

19 AUGUST, 2023

# PRE-SEASON CONFERENCE

YOUTH & JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT





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# 1. WELCOME

## 1.1 House Keeping

- Questions via chat and Q & A after each section of the presentation
- Meeting will be recorded and provided along with this presentation next week
- All other pre-season sessions today are also being recorded today and presentations will be available next week





## 1.2 SAFETY OVERVIEW – Culture of Safety

- At our core we are a Safety organisation.
- Creating a culture of safety with our own members helps us to keep in front of our minds that safety of the public and our members is our priority.
- Online SLS Child Safe Awareness Training has been mandated for Club and Branch Officers, MPIOs and complaint handlers, Age Managers, Coaches and Officials, Patrol Captains, Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators, **and is being extended to cover ALL remaining patrolling members.**



## 2. YOUTH & JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### New Structure this season

| Director Youth & Junior Development                  | David Love          |
|--|---------------------|
| Assistant/Deputy Director Youth & Junior Development | Michele Cole        |
| Youth Manager  | Natasha Hargreaves  |
| Youth Lifesaving Manager                             | Noah Teitler        |
| Youth Education Manager                              | Cate Kyling         |
| Youth Surf Sports Manager                            | Scarlett Levy       |
| Youth Member Services Manager                        | Daniel Morrissey    |
| Junior Manager                                       | Position vacant     |
| Junior Education Manager                             | Megan Still         |
| Junior Education Coordinator Waverley                | Maggie Eisenhauer   |
| Junior Education Coordinator Randwick                | Rachel Kelly-Morrow |
| Junior Education Coordinator Sutherland              | Amelie Sanchez      |
| Junior Education Coordinator RNP                     | Will McLean         |
| Junior Surf Sports Manager                           | George Benhayon     |
| Junior Surf Sports Coordinator Waverley              | Sophia Garvin       |
| Junior Surf Sports Coordinator Randwick              | Katrina Benhayon    |
| Junior Surf Sports Coordinator Sutherland            | Jasmine Springall   |
| Junior Surf Sports Coordinator RNP                   | Will McLean         |





### 3. Youth Engagement

#### Youth Coordinators:

- Does your club have a Youth Coordinator or Director?
- If so, do you know who they are and what they do?
- If not, why not?

#### Youth Engagement and Retention:

- Does your club have a Youth Engagement Program?
- If so, do you know what it is and who runs it?
- If not, why not?

Our Youth members are just as much a part of Surf Life Saving's future as our Nippers **programs**, and we need to hang onto them!

#### Youth Retention Proposal:

- [Youth specific SMAR and First Aid training](#)



## **4. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP DATES 23-24**

- **U13's Development Camp**

Friday 1st December 2023 (AM) to Sunday 3 December (PM) 2023

- **U11's Development Camp**

Friday 9th February (PM) to Sunday 11th February (PM) 2024

- **Venue – Youthworks Conference Centre, Deer Park, Port Hacking**





## 5. SLSNSW PRE SEASON INFORMATION

The 2023/24 SLSNSW Pre Season Information Pack can be found at the following link on SLSNSW website

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/members/members-info/pre-season-information/>





# Junior Activity Chair Pre-Season Information



SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



# Overview



This PPT contains information on the following items:

- Junior Activity Chair Training
- Junior Development Resources / Age Guides
- Preliminary Skills Evaluations
- Age Awards
- Age Managers Course and Proficiency Video Updates
- SLSA Nippers App / Surf Risk Rating App
- Junior Activity Search & Rescue
- Branch Specific Information



# Junior Activity Chair Training



**Newly appointed** Junior Activity Chairs are required to attend and complete the SLSNSW JAC course. Club Nippers is unable to start if training not completed by JAC.

This 2023-2024 course will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Returning JACs** must hold the Junior Activity Management Award, and whilst other members of their Junior Activity Team can also hold this award, they cannot be proxy for the Junior Activity Chair holding this award.

