

NIPPER REGISTRATION DAYS

All nippers and parents please note that the registration days for the new season are as follows:

Friday 5th Nov First Registration – 6pm-8pm @ the Club

Saturday 6th Nov Second Registration - 12am-4pm @ the Club

Members who have already paid their memberships do not need to attend the registration days, however those members who do not have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) must ensure that they have completed an application prior to the commencement of the season otherwise their membership will be placed on hold and if they have nippers taking part in the summer program, these nippers will be barred from the program until a WWCC has been obtained. (Further information about the registration days will be forwarded shortly) Also, members are encouraged to attend the registration days to purchase the colored nipper caps that will be mandatory for the new season, the cost of the caps is \$5. (Attendance for Under 5/6/7 nippers is strongly encouraged as these age groups are not required to attend a swim proficiency)

NIPPER SWIM PROFICIENCIES

It is compulsory that all nippers from Under 8-14 be tested before they enter or participate in any SLSA water based junior activities, which includes nippers. This is to ensure that each child demonstrates a standard of competence to enable preliminary levels of survival skills in an aquatic environment to be achieved. The required standards as mandated by SLSA are outlined below in 2 categories, Preliminary Evaluation and Junior Competition:

Preliminary Skill Evaluation Timed Swim (Freestyle) Junior Competition Skill Evaluation Open water/Surf Swim

Under 8 25 metre swim (any stroke). 1 minute survival float Not applicable

Under 9 25 metre swim (any stroke). 1 minute survival float Minimum 150m open water swim

Under 10 25 metre swim (freestyle). 1.5 minute survival float Minimum 150m open water swim

Under 11 50 metre swim (freestyle). 2 minutes survival float Minimum 288m open water swim.

Under 12 100 metre swim (freestyle). 2 minute survival float Minimum 288m open water swim.

Under 13 150 metre swim (freestyle). 3 minute survival float Minimum 288m open water swim.

Under 14 200 metre swim (freestyle, in less than 5 minutes). 3 minute survival float Minimum 288m open water swim.

All nippers from Under 8-14 must undertake the Preliminary skill evaluation swim. Children who are deemed not competent will require further training and will not be allowed to undertake any water based nipper activities until they are deemed competent. Any child that does complete the preliminary skills evaluation competently can progress to water based junior activities, and be supervised by water safety at a 1:5 ratio.

Nippers who want to compete in Carnivals or who just want to attain their S or T Badge proficiencies must undertake the Junior Competition evaluation swim. It should be noted that any nipper wanting to undertake the Competition swim must first successfully complete the Preliminary swim evaluation.

The dates for the swim proficiencies are as follows and please remember that all nippers must at least complete the preliminary proficiency:

7 Nov Preliminary proficiencies – U8/U14 – Chelsea Beach 3-6pm

Competition proficiencies – U8-U14 – Chelsea Beach 3-6pm

14 Nov Preliminary proficiencies – U8/U14 – Chelsea Beach 9-12pm

Competition proficiencies – U8-U14 – Chelsea Beach 9-12pm

If parents do not attend a registration day to purchase a colored nipper cap then they must purchase the cap at one of the swim proficiency days.

If anyone wishes to discuss either the registrations or swim proficiencies please call me directly on 0425432448.

thankyou

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