



Junior Activities Carnival Team Selection Policy

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1 PREREQUISITES

- 1.1 U/8 to U/14 Nippers are welcome & encouraged to compete in individual and team events at SLS carnivals.
- 1.2 Review each carnival for the: -
 - Age groups that can attend.
 - Events held.
 - Number of teams in each event.
 - Pre-qualification.
- 1.3 To be eligible to compete, nippers must have met the following criteria: -
 - 1.3.1 'Preliminary Evaluation' recorded as passed in Surfguard.*
 - 1.3.2 'Carnival Evaluation' recorded as passed in Surfguard.* Not required for U8's.
 - 1.3.3 'Surf Education Award' recorded as passed in Surfguard.*
 - 1.3.4 Attended at least 50 % of Sunday club endorsed activities.

* If passed last season you are current until 31st December for the current season.
- 1.4 To attend the State Championships a nipper must also have competed in at least two lead up carnivals.
- 1.5 The club pays entry fees for nippers to the following Branch and State carnivals. Note age and other restrictions do apply at the State Age Championships: -
 - Queenscliff Beach Only Carnival *
 - Newport Junior Carnival *
 - Queenscliff Junior Carnival *
 - Narrabeen Junior Carnival *
 - SNB Branch Championships
 - State Age Championships
 - Other Carnivals at the discretion of the club

* The location of these carnivals may change.
- 1.6 Where a nipper enters a carnival, and subsequently fails to attend, the nipper will be required to reimburse the club for the carnival entry fees. In circumstances where other team members have been let down the nipper may also forfeit team selection in future carnivals where the reason for failing to attend/withdrawal is not deemed to be satisfactory.



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- 1.7 Late entries are often possible however will not be paid for by the club except in special circumstances.

2 CARNIVAL SELECTION

- 2.1 An overall selection committee comprising a member of the beach coaching team & two members of the water coaching team will select the teams for carnivals. Age Managers are encouraged to assist and provide input to team selections. Nippers are also asked to assist by advising their age manager or a member of the coaching staff if there are events which they do not want to be considered for.
- 2.2 In regards to water team selections the two members of the water coaching team will also take into account the surf conditions encountered during club championships & carnivals and other performance related criteria when selecting water teams. These two members of the water coaching team will have the final say as to the makeup of the water teams.
- 2.3 The interest of the children and common sense is to be taken into account when picking teams.
- 2.4 Depending on the availability of competitors & their event preferences the Club will endeavour to pick the best available competitors for all teams with the following exception. The lowest team may not follow this rule to allow participation of competitors who otherwise may not have a team event. The team selected for Branch will be the strongest team possible & will not be influenced by intended participation at the State Championships.

2.5 Team selections will be based on the following criteria in order of priority: -

2.5.1 Top 6 Carnival Results at: -

- State Carnival
- SNB Carnivals
- Sydney Water Series

Carnivals results are doubled (**x 2**) compared to Club Championships and Time Trials. A 1st result at a carnival is recorded as 12 points, 2nd as 10 points...6th as 2 points.

Note the last calendar year of consecutive carnival results will be considered, irrespective of season.

Results will apply for individual events relating to that discipline i.e. Individual Beach Sprint for Beach Relay Teams, Individual Surf Race for Surf Teams, and Individual Board for Board Teams. Running ability is also a factor in Board, Cameron, and Brace relays.

Carnival Results outside the top 6 places will be considered where available.

- 2.5.2 Coaches' recommendation based on predicted surf conditions, attendance, and performance at recent training.
- 2.5.3 The previous 2 published consecutive Club Championships irrespective of season.
- 2.5.4 Time trials for Board.
- 2.5.5 As a last resort where the selection team believes there is a close call between two or more competitors, the selecting team may elect for additional trials to be held in race conditions at training.

2.6 Cameron Relay

- 2.6.1 Cameron Relay teams will be selected based on results however there will be some flexibility in relation to these teams especially where competitors are not allocated to other team events in their age group. In these circumstances these competitors may be given priority for Cameron relay running positions. A beach competitor chosen as a Cameron relay runner will not automatically be the quickest beach sprinter as the water selectors will also take into account wading ability & general water skills & knowledge.

2.7 Board Rescue

- 2.7.1 Due to the complexities of the board rescue event, board rescue will not always consist of the fastest paired swimmer and board paddler. Competitors are encouraged to train & compete in board rescue teams from early in the season to develop combinations and these combinations are normally maintained for carnivals.
 - 2.8 Any results recorded in individual events at a carnival will not affect the teams selected later on at the same carnival unless previously specified on the team selection sheet. Selection on the day may occur where competitors have no recorded history such as U/8's and U/9's at the beginning of the season.
 - 2.9 Priority for team selection for Branch & State will be given to members who have competed in at least two prior carnivals that season in those specific events. For example if at lead up carnivals a competitor has only competed in Water events and another competitor in Beach events then the Beach competitor has priority over the Water competitor of even if the Water competitor has a higher ranking based on championship/carnival results.
 - 2.10 Based on carnival timetables, or age group numbers, competitors from the age group below may be considered for selection in a team in the next age group up.
 - 2.11 If a competitor withdraws from a team event, and there is a second team, the second team will remain unchanged. Common sense should prevail in these situations especially where there are reserve competitors or where a competitor from the age group below could be drafted into one of these teams.
 - 2.12 In U/8's teams of friends may be permitted to compete together however approval for this will only be granted where there is no significant disadvantage to other club members.
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- 2.13 There is a right to appeal teams selected for Branch & State. These must be in writing to the Junior Surf Sports Manager and JAC within 48hrs of the teams being posted. Appeals will be decided by an Appeals Committee consisting of 3 impartial JAC members and will consider a written appeal on its individual merit. The committee will review any appeal and make its determination within 48hrs of receipt of protest.
- 2.14 In certain situations in team events it may be necessary or considered in the interest of competitors to substitute competitors between heats/semis and/or finals. In the event that this occurs and that the team wins a medal in the competition then any person who has been part of that team, even though they did not compete in the final, shall be recognised by the club as a medallist for that event and shall appear in all club records as part of that team. The club will also attempt to try and obtain medals for all competitors from either SLSA Northern Beaches (Branch) or from SLSA NSW(State). If additional medals cannot be obtained the club will purchase a replica medal for any competitor who misses out on an original medal. A named reserve who does not compete at any stage of an event (heats, quarters, semis or finals) is not considered a member of the team in terms of the above and would not be eligible for a medal. If this situation arises for your age group please contact the Beach or Water coaches for assistance.

3 CARNIVAL ENTRY

- 3.1 All teams will be selected & published as soon as practical prior to that weekend's carnival. Entries for carnivals will close at the completion of Nippers on the Sunday prior to the carnival.