

Taree Old Bar Nippers

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Competition Coordinator	Dan Davis
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AGE GROUPS and SETUP

Age groups are determined in the following way;

1st October 2001 to 30th September 2002	U/14
1st October 2002 to 30th September 2003	U/13
1st October 2003 to 30th September 2004	U/12
1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005	U/11
1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006	U/10
1st October 2006 to 30th September 2007	U/9
1st October 2007 to 30th September 2008	U/8
1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009	U/7
1st October 2009 to 30th September 2010	U/6

In 2016, we are trialling a new system similar to other sports (soccer, netball & football etc.) to ensure that all nippers needs are met and that the roles are shared equally through our club. Our aim is that these people will all undertake the age managers course.

Age Coach

This is a new role for an interested Bronze Medallion holder or parent who is interested in helping to instruct and lead activities for your age group.

Age Manager

This will need to be a parent volunteer. Your role will be to help the age coach to record information, help with setting up activities, record any results and help the age coach and coaching specialist to maintain member supervision.

Coaching specialist

The following people have volunteered to provide specialist coaching in the following;

Boards- Nathan Taafe
Swim- Patrick Moses
Sprints & Flags- Dan Davis
Education- TDB

Any parents interested in the age coach or manager role are asked to contact member services. If there is no volunteer for the position of age manager, we will need to reassess our ability to provide activities for this group.

Junior Preliminary Skills Assessment & TOB SLSC Swimming Requirements

It is a requirement of SLSA that all nippers undertake a preliminary evaluation before undertaking activities at Old Bar Beach.

Those 8 Years and above are also aiming to compete in carnivals will be required to also complete the competition evaluation.

As Old Bar can be a dangerous beach- we will be adhering strongly to these standards.

SLSA Junior Evaluations and Education National Guidelines.

	Preliminary Evaluation	Competition Evaluation	Surf Education Awards
Under 6 Surf Play 1	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 1
Under 7 Surf Play 2	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 2
Under 8 Surf Aware 1	25 metre swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float	Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist deep water)	Surf Aware 1
Under 9 Surf Aware 2	25 metre swim (any stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10 Surf Safe 1	25 metre swim (freestyle) 1 1/2 minutes survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11 Surf Safe 2	50 metre swim (freestyle) 2 minutes survival float	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12 Surf Smart 1	100 metre swim (freestyle) 2 minutes survival float	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13 Surf Smart 2	150 metre swim (freestyle) 3 minutes survival float	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14 SRC	200 metre swim (freestyle, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minutes survival float	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Rescue Certificate

AIM OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

- To provide an enjoyable experience for the children.
- To teach and develop basic surf safety skills.
- To provide competition for children at various levels, i.e. Club, Branch, State.
- To have fun and encourage junior members and their families to become active members of the club.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not an aim of the Club to teach children to swim. All children from U/8's onwards must complete the preliminary evaluation before participating in any water activities. Swimming lessons are recommended for those who do not meet this proficiency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

- Registration for nippers per member is \$50. This is a one off fee and no weekly fees are payable. The membership category is Junior Activities.
- One parent/ guardian or carer must also register with each family. This is an Associate membership and is also \$50. We ask that one family member registers to help us ensure that we have adequate parental support to conduct nipper's activities. Membership also insures adequate insurance coverage when conducting club activities.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Nippers will begin at 9:30am and conclude by 11- 11:30am. Activities begin with a weekly briefing to all parents and nippers. Nippers are asked to assemble in their age groups on the club house lawn each Sunday.
- One parent/guardian must remain on the beach and be prepared to assist every week. There is something everyone can do e.g.: marking off names, recording results, packing up equipment or water safety.
- We require parents or guardians to sign their children INTO and OUT OF nippers each Sunday. This is a risk minimisation procedure to help us to ensure all members are accounted for.

- Before each day, a water safety risk assessment is conducted. For all water activities, age group managers will ensure that a minimum ratio of 1 qualified lifesaver to 5 children is in the water during activities.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- During Nippers activities all Nippers **must wear club caps and a fluro vest.** (Available for purchase at \$10 each). This is for identification, safety and insurance purposes and a national requirement.
- Nippers must remove their caps at the completion of activities. This is to signify that the nipper is no longer under the care of the age coach/manager.

COMPETITION

- We encourage all nippers who are interested to compete to do so. When carnivals arise though we need lots of help. Each carnival entry requires a specific amount of water safety and officials to also take part. We are also required to provide our own equipment. Please keep this in mind and consider completing an officials course.
- We are aiming this year to conduct a range of mini carnivals during the season to help encourage our nippers to compete in larger Branch & State competitions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Nippers includes a component of Junior Education, where members are taught a variety of skills and lessons. AT the beginning of the season (before DEC 31) during unsavoury condition or dangerous seas, we will conduct this education. Towards the back end of the season, should conditions be unfavourable we will cancel Nippers. This will be communicated to all members via our facebook, website and sms messages.

CONTACTS:

All nippers questions or queries can be directed to the Director of Member Services who can escalate any issues or ideas to the TOB executive team.