

Circular

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Summary:	This circular contains information on the 2022/23 Woodside Nippers Program, Youth Program and Age Managers requirements and opportunities.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where necessary clubs are required to comply with the information and dates stated in this circular. Enquiries on any of this content can be directed to David Somers, Rachel Forsyth or Stevee Belcher.

1. WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM

SLSWA has developed the Woodside Nippers Program for children aged 5 – 12 years, which delivers outcomes in four streams – individual safety, surf awareness, lifesaving and surf sport skills. Pages 3 – 8 of this Circular contains information for clubs and appropriate personnel on the various requirements associated with the Woodside Nipper Program. For clarification or further information on the Woodside Nippers Program and Requirements for 2022/23, please contact David Somers, Rachel Forsyth or Stevee Belcher via email nippers@slnwa.com.au or phone (08) 9207 6666.

2. SLSWA YOUTH PROGRAM

SLSWA has also developed a Youth Program for youth members aged 13 – 16 years, which delivers outcomes in lifesaving, training, leadership and surf sports. Pages 9-11 of this Circular contains information for clubs and appropriate personnel on general recommendations, the program and supplementary opportunities for youth members. For clarification or further information on the Youth Program for 2022/23, please contact David Somers or Rachel Forsyth via email youth@slnwa.com.au or phone (08) 9207 6666.

3. AGE MANAGERS

Age Managers play a vital role in the delivery of both the Woodside Nipper and Youth Programs. Pages 12-13 of this Circular outlines the process of becoming fully qualified Age Managers and provides details of Information Sessions being held in September and October.



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2022/23 Woodside Nippers Program Requirements Summary

Table 1 below summarises the Woodside Nipper Program requirements across the four key areas of age, Preliminary Evaluations, Competition Evaluations and Participation Certificates. Further details on each specific area can be found later in this Circular.

TABLE 1: 2022/23 WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Age Group	Birth Date	Preliminary Evaluations	Competition Evaluations	Participation Certificate
Under 6	1/10/2016 – 30/09/2017	Stage One: Aquatic Play and Fundamental Skills. Minimum depth – 1m Please refer to Table 2 for details on flotation, submersion, propulsion and skill sequence.	n/a	Surf Play One
Under 7	1/10/2015 – 30/09/2016		n/a	Surf Play Two
Under 8	1/10/2014 – 30/09/2015		Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Surf Aware One
Under 9	1/10/2013 – 30/09/2014	Stage Two: Applied Aquatic Skills Minimum depth 1.5m Please refer to Table 2 for details on flotation, submersion, propulsion and skill sequence.	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Surf Aware Two
Under 10	1/10/2012 – 30/09/2013		Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 9 minutes	Surf Safe One
Under 11	1/10/2011 – 30/09/2012		Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Safe Two
Under 12	1/10/2010 – 30/09/2011	Stage Three: Junior Lifesaver Minimum depth – 1.8m Please refer to Table 2 for details on flotation, submersion, propulsion and skill sequence	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Smart One
Under 13	1/10/2009 – 30/09/2010		Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	Surf Smart Two

2022/23 Woodside Nippers Program Age Requirements

The minimum age for children to participate in Woodside Nippers is 5 years (U/6) up to a maximum age of 12 years (U/13). Nippers are to be appointed to a particular age group based on their age on 30 September as detailed in table 1 above. It is highly recommended that birth certificates are sighted upon a Nipper member registering with a club.

Please note:

- If the clubs Woodside Nippers Program commences prior to 30 September, then Nippers are still to be grouped into age groups according to the 30 September of the corresponding year
- A child cannot be classed as a Nipper member until they turn 5 years of age (e.g if a child turns 5 on 1 November, they cannot partake in the Woodside Nippers Program until that date)
- Children who turn 5 years of age after 30 September will be required to join as a U/6 for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons.

2022/23 Woodside Nipper Preliminary Evaluations

Preliminary Evaluations are a risk management procedure to appraise the swimming capabilities of participants and must be done as part of club's duty of care. Preliminary Evaluations must be conducted before Woodside Nippers participate in any water based activities at your club. These evaluations, **which have new components in 2022/23**, can be completed either in a swimming pool or in open water. Preliminary Evaluations can be conducted by appropriately qualified third party aquatic education providers, including private and government learn to swim providers. Where signed off by a third party a written declaration will be required, signed by the person that conducted the assessment and including the organisation that they represent (page 8 can be used for this purpose). Evaluation sessions should be held regularly and then entered within a week of completion. **All Preliminary Evaluation must be entered prior to 30 November 2022.**

TABLE 2: 2022/23 WOODSIDE NIPPER PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS

