

# Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Woodside Nipper Program and Requirements for 2020/21</b>
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<b>Audience:</b>	Junior Directors, Junior Coordinators, Club Administrators, Club Notice Board
<b>Summary:</b>	This circular contains information on the 2020/21 Woodside Nippers Program, Age Manager requirements and opportunities.
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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, Sandy Clarke or Steeve Belcher.</li> </ul>

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. This circular contains information for clubs and appropriate personnel on the various requirements associated with the Woodside Nipper Program.

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For further information regarding the Woodside Nippers Program and Requirements for 2020/21, please contact David Somers, Sandy Clarke or Steeve Belcher via email [nippers@slnwa.com.au](mailto:nippers@slnwa.com.au) or phone (08) 9207 6666.



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# 2020/21 Woodside Nippers Program Requirements Summary

Table 1 below summarises the Woodside Nipper Program requirements 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: 2019/20 WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**

Age Group	Birth Date	Preliminary Evaluations	Competition Evaluations	Participation Certificate
Under 6	1/10/2014 – 30/09/2015	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play One
Under 7	1/10/2013 – 30/09/2014	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play Two
Under 8	1/10/2012 – 30/09/2013	25m swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 100m open water swim in 9 minutes	Surf Aware One
Under 9	1/10/2011 – 30/09/2012	25m swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 100m open water swim in 8 minutes	Surf Aware Two
Under 10	1/10/2010 – 30/09/2011	25m swim (freestyle) 1 ½ minute survival float	Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 12 minutes	Surf Safe One
Under 11	1/10/2009 – 30/09/2010	50m swim (freestyle) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Safe Two
Under 12	1/10/2008 – 30/09/2009	100m swim (freestyle) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Smart One
Under 13	1/10/2007 – 30/09/2008	150m swim (freestyle) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Smart Two

## 2020/21 Woodside Nippers Program Age Requirements

To participate in the Nippers Program through the 2020/21 season, participants must:

1. Be 5 - 12 years of age by the 30 September;
2. **Be in the appropriate age group** as detailed in Table 1 above;

# 2020/21 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 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. **Evaluation sessions should be held regularly and then entered within a week of completion.**

**TABLE 2: 2020/21 WOODSIDE NIPPER PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

Age Group	Preliminary Evaluations	Notes
Under 6	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.	Either conduct at a swimming pool or ocean venue. If conducted in the ocean, ensure 1:5 water safety ratio. One Water Safety Personnel for every five nippers.
Under 7	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position.	
Under 8	25m swim (any stroke) and 1 minute survival float	
Under 9	25m swim (any stroke) and 1 minute survival float	
Under 10	25m swim (freestyle) and 1 ½ minute survival float	
Under 11	50m swim (freestyle) and 2 minute survival float	
Under 12	100m swim (freestyle) and 2 minute survival float	
Under 13	150m swim (freestyle) and 3 minute survival float	

**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 **“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.

# 2020/21 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-related competition course. 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 **2020/21 SLSWA Planning Calendar** for these dates and times.

**TABLE 3: 2020/21 WOODSIDE NIPPER COMPETITION EVALUATIONS**

Age Group	Competition Evaluations	Notes
Under 8	Minimum 100m open water swim in 9 minutes	
Under 9	Minimum 100m open water swim in 8 minutes	
Under 10	Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 12 minutes	
Under 11	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	
Under 12	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	
Under 13	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 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 “**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 **2020/21 SLSWA Planning Calendar** for these dates.

# 2020/21 Woodside Nippers Participation Certificate

During the 2020/21 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. **All Woodside Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2021.**

**TABLE 4: 2020/21 WOODSIDE NIPPER PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES**

Age Group	Nipper Participation Certificate	Notes
Under 6	Surf Play One	<b>All Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2021.</b>
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.

# 2020/21 Age Group Managers Requirements

Age Group Managers are the main deliverers of the Woodside Nippers Program and are often considered to be a Woodside Nipper's first coach. The role of the Age Group Manager is to assist Woodside Nippers through the various stages of the Woodside Nippers Program. All Age Group 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 your club
3. Have completed the Age Managers Online Course through the SLSA Members Area
4. Undertake an on the beach technical session under the guidance of an Age Manager Mentor
5. Undertake a minimum of two on the beach mentoring sessions
6. Have completed a third party practical evaluation signed by an Age Manager Mentor
7. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#)).

Alternatively; members can complete the Foundation Coaching Course and assume the capacity of Age Group Manager. To do so they must:

1. Be 16 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of your club
3. Complete the ASC Community Coaching Course – Free online course through the Australian Sports Commission Website
4. Complete the SLSA online coaching course modules – contact Andrew Mosel, High Performance Officer on [amosel@slnswa.com.au](mailto:amosel@slnswa.com.au) for more information and instructions.
5. Complete a practical coaching assessment under the guidance of a Coach Facilitator/Mentor – if your club does not have an appointed Coach Facilitator/Mentor, contact Andrew Mosel who will locate one within your region.
6. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#)).

## Age Group Assistants

Age Group Assistants provide vital assistance to the Age Group Managers when Woodside Nipper programs attract large participant numbers. To become an Age Group Assistant you must:

1. Be 14 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of your club; and
3. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#)).

Please be advised that Age Group Assistants are also encouraged to complete the necessary Age Manager Course requirements throughout the season for their personal development.