

North Curl Curl SLSC Nippers Carnival Selection Policies

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CARNIVAL SELECTION :

U/8 to U/14's nippers are welcome & encouraged to compete in individual and team events at local carnivals & branch championships however to be eligible to compete the nippers must have met the following criteria:

- Timed proficiency pool assessment swim
- Proficiency surf swim
- Surf Education
- Attended at least 50 % of nippers days
- All participants must have passed their relevant proficiencies

In regards to State Titles a nipper must also have competed in at least two lead up carnivals.

Entry fees for carnivals are quite expensive, currently the club pays entry fees for nippers to the following carnivals:

- Manly Junior Carnival
- Dee Why Bennett Board Carnival (board competitors only)
- Cronulla IMB (beach competitors only)
- Queenscliff Junior Carnival
- Narrabeen Junior Carnival
- Queenscliff, Freshwater & Manly Open Carnivals (U/13's & U/14's)
- Manly Nipper Nationals (U/11's – U/14's)
- SNB Branch Championships
- State Age Championships
- Other Carnivals at the discretion of the club

Where a nipper enters a carnival, and subsequently fails to attend, or withdraws from an event for which they have been nominated (unless withdrawn by the Age Manager and/or coach), the nipper will be required to reimburse the club for the carnival entry fees. In circumstances where other team members have been let down the nipper may also forfeit selection in future carnivals where the reason for failing to attend/withdrawal is not deemed to be satisfactory.

Late entries are possible in some cases, but are very expensive. These entries must be paid in advance by the nipper and in no circumstances will be paid by the club

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An overall selection committee comprising a member of the beach coaching team & two members of the water coaching team will select the teams for all carnivals. Age Managers are encouraged to assist and provide input to team selections. Nippers are also asked to assist by advising their age manager or a member of the coaching staff if there are events which they do not want to be considered for.

In regards to water team selections the two members of the water coaching team will also take into account the surf conditions encountered during club championships & carnivals and other performance related criteria when selecting water teams. These two members of the water coaching team will have the final say as to the makeup of the water teams.

The interest of the children and common sense is to be taken into account when picking teams.

The selection of teams will be based on the best two club championship results in the individual events relating to that discipline (ie. beach sprint for beach relay teams, swim for surf teams etc.) as well as carnival results where the club pays the entry fee(top 6 recorded places only). These results will be compiled together and made available on the club website so that nippers are aware of where they currently stand in relation to team selection.

Cameron Relay teams will be selected based on results however there will be some flexibility given in relation to these teams especially where beach competitors do not have dedicated beach relay teams in their age group. In these circumstances beach competitors may be given priority over water competitors for Cameron relay running positions.

Any results recorded in individual events at a carnival will not affect the teams selected for that carnival. These results will be taken into consideration when selecting the teams for the next carnival.

Priority for team selection for Branch & State will be given to members who have competed in at least two prior carnivals that season in those specific events. For example if at carnivals a competitor has only competed in water events in all lead up carnivals then they cannot expect to take the place of a competitor who has completed in beach events in the lead up carnivals even if the water competitor has a higher ranking based on championship/carnival results.

Based on the carnival timetables competitors from the age group below may be considered for selection in a team in the next age group up.

All teams will be selected & published on the Tuesday prior to that weekend's carnival. Entries for carnivals will close at the completion of Nippers on the Sunday prior to the carnival.

If a competitor withdraws from a team event, and there is a second team, the second team will remain unchanged. Commonsense should prevail in these situations especially where there are reserve competitors or where a competitor from the age group below could be drafted into one of these teams.

Depending on the availability of competitors & their event preferences the Club will endeavour to pick the best available competitors for any "A" teams.

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Teams of friends may be permitted to compete in some of the younger age group however approval for this will only be granted where there is no significant disadvantage to other club members.

Due to the complexities of the board rescue event, teams will be selected by the age managers & ratified by the selectors. Competitors are encouraged to train & compete in board rescue teams from early in the season to develop combinations.

Team selection for the first carnival at Manly will be based on teams from last season.

Team selection for Queenscliff & Narrabeen carnivals will be based on the results of completed club championships & carnivals.

Team selection for Branch Championships and State will be based on availability and on all championship results along with carnival results.

The team selected for Branch will be the strongest team possible & will not be influenced by attendance at State.

There is a right to appeal teams selected for Branch & State. These must be in writing to the Age group Manager or selection committee within 48hrs of the teams being posted. Appeals will be decided by an Appeals Committee consisting of 3 impartial JAC members and will consider a written appeal on its individual merit.

The committee will review any appeal and make its determination within 48hrs of receipt of protest.

In certain situations in team events it may be necessary or considered in the interest of competitors to substitute competitors between heats/semis and/or finals. In the event that this occurs and that the team wins a medal in the competition then any person who has been part of that team, even though they did not compete in the final, shall be recognised by the club as a medallist for that event and shall appear in all club records as part of that team. The club will also attempt to try and obtain medals for all competitors from either SLSA Northern Beaches (Branch) or from SLSA NSW(State). If additional medals cannot be obtained the club will purchase a replica medal for any competitor who misses out on an original medal. A named reserve who does not compete at any stage of an event (heats, quarters, semis or finals) is not considered a member of the team in terms of the above and would not be eligible for a medal. If this situation arises for your age group please contact the Beach or Water coaches for assistance.