Age Group	Flotation	Submersion	Propulsion	Continuous Skill Sequence
Under 6	Back or front float for minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Push and glide from pool wall (distance 1-2m) recover to stand	Wade through water (5m) float on back or front (5 sec) recover to stand, submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands, recover to stand.
Under 7			Push and glide from pool wall, kick (distance 2-3m) recover to stand	
Under 8			From pool wall swim on front any stroke (20m) followed by swim underwater (3-5m)	Swim on front through water any stroke 20m, followed by back or front float (5 sec) followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)
Under 9	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 min	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 50m followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)
Under 10			Swim on front through water any stroke for 25m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	
Under 11	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 min	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll underwater, recover to surface, retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 50m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 50m followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)
Under 12	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 min	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll underwater, recover to surface, retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 100m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 100m, followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)
Under 13				

Note: Under 6 & Under 7 Preliminary Evaluation do not need to be entered

There are two (2) options for entering the preliminary evaluations:

Option 1 is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

Option 2 as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”

Who will be running the assessment

- Organisation - Select club

Assessment Details

- Assessment type - select **"Proficiency"**

Award Details

- Award Type – select other
- Award – Chose the correct age for Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation

Contact details

- Fill in details

Candidates

- Select club
- Click - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time).
- Press > to move candidates into the Selected box

Save

- Document location is empty-click on 'ok'
- Click on "assessment request list" and find the award that you just requested
- Click on **"submit"**
- Print out a copy of the form 14, sign and file at club.

Woodside Nipper Program

For each age group SLSWA have developed a season program comprising of a set of easy to follow lessons which include an introduction, discussion topic, warm up drill, skill development activities and a lesson wrap up. Table 3 below details the recommend time and number of lessons provided in each of the age group programs. The table also provides a link to each age group program which is available through the the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category to find these programs or simply click the link below.

TABLE 3: 2022/23 WOODSIDE NIPPER PROGRAM

Age Group	Participation Certificate	Recommend Lesson Time	Recommended number of lessons	Link to Program
Under 6	Surf Play One	60 minutes	12	Woodside Nippers U6 Program
Under 7	Surf Play Two	60 minutes	12	Woodside Nippers U7 Program
Under 8	Surf Aware One	90 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U8 Program
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	90 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U9 Program
Under 10	Surf Safe One	120 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U10 Program
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	120 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U11 Program
Under 12	Surf Smart One	120 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U12 Program
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	120 minutes	10	Woodside Nippers U13 Program

2022/23 Woodside Nipper Competition Evaluations

The Competition Skill Evaluation is a risk management assessment for those who wish to participate in any water event at any interclub state carnivals or event. Participants must complete a timed open water swim that reflects the respective age-related competition course. Ocean conditions should be considered when setting out the course and an appropriate standard of care maintained. The correct ratio of Water Safety Personnel (1:5 and 1:10 if a suitable pre-activity risk assessment has been conducted) must be in place. Evaluation sessions should be held regularly and then entered on completion. Please note, to successfully enter a Competition Evaluation for a Woodside Nipper that same Woodside Nipper must have had a Preliminary Evaluation entered and completed through SurfGuard. There are also closing dates and times for when evaluations need to be entered prior to a Carnival. Please refer to the [2022/23 SLSWA Planning Calendar](#) for these dates and times.

TABLE 4: 2022/23 WOODSIDE NIPPER COMPETITION EVALUATIONS

Age Group	Competition Evaluations	Notes
Under 8	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	Refer to the 2022/23 SLSWA Planning Calendar for the closing dates and times relevant to each carnival/event.
Under 9	Minimum 100m open water swim in 6 minutes	
Under 10	Minimum 150m swim in open water in less than 9 minutes	
Under 11	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	
Under 12	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	
Under 13	Minimum 288m swim in less than 9 minutes	

Note: Select “Under 8 – Restricted” for Under 8 group

There are two (2) options for entering the competition evaluations:

Option 1 is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

Option 2 as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”
- Who will be running the assessment
 - Organisation - Select club
- Assessment Details
 - Assessment type - select “**Proficiency**”
- Award Details
 - Award Type – select other
 - Award – Chose the correct age for Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation
 - For the Under 8 group select the **Restricted** evaluation
- Contact details
 - Fill in details
- Candidates
 - Select club
 - Click - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time.
 - Press > to move candidates into the Selected box
- Save
 - Document location is empty-click on ‘ok’
 - Click on “assessment request list” and find the award that you just requested
 - Click on “**submit**”
 - Print out a copy of the form 14, sign and file at club.

Note: Prior to each Carnival there are closing dates for Competition Evaluation to be entered. Please refer to **2022/23 SLSWA Planning Calendar** for these dates.

