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Title:	Regional Championship and Qualifying for the 2023/24 Nipper Championships
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Audience:	Surf Sports Directors/Coordinators, Nipper Directors/Coordinators
Action:	Clubs are asked to ensure Nipper Age Managers and parents of Nippers are aware of the qualification processes for the 2023/24 Nipper Championships.
Attachment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Program of Events and Suggested Water Arena Layout 2. Regional Championship Recording & Report Sheet. This sheet must be scanned and sent to nippers@slnswa.com.au on or before 12 February 2024.

Summary

1. Each region is encouraged to run a Regional Championship for their U8 – U13s 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.
2. Each region can determine the date/s of their Regional Championships but are asked to meet and advise SLSWA (via email nippers@slnswa.com.au) by Monday 31 July 2023 of the date/s and venue/s for inclusion in the seasons Surf Sports Calendar.
3. The Regional Championship together with the Nipper Qualifier on 17 & 18 February 2024 form the two-pronged qualifying process for the 2023/24 Nipper Championships as outlined in detail below.
4. The 2023/24 Nipper Championships will comprise of several events including a beach event day and a weekend of ocean events.

For the 2023/24 Season, country nippers will potentially be able to qualify for the Nipper Championships via two ways;

1. Via their Regional Championships or Sunset Challenge

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

Regions	Clubs	Club Code
Mid-West	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 on or before 12 February 2024.

Beach Flags and Beach Sprints

One individual per age/gender in each region will qualify for the 2023/24 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 2023/24 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 medallist are entered in the 2023/24 Nipper Championships, the qualifying spot it 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 do not enter the 2023/24 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 are entered in the 2023/24 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 Nipper Championships from what 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 2023/24 Nipper Championships the Bronze Medallist, if entered, will take that spot. If spot/s are not taken by 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.

Sunset Challenge (Broome & Dampier SLSC Only)

Due to their distance from the mid-west Broome and Dampier Nippers may attempt to qualify via the Sunset Challenge held up in Broome in July 2023. The process is outlined in the table below.

Event	Qualifier
Beach Sprints	First Broome or Dampier Nipper across the line
Beach Flags	Last Broome or Dampier Nipper eliminated
Board Race	First two Broome and/or Dampier Nippers across the line
Ironman/Ironwoman	First two Broome and/or Dampier Nippers across the line

Please note the Sunset Challenge is not considered a Regional Championship.

2. Via the Qualifier

The Nipper Qualifier on the 17 & 18 February 2024 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 per age/gender will qualify via the Qualifier on 17 & 18 February 2024. A minimum of four reserves will be recorded at the Qualifier.

Board Rescue

Twelve club teams per age/gender will qualify via the Qualifier on 17 & 18 February 2024. 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 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 per age/gender will qualify via the Qualifier on 17 & 18 February 2024. 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, who 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 do not take their regional spot
3. A qualifier does not attend the Nipper or Beach Championships

In the case of 1 & 2 above the draws may occur prior to the Nipper or Beach 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 2023/24 Nipper & Beach Championships qualifying process please contact David Somers, SLSWA Member Development Coordinator.



