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SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Nipper Holiday Water Safety 2020-21 Reminder	23 rd December	32/2020-21
To	SLSS Club Nipper Chairpersons, Water Safety Supervisors, Club Captains, Surf Sports Directors	
From	Surf Life Saving Sydney	
CC	SLSS Club Secretaries, Presidents, SLSS BOM JDC, DOL	

The Junior Development Committee would like to check in with all clubs, to ensure the required protocols are in place for all formal club nipper ocean training, during December and January.

As we everyone knows this is a great time of year to get some solid training in, and we commend all those clubs who have plans in place to get our Nippers more skilled and more experienced in their ocean skills...well done.

During these club endorsed ocean based training sessions we ask you to please ensure your team at the beach have the following in place;

- Water Safety Supervisor (WSS) in place and on the sand while Training is on. **Must be BM Proficient.**
- Water Safety ratios to be in place at all times as per SLSA Water Safety Policy. [SLSA Water Safety Fact Sheet](#)
SLSA Water Safety Policy and Procedure 1.01. Access to these documents is via the [SLSA Members Area](#)
- Water Safety team are all proficient SRC or BM, and have the required hi-vis orange shirt and cap on.
- All Water Safety members who are in the water should have either a rescue board or rescue tube.
- Water Safety team's focus is the Nippers in the water - not doing training themselves, as they need to respond if any issues arise.
- All Nippers in their Pinkies at all times.
- SLS risk assessment to be completed prior to training commencing via the SLS Water Safety App or paper, and sent to the club as per your club SOP's.

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- All weather and surf conditions to be considered for the age group(s) skills.
- Nippers on appropriate boards for their age group, as per their age group this season.
- Have direct access to your club's rescue gear, including: first aid kit, oxygen and defib should it be required. If no access, then you will need to have comms with the lifeguards.
- Advise your local lifeguards so they are aware of your training, especially if it's a large group.
- Recommend WSS have a radio, so they can contact Lifeguards and SurfCom if needed.
- All Nippers to sign in and out of sessions, and the WSS should have the emergency contact numbers all those attending.
- Should any member injury occur, please advise SurfCom immediately who are on duty 7.00am -7.00pm, and ensure you advise your Club Captain.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact me.

Regards

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