2022/23 Woodside Nippers Participation Certificate

During the 2022/23 season clubs will be provided with blank certificates for each age group. For each enrolled Woodside Nipper, Age Managers will be asked to “tick off” the outcomes that Woodside Nipper has achieved and issue the certificate at the end of the season. This will allow all parents with Woodside Nippers in our program to see where their child is at in terms of the outcomes of our program.

When clubs receive their blank certificates, they are asked to immediately ensure the quantities received meet their needs. Please email nippers@sllwa.com.au if more are needed.

All Woodside Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2023.

TABLE 5: 2022/23 WOODSIDE NIPPER PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES

Age Group	Nipper Participation Certificate	Notes
Under 6	Surf Play One	All Nipper Surf Education Awards are due on SurfGuard by 30 April 2023.
Under 7	Surf Play Two	
Under 8	Surf Aware One	
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	
Under 10	Surf Safe One	
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	
Under 12	Surf Smart One	
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	

There are two (2) options for entering the participation award certificates:

Option 1 is via the Nipper App – a detailed [manual](#) is available in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Nippers as the Category.

Option 2 as below:

- Log onto SurfGuard
- Scroll to Assessments and click on “**New Assessment Request**”
- Who will be running the assessment
 - Organisation - Select club
- Assessment Details
 - Assessment type - select “**Award**”
- Award Details
 - Award Type – select SLSA Education
 - Award – Click on the relevant Age Group Award – Surf Play 1, Surf Aware 2 etc
- Contact details
 - Fill in details
- Candidates
 - Club – Select Club
 - Press - Get candidates > **Select names of those who completed the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation** (Hold Ctrl key and mouse click candidates to select more than 1 at a time.
 - Press > to move candidates into the Selected box
- Save
 - Document location is empty-click on ‘ok’
 - Click on “assessment request list”
 - Select the award you just requested.
 - Click – “**Submit**”
 - Print out a copy of the Form 14, sign and file at the club.

WOODSIDE NIPPER PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS – THIRD PARTY DECLARATION

Child Name: _____

Age Group: _____

Club: _____

Instructions to Assessors: Based on the child's age group, please ensure they can complete the tasks outlined in the table below. Initial and comment in relevant box and then sign, date and identify the organization you represent below the table. Thank you for your assistance.

Age Group	Flotation	Submersion	Propulsion	Continuous Skill Sequence	Task Complete/Comments
Under 6	Back or front float for minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Push and glide from pool wall (distance 1-2m) recover to stand	Wade through water (5m) float on back or front (5 sec) recover to stand, submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands, recover to stand.	
Under 7			Push and glide from pool wall, kick (distance 2-3m) recover to stand		
Under 8			From pool wall swim on front any stroke (20m) followed by swim underwater (3-5m)	Swim on front through water any stroke 20m, followed by back or front float (5 sec) followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)	
Under 9	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side.	Submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 50m followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)	
Under 10	Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 1 min		Swim on front through water any stroke for 25m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m		
Under 11	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side. Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 min	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll underwater, recover to surface, retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 50m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 50m followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 2 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)	
Under 12	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 sec each side.	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll underwater, recover to surface, retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands (e.g. dive ring)	Swim on front through water any stroke for 100m followed by survival breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50m	Swim on front through water using a combination of breaststroke, sidestroke, freestyle for 100m, followed by tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 min, followed by submerge to retrieve object from bottom of pool with hands. (do not recover to stand in between each task)	
Under 13	Tread water and/or sculling for minimum 3 min				

Assessor's Name: _____ Organisation: _____

Assessor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2022/23 Youth Program Summary

It is highly recommended that clubs make use of the Youth Program developed by SLSWA as it will provide some structure to your Sunday morning youth activities. There are four components to the Youth Program namely Lifesaving, Training, Leadership and Surf Sports. In addition to these four components further development and recognition of various skills has been encompassed within a Youth Leaders Program and the five Youth Pathways: Youth Trainer, Youth Age Manager, Youth Coach, Youth Official and Youth Event Producer. The Youth Program along with various other youth resources can be found in the Document Library of the [Members Area](#). Select Surf Life Saving WA as the Organisation and Other as the Category to find the program and resources.

2022/23 Youth Program Age Requirements

The minimum age for children to participate in the Youth Program is 13 years (U/14) up to a maximum age of 16 years (U/17). Youth are to be appointed to a particular age group based on their age on 30 September as detailed in Table 6 below. It is highly recommended that birth certificates are sighted upon a youth member registering with a club.

