



CIRCULAR

SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Nippers – Water Competition Training	Monday 19 th November	22/20-21

To	SLSS Club Nipper Co-ordinators, Presidents and Surf Sports Directors
From	Doug Hawkins - Director of Junior Development
CC	SLSS JDC

Important Update:

Update for all Sydney Clubs and Nipper Teams now that Competition Training is in full mode for many of our Clubs and Teams.

As with running Nippers on a Sunday, **the SLSA Water Safety Policy** applies to all Water based Training for ALL Nippers...no matter the time, or the day.

Each Water based Training session must have a defined Water Safety Supervisor, and that person must be a Proficient BM. The WSS must stay on the land, and manage the safety of the session with the WSW team. see attached WSS Position Description

Prior to the session commencing the WSS must complete a Water Safety Risk assessment, either using the App or the paper version. A copy must go to the Club office as a formal record.

The WSS is not the Coach, as they have different focusses at the session.

All WS Team Members must have an Orange WS rash shirt on or a red and yellow rashie, and must be equipped with either a board or tube. Nippers must have a hi vis vest on at all times.

The SLSA Water Safety Policy ratios must be applied across the board, not matter the skill level of your training team.

These are: Low Risk 1:5
Med Risk 1:4
High Risk - Training is not on.

For the session there needs to a Sign on sheet for the Nippers, as well as the WS team

If parents are not in attendance, you must have a list of those participating in the session, and emergency contact numbers for all the Nippers who are training.



I have also attached the latest version of the SLSA Water Safety Procedure and SLSA Water Safety Policy for your perusal and implementation.

It is also a strong recommendation from Branch, that no Water Training occur prior to Sunrise, or after sunset. Black wetsuits in the dark are just not safe.

Please ensure this Circular is shared with all those involved with your Competition Water Training team, and that they are aware of their SLS responsibilities.

Should any club have any questions regarding the above please contact the JDC Director

Regards
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