

Wanda Nippers POLICY



Junior Evaluations and Education

Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) sets minimum standards for children to be able to participate in Nippers. These are adopted by Wanda JAG, with some modifications for our club. Requirements for each age group are set out below.

	Preliminary Evaluation (Pool Swim)	Competition Evaluation * (Timed Pool Swim & Surf Swim)	Surf Education Awards
Water Safety	1 : 1	1 : 5	
Under 6	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aide and recover to a secure position.	Nil (no competition)	Surf Play 1
Under 7	From a standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float and recover to a secure position.	Nil (no competition)	Surf Play 2
Under 8	25m swim (any stroke). 1min survival float	Nil (No water competition, except for wade in waist deep water)	Surf Aware 1
Under 9	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 1.5min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 6mins . 1.5min survival float Min. 150m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 1.5min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 6mins . 1.5min survival float Min. 150m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 3min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 5mins . 3min survival float Min. 288m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 3min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 5mins . 3min survival float Min. 288m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 3min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 5mins . 3min survival float Min. 288m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200m swim – Freestyle (<i>untimed</i>). 3min survival float	200m swim - Freestyle, in less than 5mins . 3min survival float Min. 288m ocean swim (<i>untimed</i>)	Surf Rescue Certificate
Notes	Every junior member is required to participate and satisfy this evaluation prior to participation in any water hesitancy activity or training activity being undertaken.	For U9+, the Competition Evaluation must be achieved before being eligible to participate in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanda JAG water activities (training or nipper days) ** • Swim and Board events on Wanda JAG Championship days. • Compete in any swim or board events at carnivals. 	Every junior member is expected to achieve the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group. Completion of the age award by 31 st December is compulsory for the U8 –U14 members wishing to compete at Branch and State Championships
Carnival Criteria	Achievement of the Preliminary Evaluation for participation in beach events and wade. Achievement of the Competition Evaluation for participation in beach and water events.		
Branch & State Criteria	Achievement of the Preliminary Evaluation (beach & wade events). Achievement of the Competition Evaluation (for beach & water events). Completion of the relevant Surf Education Award appropriate to their age group by December 31st		

* The Competition Evaluation must be completed around a competition course

** U9+ nippers who have not achieved competition evaluation (but do have the preliminary evaluation) can take part in beach and wade activities on Sunday's and at training, as well as specifically designed water hesitant programs with a higher water safety ratio. They can take part in beach sprint, flags and wade events on Championship Days or carnivals only.

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