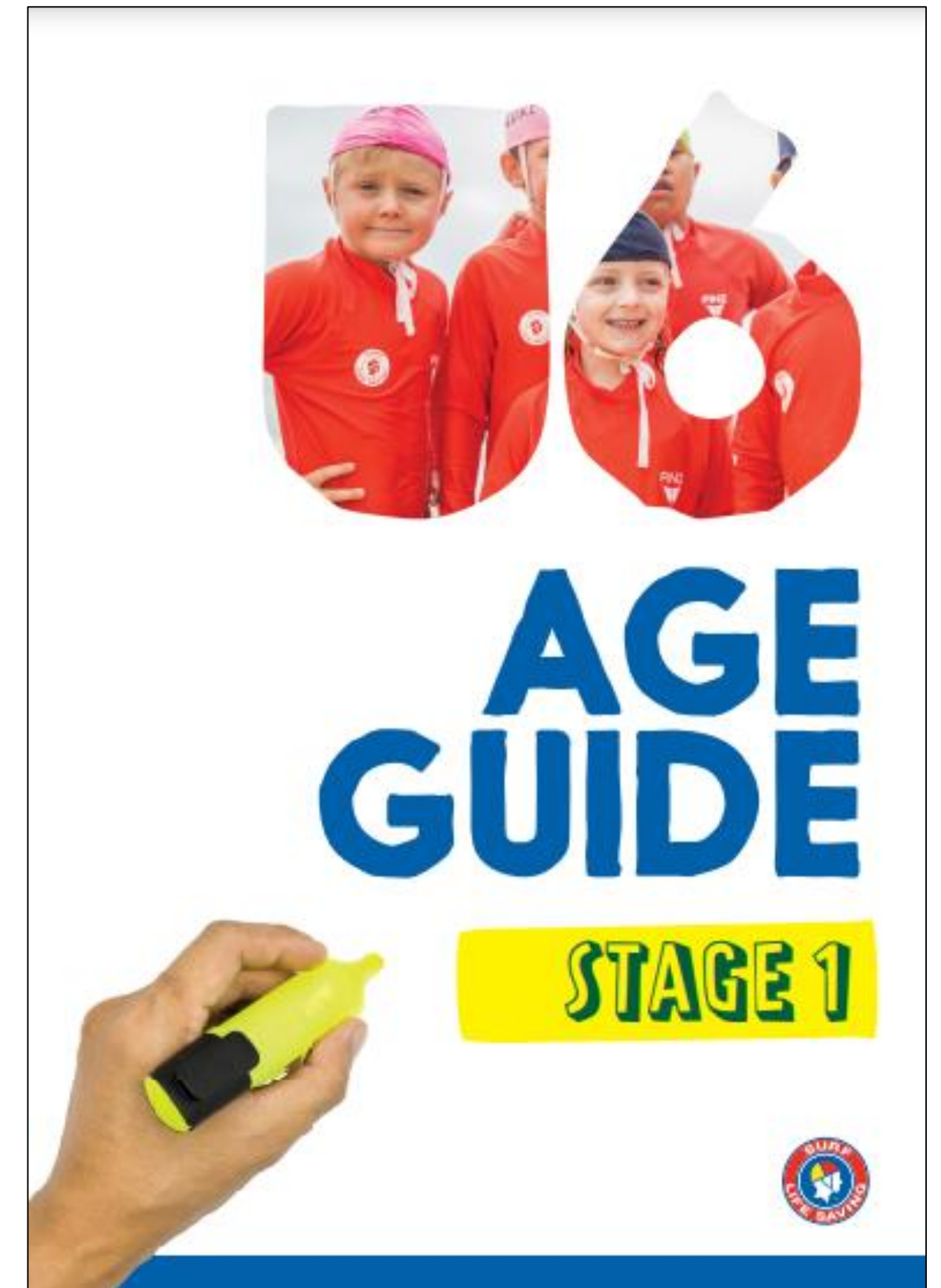


# Junior Development Resource Kit

The national Junior Development Program includes lessons and resources that are tailored to each different age group. The program covers a diverse range of skills and is based on participatory evaluation.

The program provides a pathway of learning towards the Surf Rescue Certificate and creating future lifesavers.

Available on the SLSNSW Website / SLSA Members Area.  
Supported by 'Age Groups, Preliminary and Competitions Factsheet'



# Age Guides

The Age Guides are updated to reflect the most up to date teaching techniques, rules and relevance and lesson plans have been redesigned to ensure ease of use and interaction. They include lessons and resources that are tailored to each different age group.

The program covers a diverse range of skills from body surfing to catching waves on a board to First Aid, CPR and the surf environment.





# Junior Development Resources



Key updates in Junior Activities this season include:

- Clarification on moving up and down in nipper age
- Removal of continuous sequence in the preliminary skills evaluation
- Ability for clubs to enable accredited swim coach sign off on preliminary skills
- Addition of reasonable adjustments clarification to support club delivery

Please refer to the SLSNSW Junior Activity Information Bulletin 2023\_24 Season for more information.

