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To	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains and Nipper Coordinators
From	Doug Hawkins – Director of Junior Development
CC	BOM, JDC
Subject	SLSS COVID-19 Junior Development (Nipper) Safety Plan

Background

This circular provides some information for Junior Activity Officers following on from the SLSNSW Return to Juniors meeting held on 16 June 2020. The guidelines have been developed by SLS Sydney to assist clubs to plan for their junior activity season start up.

This circular notes that a 'one club fits all' approach will not work, due to different sizes and management structures within SLS Sydney Nipper Areas.

Information and NSW Health Regulations are going to change and be updated over the next four months before we get back on the beach, and we need to be adaptable across our operational areas

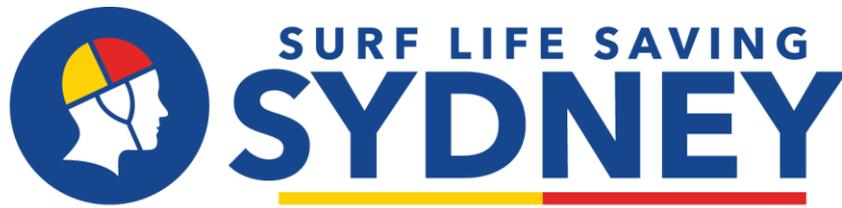
All SLS Policies are still to be adhered to at all times.

Overview

Clubs should prepare to undertake their junior activity programs as usual while using the below information as guidance. The checklist content below can be transfer into the clubs COVID19 Safety Plan or used in a separate plan.

Young people are not considered as a high risk group and we understand that guidelines to be circulated in July will indicate that some aspects of normal activity will be able to take place. Adult distancing will need to be promoted and monitored as part of junior activity planning.

Any further updates to safety plan information will be circulated in updated versions of the Club COVID Safety Plan and noted in the version control section of the plan.



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COVID Safe Plan

Each SLS activity requires a COVID Safe Plan. Appendix A can be used to copy into your existing club plan or you can remove the other checklist material from the club plan template and include this information in your own Junior Activity Plan. Version 1.4 of the Club Safety plan now includes the Junior Activity Safety Plan information.

Training

Those assisting with any activity on the beach should have their SLS Age Manager Award. Pre-season training will be provided in the first two weeks of September in Randwick/Waverley and Cronulla Southerland for those parents who want to get on board. The SLSA online version is also available via the SLSA member portal.

https://members.sls.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/login/index.php

It is also recommended all age managers and age assistants will have club gear on so people know who is trained and safe.

For all SRC Training please ensure only accredited SLS Trainers are training the SRC teams as they will be aware of the COVID Safe Plans for SLS Training and Education and will also be using the new Training resources from SLSA.

CPR training will only be delivered by accredited trainers and will follow any education guidelines circulated.

Further information

The SLS Sydney JDC team are here to support you to ensure we can run the best and safest Nipper program possible, all amongst this new world we are currently in.

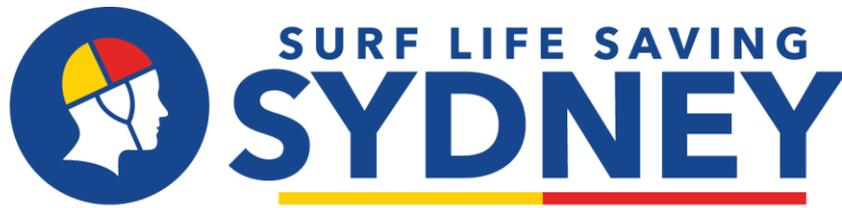
Please contact us direct at nippers@surflifesavingsydney.com.au for any updates or further information

At this stage we are anticipating a face to face SLS Sydney JDC - COVID Safe meeting in very early July at the branch Office - date TBC very soon. This will include 1 x delegate from each Club.

Our SLS Sydney JDC Pre-Season Meeting will still be going ahead on August 23rd at 2.00pm, Location: Souths Juniors at Maroubra (same as last season).

We encourage every SLS Sydney Nipper Club to attend the Pre-Season management meeting, with your operational areas covered: Nipper Chair and Deputy, Branch Delegate, Age Manager, Education and Surf Sports Coordinators.

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Appendix A

Safety Checklist/ COVID Safe Plan (add to club plan or to club plan template)

[SLS Sydney COVID-19 Safety Plan V1.4 19 June 2020 - Word Doc](#)

Pre-Activity

- Add this JDC safety checklist to club COVID Safety Plan. JDC committee to approve plan before starting activity.
- Appoint a COVID Safety Officer to oversee Junior Activity/Training. Appoint additional officers for larger group numbers (use one officer per 50 nippers). Check in with club COVID Safety Officer(s)
- SLS Sydney will be providing information to the GMs of each Local Government but the junior coordinator should contact their local government representative or make district contact before activity starts. Consider a district approach for liaison.
- Develop a nipper registration process that does not involve large gatherings. Consider online registration and small groups rostered at different times.
- Encourage young members or parents/age managers who do not feel well to NOT attend the beach or junior activity.
- Communicate safety arrangements to Junior Development members before attending the beach. Also consider a community communications plan to promote your safety culture. This can be done via your website, club Facebook page and Insta page, local newspaper, your club newsletter, and maybe also liaising with local schools, who could share your information.
- Ensure all age managers hold the SLS Age Manager Award and are qualified for water safety. Encourage parents who would like to be on the beach with their children to obtain their age manager award.
- Define process for registration for each junior activity member and age managers. User tracing is important if an infection is identified. Ensure you have a system to identify members entering the clubhouse such as the club electronic tag system, a sign in process or a QR code. Display signage provided.

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- Define the group management plans. Consider the following :
 - a. Should you decide to reduce numbers, one option for the larger clubs is to run the U6 and U7's age groups as a limited group for Nipper siblings only for the season.
 - b. Consider greater water activities and ensure water safety in place
 - c. Keep nippers moving and not gathering together
 - d. Mark off areas where age groups will conduct their specific program
 - e. Consider shorter programs at staggered times
 - f. Break into small groups for more effective delivery
 - g. Consider different points of drop off and pick up

On-Day Activity

- Undertake a pre-activity safety briefing to communicate to age managers plan details
 - a. Ask others how they are feeling and if not feeling well then not participant
 - b. Ensure everyone has signed in
 - c. Ensure everyone has hand sanitised
- Promote and monitor social distancing of parents, spectators and age managers of 1.5m. Encourage only one parent to attend and not to gather in groups.
- Ensure age managers and adults assisting on the beach are suitably identifiable through a vest or club shirt
- Provide hand sanitation on beach entry and exit and encourage personal hygiene
- Provide registration process
- Safety officer to monitor gatherings and actively intervene to change behaviour as required

Post Day Activity

- Undertake post activity safety briefing and update plan as required