



Bulletin

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Summary:	This bulletin outlines event and general competitive conditions for affiliated clubs for the 2022 SunSmart WA Little Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships
Action:	Clubs are to note event dates and competitive conditions for the season's Championships events.

Events	Event date	Entries close
Little Nipper Championships	27 February 2022 - Sorrento	Monday 21 February 2022, 11.59pm

Bulletins Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations, or other changes to SLSWA regulations shall be advised to Members of the Association by means of Bulletins approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Affiliated Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. Such inclusions in the Bulletins are binding upon all Members.

It is most important that the information in this Bulletin is brought to the attention of all Carnival Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and Competitors. Non receipt of this Bulletin will not be taken as an excuse if a Club, Team or Individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other Bulletins and Circulars.

James O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer





GENERAL

For any event to be contested at the 2022 SunSmart WA Little Nipper Surf Life Saving Championships (Little Nipper Championships) - see Table of Events below, a minimum of three (3) teams and individual from two (2) different clubs is required. As such, for all events, medals will be awarded as follows: Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

DISCIPLINE	EVENT	U/8		U/9	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
WATER	Surf Race	✓	✓	✓	✓
BOARD	Board Race	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEACH	Beach Flags	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Beach Sprint	✓	✓	✓	✓

TEAM APP

Surf Life Saving WA will be using the 'Team App' smartphone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors regarding all events for the 2021/22 Surf Season. Please note that whilst Facebook and other channels will post periodic updates, the 'Team App' will be the main point of communication between the SLSWA event staff and competitors. It is recommended that you sign up for this application to receive important event information.

To download 'Team App' visit the App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**SLSWA Sport**' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on it to join and get access to the feed. From here you will be able to access news feeds, event information, key event documents as well as all the latest and up to date information on Surf Sports. By joining the group and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information! You can unsubscribe to the email updates if you wish by clicking on the unsubscribe button at the bottom of the email. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.

PROOF OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the WA Government's recent announcements regarding its intention to exclude community sport from Proof of Vaccination requirements, SLSWA will not be requiring Volunteers, Competitors or Spectators at the 2022 SunSmart WA Little Nipper Championships to provide proof of vaccination.

EVENT SAFETY

The provision of a safe environment at all SLSWA competitions is paramount. SLSWA endeavours to ensure that the appropriate safety standards as set by SLSA are met at all Little Nipper surf sports carnivals/championships, including the provision of qualified personnel, rescue craft and communications. Should an emergency situation arise during competition, correct control and discipline shall be maintained under the direction of the Event Manager, Championship Referee and the Emergency Services Officer.

Clubs wishing to enter the 2022 Little Nipper Championships, must supply water safety and first aid personnel on a 'pro-rata' scale based upon the number of competitors entered per club at this seasons Little Nipper events. This roster for the 2022 Little Nipper Championships will be found on the bottom of the event program on www.mybeach.com.au once released early February 2022. If a water safety and/or First Aid volunteer does not attend as required, the Club risks their competitors being ineligible to participate further in the competition until the matter is resolved.

All Little Nipper competitors in water-based surf lifesaving events held by SLSWA will be required to wear their Woodside high visibility yellow lycra vest. Except where otherwise specified, vests must be worn by all competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth. It is also an expectation that competitors warming up or cooling down for events in the water prior to or during competition also wear the high visibility vests, this includes Beach competitors.

PROFICIENCY OF COMPETITORS

The specific requirements for competitors are outlined in [SLSWA Circular 13-2021/2022– Woodside Nipper Program Requirements for 2022](#). The following events will not require the competitor to have a current Competition Evaluation; Beach Sprints and Beach Flags. Clubs are reminded however, that in the interests of ensuring a standard of competition appropriate for a state championship that only suitably prepared competitors should be entered.

MARSHALLING

It is the competitor's responsibility to report to marshalling within required timeframes, be ready to compete and to present themselves with their equipment and competition attire when called. Failure to comply with directions of the Marshall may render competitors liable for disqualification. The sound van will announce marshalling is open in an arena. Competitors are then required to be in the vicinity of each separate marshalling area as relevant when the call for starters is made by the marshal.

ENTRY CLOSURE

- Entries must be registered with SLSWA by Monday 21 February 2022, 11.59pm, listing all competitors in individual events.
- Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

ENTRY FEES

- The cost per competitor entered in these Championships is \$25 each, irrespective of the number of events entered.
- Entry fees are non-refundable if members do not take part in these Championships or if events are subsequently cancelled after commencement of the Championships.
- All prices outlined in this Bulletin include GST.

TEAM MANAGER AND COMPETITION OFFICIALS

A Team Managers and Competition Officials On-Site Briefing will be held as outlined on the event program. A primary administration centre for officials, photographer register, results announcements, lost property and other administrative duties will be established, please refer to the Championships event map for the location.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS/TROPHIES

Championship medallions in gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to the first three (3) individual place getters in each event. A Presentation Steward will escort the three medallists to the nearest dais.

Competitors will not be permitted to receive their medal unless appropriately dressed. Competitors must present themselves with Club Competition Cap and costumes only, however Club and sponsor t-shirts and rash vests are permitted for sun protection.

If any athlete is required to report for another event before or during presentations, it is the club's responsibility to send a proxy to marshalling. That event will be delayed until the presentation is completed, and the area announcers will then coordinate the presentation. Please ensure that all three place getters are at the presentation area at this time in order to receive their medal. Your stand-in/proxy must remain until you return to the competition arena.

In the event of a medal winner not reporting to the dais, the presentation will proceed. The missing medallist will be able to collect their medal from the appropriate presentation area any time during the day, however, no additional presentations will be made. **Please note there will not be a presentation for a single medallist.**

Any medals not handed out on the day will be posted to the recipient's club before the end of April 2022. A full copy of the results will be available on the web, www.mybeach.com.au, by the Wednesday after the Championships completion.

BEACH LAYOUT & ACCESS

The Championships beach layout will be available in the event program. No unauthorised vehicles will be permitted on Sorrento Beach. The only people permitted in the competition arena are:

- Active competition Officials
- Active competitors (those in the marshalling area or in events)
- Competitor stand-ins/proxies (these people must be wearing the competitors' club cap in the marshalling area and competition arena for identification)
- Club team manager
- SLSWA approved photographers

The Event Manager, Referee or Sectional Referee has the right to evict any person(s) from the arena if the above access requirements are breached. Any person(s) that breaches the above access requirement may be subject to disciplinary action.

CLUB TENTS AND SPECTATOR VIEWING

Clubs tents are to be erected in the designated tent areas as outlined on the event map. There is no draw for tent positions. All spectators and competitors are requested to utilise all rubbish bins made available to ensure the beach remains tidy at all times and is left in pristine condition. Take out what you bring in.

UPDATES

During the Championships, please use Team App to obtain updates and information.