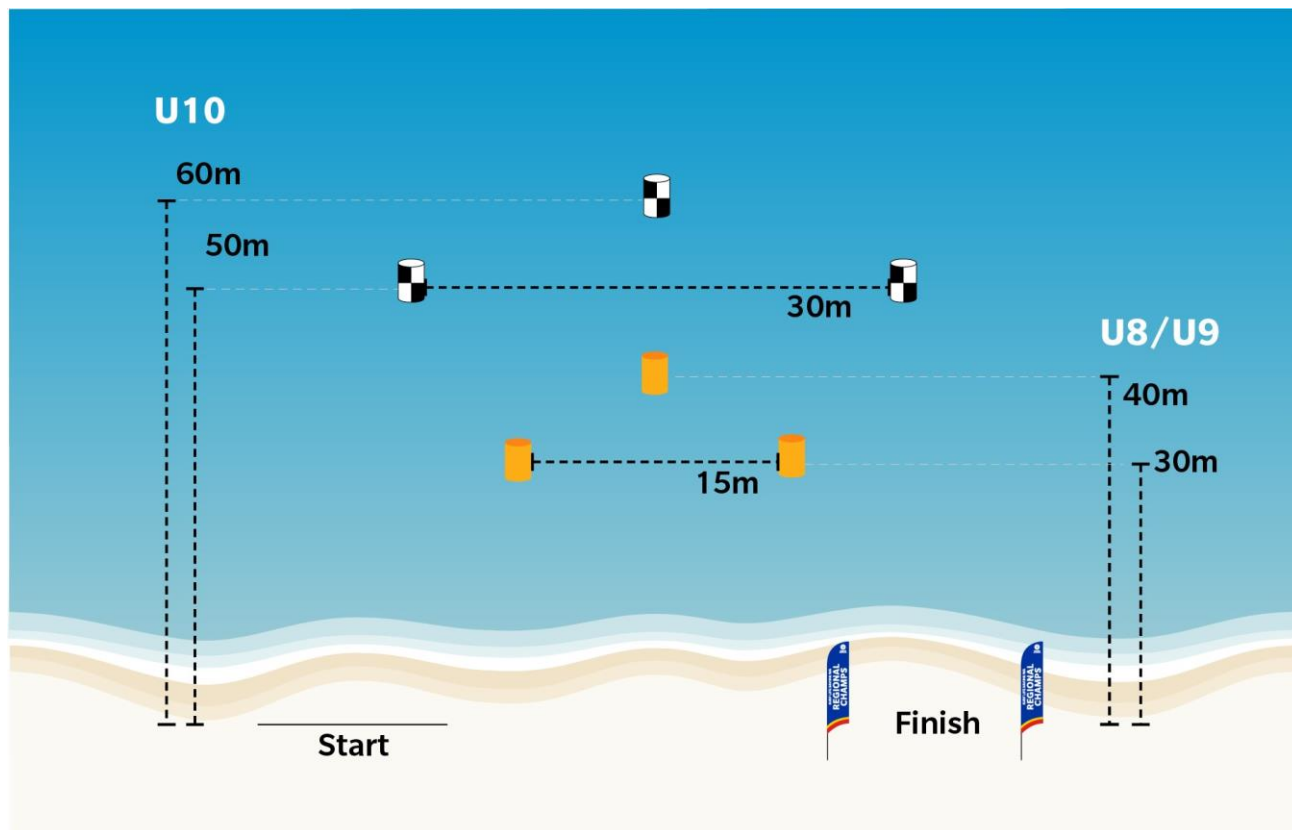
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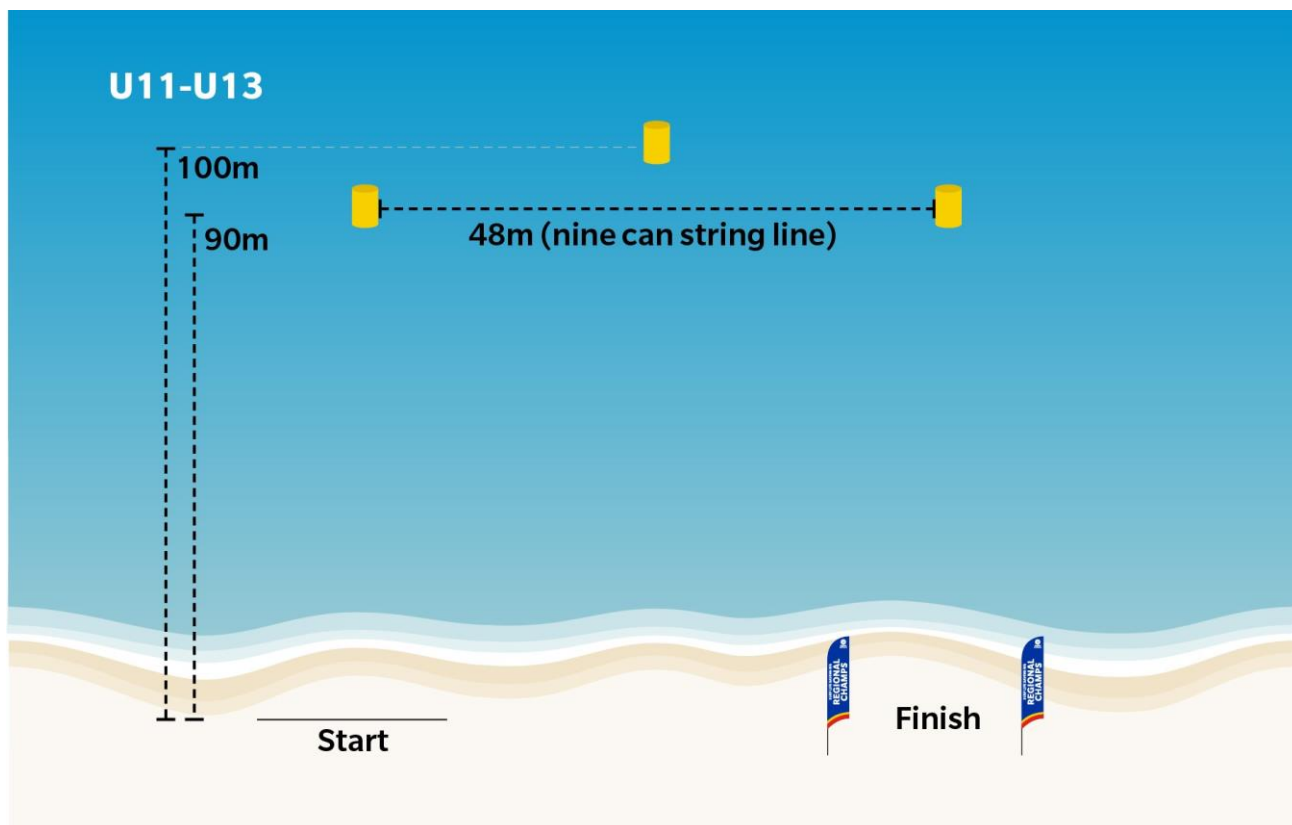
Regions	U8, U9 & U10	U11, U12 & U13
North Broome Port Walcott	U10 Ironwoman** U10 Ironman** U8 Female Surf Race U8 Male Surf Race U9 Female Surf Race U9 Male Surf Race U10 Female Surf Race U10 Male Surf Race	U11 Female Board Rescue* U11 Male Board Rescue* U12 Female Board Rescue* U12 Male Board Rescue* U13 Female Board Rescue* U13 Male Board Rescue* U11 Female Surf Race U11 Male Surf Race U12 Female Surf Race U12 Male Surf Race U13 Female Surf Race U13 Male Surf Race
Mid-West Champion Bay Dongara-Denison Geraldton Port Walcott	U8 Female Board Race U8 Male Board Race U9 Female Board Race U9 Male Board Race U10 Female Board Race* U10 Male Board Race*	U11 Female Board Race** U11 Male Board Race** U12 Female Board Race** U12 Male Board Race** U13 Female Board Race** U13 Male Board Race** U11 Ironwoman** U11 Ironman** U12 Ironwoman** U12 Ironman** U13 Ironwoman** U13 Ironman**
Peel Mandurah Port Bouvard Secret Harbour	U8 Female Beach Flags U8 Male Beach Flags U9 Female Beach Flags U9 Male Beach Flags U10 Female Beach Flags* U10 Male Beach Flags*	U11 Female Beach Flags* U11 Male Beach Flags* U12 Female Beach Flags* U12 Male Beach Flags* U13 Female Beach Flags* U13 Male Beach Flags* U11 Female Beach Sprint* U11 Male Beach Sprint* U12 Female Beach Sprint* U12 Male Beach Sprint* U13 Female Beach Sprint* U13 Male Beach Sprint*
South West Binningup Busselton City of Bunbury Dalyellup Beach Margaret River Smith Beach	U8 Female Beach Sprint U8 Male Beach Sprint U9 Female Beach Sprint U9 Male Beach Sprint U10 Female Beach Sprint* U10 Male Beach Sprint*	U13 Ironwoman** U13 Ironman**