Youth Preliminary Evaluations

Youth members are to be put through a Preliminary Evaluation prior to them participating in any water based activities at your club. The evaluations for each youth age group are outlined in Table 6 below. You will notice that the evaluations are a pre-requisite for the SRC or Bronze which will allow youth members to easily transition into award training when appropriate.

TABLE 6: 2022/23 YOUTH PROGRAM AGE & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Age Group	Birth Date	Preliminary Evaluations	Notes
Under 14	1/10/2008 – 30/09/2009	SRC Pre-requisite swim 200m swim in under 5 minutes	Preliminary Evaluations for U14 must be entered on SurfGuard prior to 30 November 2022. Refer page 4 for process.
Under 15	1/10/2007 – 30/09/2008	SRC Pre-requisite swim 200m swim in under 5 minutes	
Under 17	1/10/2005 – 30/09/2007	Bronze Pre-requisite swim 400m swim in under 9 minutes	

Youth Program

As stated above the SLSWA Youth Program will help clubs provide a structure to Sunday morning youth activities. The program has three parts:

1. Education Workshop or Teambuilding Activity;
2. Recreation /Modified Sport Activity; and
3. Club Event

Clubs are free to determine how many of the three parts they will incorporate into their Sunday morning activities, but it is recommended there is more than just the Club Event. The Youth Program has been designed in a way that Age Managers can select the activities and workshops that they consider will help engage, enthuse and educate their youth members. [Link to program.](#)

Youth Leaders Program (YLP)

Developed to complement SLSWA's Youth Program, the opt in Youth Leaders Program (YLP) offers youth members the opportunity to formally record their experiences and service and receive recognition for doing so. The YLP entails three levels – Bronze, Silver, and Gold – for youth members to work towards achieving. Each level stipulates certain requirements and experiencing of various roles associated with surf lifesaving. Interested youth members can complete and return the [Registration Form](#) (page 11), ticking the Youth Leaders Program box.

Youth Pathways

SLSWA have designed a number of pathway options that contribute to the development of youth members. The pathway options available are:

- Youth Trainer Program— assisting in delivery of education courses
- Youth Age Manager Program – assisting with the management of a Nipper age group
- Youth Coach Program – assisting with coaching surf sports skills sessions
- Youth Official Program – assisting with judging/officiating at surf sports events
- Youth Event Producer Program – assisting with the running and promotion of surf sport events

For each pathway options there is a two hour course the youth member attends and then a practical component back at the club which involves the youth being mentored by an appropriate member. Interested youth members can complete and return the Registration Form (page 11), ticking the appropriate box for the option this wish to do. It is highly recommended that any youth member who nominates to do a pathway option also nominates for the Youth Leaders Program.

Youth Competition Evaluations for SLSWA Events

Gaining an SRC or Bronze Medallion does take some time, so we do allow youth members to compete at some SLSWA events without an award. As a result of that allowance, we require clubs to ensure youth members who compete in any water event either have the appropriate award or have completed the relevant Competition Evaluation as outlined in Table 7 below.

TABLE 7: 2022/23 YOUTH COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Age Group	Competition Evaluations for SLSWA events	Minimum requirement for Beach Championship	Minimum requirement for other Championship events	Minimum requirements for Aussies
Under 14	200m pool swim in under 5 minutes plus 100m run, 100m ocean swim and 100m run in under 5 minutes.	Registered U14 member	SRC	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally SRC with no hour requirement
Under 15	200m pool swim in under 5 minutes plus 100m run, 100m ocean swim and 100m run in under 5 minutes.	Registered U15 member	SRC	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally SRC/Bronze with patrol hour requirement
Under 17	400m pool swim in under 9 minutes plus 200m run, 200m ocean swim and 200m run in under 8 minutes	Registered U17 member	Bronze Medallion	As per SLSA Bulletin/Circular, normally Bronze with patrol hour requirement

Youth competing at Championship Events

Unless otherwise stated in Table 7 (above) or the relevant event Bulletin/Circular to compete in a Championship Event a youth member does require to be proficient and hold the relevant award. The relevant award must be gained prior to close of entries for the specific Championship.

Youth Participation Certificates

SLSWA do have youth participation certificates available for clubs using the Youth Program. Should you wish to present your youth with these certificates please email youth@slswa.com.au with the quantity required. Please allow at least two weeks to get them out to your club and also allow yourself time to print names on them prior to presentation.

YOUTH PATHWAYS

REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for showing an interest in the SLSWA Youth Pathways.

You can register for one or more of the Youth Pathways.

Simply check the pathway/s and then complete this form returning it to the details as below.