# Preliminary Skills and Award Completion



The Junior Preliminary Skills reflect industry standard research in aquatic skills, including greater focus on foundation skills in the water which assist in making rescue ready lifesavers.

The removal of the continuous skill sequence, also results in greater focus on floatation, submersion and propulsion.

In instances where evaluations cannot be completed by a Surf Life Saving member and to increase flexibility for clubs, a qualified and accredited swim coach can complete the evaluation by providing their ASTCA number and details.



# Junior Age Awards

It is recommended that nippers who complete 75% of nipper sessions (recorded in nipper attendance sheets or via the app) are eligible for the award and included in the award assessment request.

Award processing is done via a New Assessment Request in SurfGuard for each Award. Clubs must check that children are entered into the correct Award Assessment Request for their age group, and this may require clubs to check dates of birth.

## Certificate Format

Clubs can choose 1 of 3 options for the issue of nipper certificates: hard copy posted to the club; PDF sent to the club for electronic distribution, or PDF emailed directly to the member. Clubs that do not nominate a preference to SLSNSW Training & Education Team, will have their certificates sent to them in hard copy.

For further information, please refer to [SLSNSW Junior Awards and Certificates Factsheet](#)



| Birthdate between these dates                                   | Age group            |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 | U6 (Surf Play One)   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 | U7 (Surf Play Two)   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 | U8 (Surf Aware One)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2014 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 | U9 (Surf Aware Two)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2013 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 | U10 (Surf Safe One)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2012 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 | U11 (Surf Safe Two)  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 | U12 (Surf Smart One) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2010 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 | U13 (Surf Smart Two) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010 | U14 (SRC)            |

# Age Managers Course

Course designed to equip Age Managers with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully carry out their role. All Age Managers **MUST** complete the SLISA Child Safe Awareness training, SLISA Age Manager Course, SLSNSW Age Manager Proficiency Video.

1. Child Safe Awareness training
2. Online Theory Course – *Face to Face or Online*
3. Technical Session on the Beach
4. Mentoring Session on the Beach
5. Paperwork (*Sign Off*)
6. Award Allocation (*Age Manager Course award*)
7. Age Manager Proficiency Video (*2023/24 Update*)

*This is outlined in the [SLSNSW Age Manager Process and Resources](#)*



# **Age Managers Course Delivery**



Age Manager Courses can be delivered at a club or branch level by an Age Manager Mentor.

Age Managers are encouraged to use skilled members to support content delivery – eg using Bronze Medallion holders, coaches, athletes, or members of the education team.

The Age Manager to Child ratio is 1:20 by age group (or stage).

# Age Manager Proficiency Video



For the 2023/24 season, SLSA has introduced an Age Manager Video 2023, required to be viewed annually via Members Area eLearning.

To access the video, please visit the Members Area eLearning platform and navigate to the 'Training Library' section. **It is important to note that all Age Managers are required to complete the Age Manager Course and Child Safe Awareness Training to be an active Age Manager.**



# Nipper App / SurfGuard

## Nippers Module



The Nipper 'App' is a platform to be introduced by SLSA, accessible via Members Area. SurfGuard also has a new nipper's module for Junior Activity Chair management.

### **Junior Activity Chairs can:**

- Access a newly assigned permission area in SurfGuard - Nippers module
- Manage and assign Age Manager access to the Nipper App
- *Age Managers can access one or multiple age groups at the levels detailed below:*

### **Age Managers can:**

- Manage Nipper Age Groups – check in, check out, add notes, view nipper details
- View sessions attended and approve Nipper Age Group Awards and
- Approve preliminary and/or competition skills evaluations

