

Junior Competition Manager – Michael Day

**1. Sydney Surf Sports Committee ["SSSC"]**

Your committee for 2019-2020:

Director	Amy Somes
Deputy Director	Greg Pierce
Senior Competition Director	Carlo Villanti
Junior Competition Director	Michael Day
Secretary	Tracey Green

SSSC enlists a number of our branch experts to advise on the full range of surf sports topics [including water safety, inter-branch team, surf boats, officials, equipment, IRBs, R&R, March past, pool competition, board riding and technical issues].

**2. Season Surf Sports Calendar**

Is under construction. Important dates for nippers about which we are presently aware are in the table attached to the end of this report.

**3. Guide for Carnival Organisers** 3<sup>rd</sup> version

Recently drafted and is now on the Branch Website

There is much collective knowledge in our branch. The document is an attempt to put some of that knowledge to paper which can then be available to our member clubs to assist them in the carnival management process. Any suggestions or corrections are very welcome.

**4. Gear Stewards**

Can we help out Bursty please? All organising committees need to appoint a gear steward at each carnival whose role it will be to ensure that the gear trailers are unpacked and repacked.

**5. Officials**

**5.1. New officials and training**

As always, we need more people to put up their hands and assist. Clubs are again requested to push their membership for volunteers to take on the officials' role.

All the official's awards are to be completed online. Members pay directly or ask their club to endorse payment. At the completion of the online course, candidates will be able to nominate to attend a carnival to be assessed.

Last year and with the kind assistance of some experienced officials, we facilitated a group online course, allowing a collegiate approach to the training. Feedback was very positive, and we will try and conduct a similar exercise this year.

**5.2. Officials Carnival Nomination Process**

Will be online and will be up and running shortly. We guarantee it will be more user friendly and an improvement on last year's annoyingly complex system.

**6. Carnival Entries**

**6.1.** The \$2 administration fee for carnival entries is abolished.

**6.2.** The entry management system ["SEMS"] used at last season's Aussies will be the system used at our carnivals.

**7. Change to Surf Sports Manual – Competitive Conditions**

Important notes added to 2.3.5:

U13 competitors must remain in U13 age category for individual events and are not permitted to compete in any older age division in individual events [that is regardless of whether they turn 13 during the season and obtain the surf rescue certificate. They are eligible to compete in U14 team events.

Likewise, U14 competitors are not permitted to compete in individual older age divisions. They are eligible to compete in U15 team events.

**8. Australian Youth Championships**

Plans afoot to include U13's in Oz Youth Championships in the 2020/2021 season.

**9. State Age Water Safety Rosters**

Parity issue was raised by Amy at the State Directors of Surf Sports Meeting. Sydney was allocated 22 shifts for the event, next closest was Northern Beaches with 11. State Centre

agreed to add the rostering topic to the wider water safety review being undertaken prior to the next championships.

10. **Branch Age Championships**

10.1. Under 8's

SSSC resolved at its recent meeting that U8's will not be competing at the Junior Branch Carnival.

What we are attempting to do is run a stand-alone U8's branch event on a different day. That day is most likely to be the Sunday prior to the Branch Age [2/2/2020]. It is not yet confirmed, and we do not yet have a venue. It will be open to all U8 Branch members [ie, the restriction as to numbers is to be removed]

10.2. All-Aged Relay

To bring the event into line with the State Age Championships, our all-aged relay will not include U8 competitors.

## Season 2019 - 2020

<b>NIPPER CARNIVALS 2019-2020</b>		
15/9/2019	R and R Clinic	Maroubra
26/10/2019	Sydney Water R1	TBA
2/11/2019	Sydney water R2	TBA
3/11/19	Randwick Shield Carnival	Sth Maroubra
9/11/2019	Sydney Water R3	TBA
10/11/2019	Interbranch selection trials	Wanda
17/11/2019	Waverley Shield	Bondi
16/11/2019	Cronulla Carnival	Cronulla
24/11/2019	Bate Bay 4-Way	Wanda
30/11/2019	Sydney Water R4	Bulli
1/12/2019	Cook Classic	North Cronulla
7-8/12/2019	NSW Inter-Branch	Bulli
18/1/2019	National Parks District	Garie
19/1/2020	Nipper Nats	Manly
26/1/2020	Junior Iron Classic	North Cronulla
1/2/2020	Wanda One Club	Wanda
2/2/2020	U8's Branch	TBA
8/2/2020	Senior Branch	Maroubra
9/2/2020	Junior Branch	Maroubra
28/2-1/3/2020	NSW Age	Swansea-Belmont
18-19/4/2020	Australian Youth	North Burleigh