

## Circular

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Regional Championship and Qualifying for the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships</b>
<b>Date:</b>	2 June 2022
<b>Document ID:</b>	<b>08, 2022/23</b>
<b>Department:</b>	Surf Sports
<b>From:</b>	Surf Sports Ph: 08 9207 6666 (SLSWA Office Hours Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm) Email: <a href="mailto:surfsports@slswa.com.au">surfsports@slswa.com.au</a>
<b>Audience:</b>	Surf Sports Directors/Coordinators, Nipper Directors/Coordinators
<b>Summary:</b>	This Circular contains information on the qualification processes for the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships
<b>Action:</b>	Clubs are asked to ensure Nipper Age Managers and parents of Nippers are aware of the qualification processes for the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships.
<b>Attachment:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Program of Events and Suggested Water Arena Layout</a></li> <li><a href="#">Regional Championship Recording &amp; Report Sheet</a>. This sheet must be scanned and sent to <a href="mailto:nippers@slswa.com.au">nippers@slswa.com.au</a> on or before 13 February 2023.</li> </ol>

### **Background**

Last season, Regional Championships were conducted in four regions as outlined in the table below for the first time. Post the 2021/22 season, a survey was conducted with each participating country club. After a review of the results, SLSWA wishes to advise that:

- Each region is encouraged to run a Regional Championship for their U8 – U13 Nippers. This could be one event for all age groups or two events, one for U8 – U10 and one for U11 – U13 – see attachment 1 for further details.
- Each region can determine the date/s of their Regional Championships but is asked to meet and advise SLSWA (via email [nippers@slswa.com.au](mailto:nippers@slswa.com.au)) by Sunday 17 July 2022 of the date/s and venue/s for inclusion in the season's surf sports calendar.
- The Regional Championship, together with the Nipper Qualifier on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February 2023, form the two-pronged qualifying process for the 2023 WA Nipper Championships as outlined in detail below.

For the 2022/23 Season, country nippers will potentially be able to qualify for the Nipper Championships in two ways;

### **1. VIA THEIR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Four regions have been established and will conduct Regional Championships as outlined in the table below.

<b>Regions</b>	<b>Clubs</b>	<b>Club Code</b>
Mid-West	Broome	BM
	Dampier	DP
	Champion Bay	CH
	Geraldton	GN
	Dongara Denison	DD
Peel	Secret Harbour	SH
	Mandurah	MH
	Port Bouvard	PB

South-West	Binningup	BP
	City of Bunbury	BY
	Dalyellup Beach	DB
	Busselton	BN
	Margaret River	MR
	Smiths Beach	SM
Great Southern	Denmark	DK
	Albany	AL
	Esperance-Goldfields	EG

At these Regional Championships, results will need to be recorded on the attached **Regional Championships Recording & Report Sheet**. Please use the Club Code in the table above on these recording sheets. These sheets will need to be scanned and sent to [nippers@slswa.com.au](mailto:nippers@slswa.com.au) on or before **13 February 2023**.

### **Beach Flags and Beach Sprints**

One individual per age/gender in each region will qualify for the 2022/23 Nipper Championships via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West, and Great Southern Regional Championships (4 in total). This will be the gold medallist. If the gold medallist does not enter the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships, the spot will go to the silver medallist, if entered, or if they are not entered, the bronze medallist. If none of the medallists are entered in the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships, the qualifying spot will be forfeited, and a random draw of General Reserves will be conducted and that spot offered to the winner of that draw.

### **Board Rescue**

One club team per age/gender in each region will qualify via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West, and Great Southern Regional Championships (4 teams in total). This will be the first placed club team. If the first placed club team does not enter the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships, the spot will go to the second-placed, if entered, or if they are not entered, the third-placed. If none of the top three club teams is entered in the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships, the qualifying spot will be forfeited, and a random draw of General Reserves will be conducted, and that spot offered to the winner of that draw. Please note:

1. Combined teams are not considered a club team
2. 100% of the club team can change at the WA Nipper Championships from that which placed at the Regional Championships with the condition that those making up the club team did not compete in the Board Rescue at the Regional Championships.

### **Board Race, Ironman and Ironwoman**

Two individuals per age/gender in each region will qualify via the Mid-West, Peel, South-West, and Great Southern Regional Championships (8 in total). This will be the gold medallist and silver medallist. Should one of these two not enter the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships, the bronze medallist, if entered, will take that spot. If spot/s are not taken by the medallist, it/they will be forfeited, and a random draw of General Reserves will be conducted, and that spot/those spots will be offered to the winner/s of that draw.

## **2. VIA THE QUALIFIER**

The Nipper Qualifier on the 18 & 19 February 2023 in Perth will be **open to Nippers from all clubs** both metropolitan and country. The following will apply:

### **Beach Flags and Beach Sprints**

Twelve individuals will qualify via the Qualifier on 18 & 19 February 2023. A minimum of four reserves will be recorded at the Qualifier.

### **Board Rescue**

Twelve club teams will qualify via the Qualifier on 18 & 19 February 2023. A minimum of four club teams will be recorded as reserves at this event. Please note: 100% of the club team can change at the WA Nipper Championships from what qualified at the Qualifier, with the condition that those making up the club team did not compete in the Board Rescue at the Qualifier.

### **Board Race, Ironman and Ironwoman**

Twenty-four individuals will qualify via the Qualifier on 18 & 19 February 2023. A minimum of eight reserves will be recorded at this event.

### **General Reserves**

Reserves from the Nipper Qualifier together with medallists from Regional Championships who did not qualify will become what is termed General Reserves. These General Reserves will be offered a position, via a random draw, for one of the following three reasons:

1. A country nipper or club team, which has already qualified in that event via their Regional Championships, finishes in the top 12 or, where outlined, the top 24 at the Nipper Qualifier
2. A medallist/place-getting team from a region does not take their regional spot
3. A qualifier does not attend the WA Nipper Championships

In the case of 1 & 2 above, the draws may occur prior to the WA Nipper Championships and if so, clubs will be sent an updated Qualifier List.

In the case of 3 above the draw will occur at Marshalling so it is important that all General Reserves present themselves to the marshals when the event is called.

Should any further clarification be required on the 2022/23 WA Nipper Championships qualifying process please contact the SLSWA Surf Sports Department.



**James O'Toole**  
**Chief Executive Officer**