Great Southern Albany Denmark Esperance Goldfields		
Medals	Total medals = 340 gold, silver & bronze	
Payment for event	\$1,200	\$1,800
	One event = \$3,000	
Notes	<p>* indicates an event where the winner qualifies for Nipper or Beach Championships</p> <p>** indicates an event where first and second qualify for Nipper Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events to be run prior to 12 February 2024 if they are to be used to qualify for Nipper Championships. • A club could run as one event or one/two clubs could run as two separate events on the same or different dates • One male and female competitor from U10-U13 will be offered a \$400 travel subsidy either Country Championships or Nipper Championships 	

Suggested Water Arena Layout

U8 – U10



U11 – U13





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Regional Championships Recording & Report Sheet

Region _____

Date _____

Record first and surname of each medallist and record club they are from

Event	Age	GOLD	Club	SILVER	Club	BRONZE	Club
IRONPERSON	U10 F						
	U10 M						
	U11 F						
	U11 M						
	U12 F						
	U12 M						
	U13 F						
	U13 M						
BOARD RACE	U10 F						
	U10 M						
	U11 F						
	U11 M						
	U12 F						
	U12 M						
	U13 F						
	U13 M						
BEACH FLAGS	U10 F						
	U10 M						
	U11 F						
	U11 M						
	U12 F						
	U12 M						
	U13 F						
	U13 M						
BEACH SPRINT	U10 F						
	U10 M						
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SURF RACE	U10 F						
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