pathway options that contribute to the development of youth members. The pathway options available are:

- Youth Trainer Program– assisting in delivery of education courses
- Youth Age Manager Program – assisting with the management of a Nipper age group
- Youth Coach Program – assisting with coaching surf sports skills sessions
- Youth Official Program – assisting with judging/officiating at surf sports events

For each pathway options there is a two hour course the youth member attends and then a practical component back at the club which involves the youth being mentored by an appropriate member. Interested youth members can complete and return the Registration Form (page 11), ticking the appropriate box for the option this wish to do. It is highly recommended that any youth member who nominates to do a pathway option also nominates for the Youth Leaders Program.

## Youth Competition Evaluations for SLSWA Events

Gaining an SRC or Bronze Medallion does take some time, so we do allow youth members to compete at some SLSWA events without an award. As a result of that allowance, we require clubs to ensure youth members who compete in any water event either have the appropriate award or have completed the relevant Competition Evaluation as outlined in Table 7 below.

**TABLE 7: 2023/24 YOUTH COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**

Age Group	Competition Evaluations for SLSWA events	Minimum requirement for other Championship events	Minimum requirements for Aussies
Under 14	200m open water swim in under 5 minutes or SRC Requal	As per SLSWA Bulletin, normally SRC with no hour requirement	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally SRC with no hour requirement
Under 15	200m open water swim in under 5 minutes or SRC Requal	As per SLSWA Bulletin, normally SRC/Bronze with patrol hour requirement	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally SRC/Bronze with patrol hour requirement
Under 17	400m open water swim in under 9 minutes or Bronze Requal	As per SLSWA Bulletin, normally Bronze with patrol hour requirement	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally Bronze with patrol hour requirement

*\*Further information can be obtained in [SLSA Policy 5.04 Competition Eligibility](#)*

## Youth Competing at Championship Events

Unless otherwise stated in Table 7 (above) or the relevant event Bulletin/Circular, to compete in a Championship Event, a youth member is required to be proficient and hold the relevant award. The relevant award must be gained prior to close of entries for the specific Championship.

## Youth Participation Certificates

SLSWA have youth participation certificates available for clubs using the Youth Program. Should you wish to present your youth with these certificates please email [youth@slswa.com.au](mailto:youth@slswa.com.au) with the quantity required. Please allow at least two weeks to get them out to your club and also allow yourself time to print names on them prior to presentation.

# YOUTH PATHWAYS

## REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for showing an interest in the SLSWA Youth Pathways.

You can register for one or more of the Youth Pathways.

Simply check the pathway/s and then complete this form returning it to the details as below.

- ☐ Youth Leaders Program      ☐ Youth Age Manager Program      ☐ Youth Coach Program
- ☐ Youth Officials Program      ☐ Youth Trainer Program

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's current age group: ☐ U/14      ☐ U/15      ☐ U/16      ☐ U/17

Participant's Address: *Number & Street Name (or PO Box)*

\_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT:** *I have read the information from SLSWA regarding the relevant Youth Program/s and am happy for my daughter/son to register.*

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Hours accrued in any of the Youth Pathways can go towards the SLSWA Youth Leaders Program.*

Completed Registration Forms to be sent to SLSWA	
via post	email
David Somers Surf Life Saving WA PO Box 700, Balcatta, WA, 6914	David Somers Member Development Coordinator <a href="mailto:youth@slswa.com.au">youth@slswa.com.au</a>

# 2023/24 Age Manager Information

## Age Managers Course

Age Managers are the main deliverers of the Woodside Nippers Program and Youth Program. The role of the Age Manager is to assist Woodside Nippers and/or Youth Members through the various stages of the relevant Program. All Age Managers must be accredited by completing the Age Managers Course. To undergo the course candidates must:

1. Be 15 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
4. Have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course via the SLSA Members Area (prerequisite)
5. Have completed the Age Managers Online Course through the SLSA Members Area
6. Undertake an on the beach technical session under the guidance of an Age Manager Mentor
7. Undertake a minimum of two on the beach mentoring sessions
8. Have completed a third-party practical evaluation signed by an Age Manager Mentor

## Age Manager Assistant Award (NEW)

SLSA have introduced an Age Manager Assistant Award. To become an Age Manager Assistant a member must:

1. Be 13 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course via the SLSA Members Area (prerequisite)
4. Have completed the Age Managers Online Course through the SLSA Members Area

## Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Check) Requirements for Age Managers Course & Age Manager Assistant

The Age Managers Course & Age Manager Assistant both require a proficiency every five years. A member will be considered to be proficient:

1. If they have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
2. If they have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course
3. If they have completed the online Age Manager Course
4. If they have attended an Age Managers Information Session that season

## Youth Age Manager Program for U14 & U15s

The Youth Age Manager Program for U14 & U15's introduces the pathway of an Age Manager to SLS youth members. SLSWA run a Youth Age Managers Program Course which allows course participants to develop skills in assisting with the delivery of the Woodside Nipper Program. To become a Youth Age Manager a member must:

1. Be 13 - 14 years of age
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Visit the Youth Program page on the mybeach Website and complete [Expression of Interest Form](#) (ticking Youth Age Manager box)
4. Attend a Youth Age Manager Program Course (1-2 hour duration)
5. Assist in the delivery of the Woodside Nipper Program on 3 club days

Upcoming Youth Age Manager courses will be advertised on the [Youth Age Manager information page](#) on the mybeach Website. Courses can be run at clubs on request (dependent on numbers and presenter availability) by emailing [youth@slswa.com.au](mailto:youth@slswa.com.au)

### **Age Manager Mentors**

Age Manager Mentors play an important role in guiding and helping new and developing Age Managers, Age Manager Assistants and Youth Age Managers Program participants. To be an Age Manager Mentor candidates must:

1. Be a registered and financial member of their club
2. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
3. Have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course via the SLSA Members Area
4. Have been a fully qualified Age Manager for a minimum of three years
5. Have received endorsement by their club to undertake the role

Age Manager Mentor training is facilitated and delivered by SLSWA. Training in the 2023/24 season will be conducted on Saturday 2 September 2023. [Please refer to Circular 17, 2023/24.](#)

### **2023/24 Nipper & Youth Program Information Sessions**

In September and October there will be metropolitan and regional Information Sessions for Age Managers, Age Manager Assistants and Youth Age Manager Program participants. At these sessions both Nipper and Youth Program content will be covered. Clubs are asked to promote these sessions to relevant members as they provide valuable information that will assist in planning for the season ahead. Each session will go for about one hour.

At the conclusion of the session the facilitator of the Age Manager Information Session will be available to run a shortened Youth Age Manager Program Course (approximately 1 hour duration) should there be enough youth members in attendance (minimum 5). Youth that attend both the Information Session and shortened course will be marked off as having completed step 4 of the Youth Age Manager Program Course outlined on the previous page.

For information about the dates, times, venues and registration process of the scheduled Age Managers Information Sessions please refer to [Circular 7, 2023/24.](#)