



Freshie Nippers Season 2021/2022 Q and A's

1. What date does Nipper registrations close?
A. Registrations will close 17 October.

2. Can my child go up or down an age group?
A. As per SLSC Guidelines we do not allow movement either up or down between the age groups.

3. What date will Nippers commence and finish this season?
A. Our 2021/22 season is due to kick-off on Sunday 31 October! Expected finish date is late March 2022.

4. 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 Beaches Branch, Surf Lifesaving NSW and NSW Health.

5. 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

6. 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.

7. 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>

8. When will Nippers hold their proficiency swims?
 - A. **Pre-season proficiency swims are taking place on Friday 22 October from 6pm for our U8-U13's. If your nipper is unable to attend they can complete their swim on the first day of nippers in the Freshwater ocean pool.**

9. Requirements for proficiencies are:
 - A. **U8- 25m pool swim – no time limit; U9 and U10 – 200m pool swim with a 6 minute limit and U11-U14 – 200m swim with a 5 minute limit.**

10. 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.**

11. 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 signed. Please contact Peter Dunn – peter.dunn@kodacapital.com to arrange board pickup. As part of the agreement for hiring a board the expectation is that they will then train with the Nippers and compete at the surf carnivals.**

12. Will Freshwater Nippers have the opportunity to partake in Branch carnivals this season?
 - A. **Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches have announced that Junior carnivals will kick off from 14 November. More details of this can be found under the following link: <https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/calendar/>**

13. When does training sessions for Nippers in the competition teams take place?
 - A. **Water training takes place Tuesday and Thursday from 5.15 pm and Saturday from 9.00am. Land training is on Thursday from 4pm and Saturday at 8am. Sprint training will start in mid-November on a Wednesday.**

14. What is the cost for my nipper attending training?
 - A. **This season we will charge a one-off fee of \$100 per child which will enable your nipper to attend any of our water or land training sessions through to late February 2022.**

15. Will SRC be still run for the U14's?
 - A. **Yes, SRC will proceed this season. The first SRC course is in planning and expected to start late October. If you are interested and have not received any information as yet, please contact Kelly Dobrow – Kelly@Dobrow.com.au**

16. Will a double dose vaccination status be required for our volunteers?
 - A. **As per the current Public Health Order, anyone over 16 years who attends community sport including Age Managers, Water Safety, Officials and spectators must be double vaccinated or they are unable to attend.**

17. Will Freshwater Nippers be holding a Nipper Holiday camp this season?
 - A. **Yes, we plan to hold our hugely successful Nipper Challenge camp (for proficient U8-U14's) at Freshie Beach from 10-12 January 2022**

18. 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