



Freshwater SLSC Nippers Season 2021/2022 Q's and A's

- Q. What date does Nipper registrations close?
A. Registrations will close 17th October 2021
- Q. Can my child go up or down an age group?
A. As per SLSA Guidelines we do not allow movement either up or down between the age groups.
- Q. What date will Nippers commence and finish this season?
A. Until NSW Health gives advice on when community sport can commence and what limits on numbers there might be, we do not know what date Nippers will kick off – watch this space! We are looking at extending the finish date for Nippers to be mid-April instead of Mid-March
- Q. What action is Freshwater SLSC taking to have a safe approach to the upcoming season?
A. Freshwater SLC is committed to ensuring we can all enjoy another Nippers Season of activities in a safe environment. We will update our COVID safe plan in the coming weeks according to guidance from Sydney Northern Beached Branch, Surf Lifesaving NSW and NSW Health.
- Q. Will there be any refunds offered if the season doesn't go ahead or is shortened?
A. Please note Active Kid Vouchers are not refundable. If the season does not proceed or the season does not commence by Sunday 9 January 2022, we will look to refund 50% of the non-voucher fees paid
- Q. What time will the Sunday Nipper sessions be held?
A. Planning for the U6 - U9's session to run from 8.30am - 9.30am and U10 - U14's session to run from 9.30am - 11.00am.
- Q. Where can I buy Nipper gear and what does my child need to wear?
A. U6's and U7's must purchase an age cap. Rashies are optional but long and short sleeve are available for purchase. U8-U14's must also wear their age cap plus a Pink Hi Vis vest which is an essential piece of safety equipment, and it makes sure they are visible at all times both on the beach and in the water. All nipper gear and merchandise can be purchased online at <https://shop.freshwaterslsc.com>
- Q. When will Nippers hold their proficiency swims?
A. As soon as indoor swimming pools are re-opened, we will schedule a time to hold the proficiencies at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. In the meantime, we would encourage your nippers to practice their swimming skills at one of our many ocean pools in preparation for this.
- Q. Requirements for proficiencies are:
A. U8- 25m pool swim – no time limit.
U9 and U10 – 200m pool swim with a 6-minute limit
U11-U14 – 200m swim with a 5-minute limit.

- Q. What are the volunteer requirements for Nipper Families?
 A. We always need parents to pitch in at Sunday Nippers to assist with setup and pack down of equipment. We also expect there will be a few Covid related roles to be filled each Sunday.
 Every family that has a competitive nipper will be asked to fulfil carnival roles such as officials or in water safety. Pre-season is a good time for parents to complete the online component of these roles via the Surf Life Saving Australia portal.
- Q. Can my child hire a board from the club?
 A. All U9-U14's are able to hire boards for the season. Board hire can be paid for via <https://shop.freshwaterslsc/boardhire/> and also the board agreement form needs to be completed, signed & emailed to Paul McGettigan paul.mcgettigan@kmbba.com.au & collection can then be arranged.
- Q. Will Freshwater Nippers have the opportunity to partake in Branch carnivals this season?
 A. Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches have put together a Circular addressing the Covid-19 impact to the start of surf sports and on this there is a Plan B scenario with the Surf Sport season starting on 7 November 2021 and a Plan C scenario with the season starting 8 January 2022. More details of this can be found under the following link: <https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/calendar/>
- Q. What are the plans for coaches and training session for Nippers in the competition teams?
 A. Water coaches are still to be finalised. We will plan to run training sessions on similar days to last season – Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays. The cost for training will be a one-off fee to cover all sessions for the season but this cost has yet to be determined.
- Q. Will the Surf Rescue Certificate still run for the U14's?
 A. Yes, SRC will proceed this season. Details of training - TBA.
- Q. Will a double dose vaccination status be required for our volunteers?
 A. Vaccination is currently not mandatory to participate in SLS activities (unless you reside in an LGA of concern), however all members are strongly encouraged to consider vaccination.
- Q. Will Freshwater Nippers be holding a Nipper Holiday camp this season?
 A. Yes, we plan to hold our hugely successful Nipper Challenge camp (for U8-U14's) at Freshie Beach over 3 days in the 2nd week of January.
- Q. Where can I get the latest updates on Nipper news, important dates for the season and events?
 A. All our communication from the Junior Activities Committee and your Age Managers is distributed via Team App:
 Step 1: Download Team App from your favourite app store – it's free!
 Step 2: Sign-up within the app
 Step 3: log into the app, search for Freshie Nippers and request to become a member.
 Step 4: check out the groups and request any memberships- at a minimum select "Nipper Families" and your child's age group – e.g. "Under 6's 2021/22 Season"
 Step 5: wait patiently while the admins approve
 Step 6: enable notifications