- ☐ Youth Leaders Program ☐ Youth Age Manager Program ☐ Youth Coach Program
- ☐ Youth Event Producer Program ☐ Youth Officials Program ☐ Youth Trainer Program

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Club: _____

Participant's current age group: ☐ U/14 ☐ U/15 ☐ U/16 ☐ U/17

Participant's Address: *Number & Street Name (or PO Box)*

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT: *I have read the information from SLSWA regarding the relevant Youth Program/s and am happy for my daughter/son to register.*

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Hours accrued in any of the Youth Pathways can go towards the SLSWA Youth Leaders Program.

Completed Registration Forms to be sent to SLSWA	
via post	email
Rachel Forsyth Surf Life Saving WA PO Box 700, Balcatta, WA, 6914	Rachel Forsyth Member Development Officer youth@slswa.com.au

2022/23 Age Manager Information

Age Managers Course

Age Managers are the main deliverers of the Woodside Nippers Program and Youth Program. The role of the Age Manager is to assist Woodside Nippers and/or Youth Members through the various stages of the relevant Program. All Age Managers must be accredited by completing the Age Managers Course. To undergo the course candidates must:

1. Be 15 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
4. Have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course via the SLSA Members Area (prerequisite)
5. Have completed the Age Managers Online Course through the SLSA Members Area
6. Undertake an on the beach technical session under the guidance of an Age Manager Mentor
7. Undertake a minimum of two on the beach mentoring sessions
8. Have completed a third-party practical evaluation signed by an Age Manager Mentor

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Check) Requirements for Age Managers Course

The Age Managers Course requires a proficiency every five years. A member will be considered to be proficient:

1. If they have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
2. If they have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course
3. If they have completed the online Age Manager Course
4. If they have attended an Age Managers Information Session that season

Age Manager Mentors

Age Manager Mentors play an important role in guiding and helping new and developing Age Managers. To be an Age Manager Mentor candidates must:

1. Be a registered and financial member of their club
2. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
3. Have completed the online Child Safe Awareness Course via the SLSA Members Area
4. Have been a fully qualified Age Manager for a minimum of three years
5. Have received endorsement by their club to undertake the role

Age Manager Mentor training is facilitated and delivered by SLSWA. Training in the 2022/23 season will be conducted on Saturday 3 September 2022. [Please refer to Circular 12, 2022/23.](#)

Coaching Accreditation

Alternatively, members can complete the Foundation Coaching Course and assume the capacity of Age Manager. To do so they must:

1. Be 16 years of age or older
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Have completed a Member Screening Check if necessary (Please refer to the [SLSWA Member Screening Policy](#))
4. Complete the ASC Community Coaching Course – Free online course through the Australian Sports Commission Website
5. Complete the SLSA online coaching course modules – contact SLSWA Surf Sports Department via surfsports@slswa.com.au for more information and instructions.
6. Complete a practical coaching assessment under the guidance of a Coach Facilitator/Mentor – if your club does not have an appointed Coach Facilitator/Mentor, contact the SLSWA Surf Sports Department who will locate one within your region.

Youth Age Manager Program for U14 & U15s

The Youth Age Manager Program for U14 & U15's introduces the pathway of an Age Manager to SLS youth members. SLSWA run a Youth Age Managers Program Course which allows course participants to develop skills in assisting with the delivery of the Woodside Nipper Program. To become a Youth Age Manager member must:

1. Be 13 - 14 years of age
2. Be a registered and financial member of their club
3. Visit the Youth Program page on the mybeach Website and complete [Expression of Interest Form](#) (ticking Youth Age Manager box)
4. Attend a Youth Age Manager Program Course (2-hour duration)
5. Assist in the delivery of the Woodside Nipper Program on 3 club days

Upcoming Youth Age Manager courses will be advertised on the [Youth Age Manager information page](#) on the mybeach Website. Courses can be run at clubs on request (dependent on numbers and presenter availability) by emailing youth@slnwa.com.au

2022/23 Information Sessions

In September and October there will be metropolitan and regional Information Sessions for age managers/coaches. These sessions are designed for both Nipper and Youth age managers/coaches. Clubs are asked to promote these sessions to their Age Managers/coaches as they provide valuable information that will assist in planning for the season ahead. Each session will go for about one hour.

At the conclusion of the session the facilitator of the Age Manager Information Session will be available to run a shortened Youth Age Manager Program Course (approximately 1 hour duration) should there be enough youth members in attendance (minimum 5). Youth that attend both the Information Session and shortened course will be marked off as having completed step 4 of the Youth Age Manager Program Course outlined on the previous page.

For information about the dates, times, venues and registration process of the scheduled Age Managers Information Sessions please refer to [Circular 7, 2022/23](#).