**Nippers/Parents can:** view sessions attended, and awards gained via their Members Area.

# Junior Activity Online Training Dates



| Course Name  | Date and Time                    | Presenter                     | Registration                                    |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| SLSA Nipper App Training                               | Tues, 5 September 6.00-6 :30pm   | Rebecca Cocks,<br>SLSA        | <a href="#">Nipper App Register</a>             |
| SLSA Nipper App Training                               | Thurs, 14 September 6.00-6:30 pm | Rebecca Cocks,<br>SLSA        | <a href="#">Nipper App Register</a>             |
| Junior Activity Chair Training<br>(Session 1 out of 2) | Wed, 20 September 6:30-8:30pm    | Doug Hawkins,<br>SYD Branch   | <a href="#">JAC Training Session 1 Register</a> |
| Junior Activity Chair Training<br>(Session 2 out of 2) | Thurs, 21 September 6:30-8:30pm  | Doug Hawkins,<br>SYD Branch   | <a href="#">JAC Training Session 2 Register</a> |
| Age Manager Course                                     | Tues, 10 October 6:30-8:30pm     | Jo Fraser,<br>CC Branch       | <a href="#">Age Manager Course Register</a>     |
| Age Manager Course                                     | Thurs, 19 October 6:30-8:30pm    | Doug Hawkins,<br>SYD Branch   | <a href="#">Age Manager Course Register</a>     |
| Age Manager Course                                     | Wed, 1 November 6:30-8:30pm      | Gary Hawkins,<br>MNC Branch   | <a href="#">Age Manager Course Register</a>     |
| Age Manager Course                                     | Tues, 14 November 6:30-8:30pm    | Rebecca Capell,<br>SNB Branch | <a href="#">Age Manager Course Register</a>     |



# Surf Risk Rating App

Updates have been made to specifically address water safety for Junior Activities as a drop-down menu

Risk Assessment

PATROL

To be completed when conducting patrols.

+ New

View

WATER SAFETY

To be completed when conducting junior activities, sport training, award training or sanctioned events (replacement for previous Water Safety Risk Assessment app)

+ New

View

SPORT EVENTS

To be completed when conducting sport events (replacement for previous Event Risk Assessment App)

View

Updated less than a minute ago

Water Safety

Data Collection

SRR Level

WATER SAFETY

Beach \*

Activity \*

Participants \*

Junior Activities (Nippers)  
Member Sport Training  
Member Award Training  
Pool Activities  
Special Event / Sanctioned Event

Not Qualified (No SRC or Bronze)

Patrol is currently signed on?

WEATHER

Wind Direction \*

Wind Speed \*(km/h)

# Junior Activity Search and Rescue



*How would your club manage a missing nipper?*

*Do you know how to manage this search and rescue?*

*Have you practiced this scenario?*

In all incidents where a search is required, the highest priority must be to focus on a safe and rapid response to commence the search.

Be prepared and have a current and practiced Junior Activity Search and Rescue plan and a search and rescue kit ready on the beach.

Further information can be found in SOPS (SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures), or by speaking with the DoL (Director of Lifesaving) or CTO (Chief Training Officer) of each club.

Missing Nipper Aquatic Drills need to be booked in with Branch Office to be conducted before Christmas with Duty Officers present.



## 6. Additional Updates

### Junior Board Guide:

- SLSA have updated and released the [Junior Board Guide](#) which is now available on the SLS NSW website.
- This is a good reference for when the tricky questions about Nipper surf boards come during the season.
- SLSA are working on updating the Surf Sports Manual and the JDR.

### Nipper Come-and-try Update:

- SLSA are close to completing a Nippers Come-and-try Guide which we hope receive in time for the season.

### Special Event Applications:

- SLS NSW require clubs to lodge an application for the purposes of insurance coverage for any special events that fall outside their regular training, lifesaving, or sporting activities described in the relevant manuals and SoP's.
- More information on these can be found on page 3 of the SLS NSW Pre-season Pack [or on their website](#).



## 6. Additional Updates cont.

### Child Safety Coordinator:

- This Season clubs are required to appoint a Child Safety Coordinator and list them in the officer position in SurfGuard.
- This club officer will be responsible for ALL their club's members under the age of 18 years, not just Nippers, and the role cannot be shared between clubs.
- Refer to the [Child Safe Coordinator](#) position description, etc. for this role in the Members section of the SLS NSW website.

### Food Safety Supervisor (FSS):

- This Season volunteer organisations such as surf clubs that often serve food such as barbecues at events such as at Nippers, surf carnivals, etc. are required to appoint an FSS by 8 December 2023.
- This does not apply to operations such as kiosks that are already licensed food services providers.
- Further details on this can be found in the relevant section of the [NSW Food Authority](#) website.
- SLS NSW is preparing a guide for this for use this season.





## 7. Surf Sports

### **Sydney Branch Youth and Junior Development Clinic 2023/2024:**

- Beach and Water Sunday 8th October- Venue TBA
  - Surf Ski introduction - Date and Venue TBA
  - Lifesaving Events - Date and Venue TBA
  - Rescue and Resuscitation Competition (R&R) - Date and Venue TBA
  - Pool Rescue Competition - Date and Venue TBA
- [Surf Lifesaving Sydney Surf Sports Calendar as at 8 August 2023](#)



## 8. Questions & Meeting Close

