

Wanda Nippers Championship 'Champo' Days Guideline

Purpose

Each season, Wanda Nippers conducts three (3) Championship Days for the U8 – U14 age groups.

U6 & U7 Nippers will undertake their regular nipper activities on Championship Days, in a separate area to the Championship Day events.

The purpose of Championship Days are to:

- Provide an opportunity for nippers to compete and test their skills in a friendly environment
- Prepare nippers for competition conditions
- Determine End of Season Awards (see End of Season Awards Guide)
- Be used as a guide for team selections (Championship Day results are only one of many criteria considered by team selectors when selecting Wanda teams; see Selection Policy for details)

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Guidelines

1. Scheduling

- Three Championship Day dates will be set prior to the commencement of each season
- Dates will be communicated via the season calendar published on the Wanda Nippers website and via the weekly email sent to registered members
- Championship Days take place on regular nippers Sundays at Wanda Beach
- If conditions prevent water events from being held (i.e. beach closed or conditions deemed too dangerous or unsuitable), the beach events of the Championship Day program will be still conducted, subject to suitable conditions prevailing, with the final decision made by the Wanda Nippers Committee
- Rescheduling of postponed Championship Days or events will be to the next appropriate Sunday, as determined by the Wanda Nippers Committee

2. Format

- Championship events are run in accordance with the current edition of the Surf Life Saving Australia Surf Sports Manual
- During Championship Days, competitors must complete the courses unassisted. If a competitor is adjudicated to have received assistance, then they will be disqualified

3. Events

Table 1 – Championship Day events by Age Group

Age group	Events
U8	Flags, Beach Sprint and Wade
U9-U10	Flags, Beach Sprint, Surf Race and Board
U11-U13	Flags, Beach Sprint, Surf Race, Board, Ironperson and 1km Beach run
U14	Flags, Beach Sprint, Surf Race, Board, Ironperson and 2km Beach run

4. Eligibility to Compete

To compete in a Championship Day, Nippers:

- Must be an U8 – U14 Nipper, registered for the current season
- Have satisfied the preliminary proficiency requirements – 25m pool swim for u8's and 200m pool swim for u9-u14s
- Nippers who have not completed the preliminary proficiency unfortunately cannot compete in any event on Championship Day
- Nippers who have completed the preliminary proficiency but not the competition proficiency, may compete in beach events only. They are not permitted to compete in water events.
- Nippers must complete the surf race (swim) event to be able to compete in the surfboard event

5. Disruptions to Championship Days

In the event a Championship Day is disrupted part way through (due to conditions or other circumstances):

- Results from all events completed will stand and points accumulated in those completed events will contribute to the Championship point score
- Events not completed will be rescheduled to the next available Sunday as determined by the Wanda Nippers Committee
- All eligible Nippers (refer clause 4) can take part in the rescheduled day
- All eligible Nippers (refer clause 4) can accumulate points on the rescheduled day
- If a suitable date cannot be found to complete the postponed events or if events are not completed on subsequent rescheduled days, then all points accumulated at that Championship Day for that age group will be declared null and void.
- If an age group is able to complete all events listed in Table 1 in clause 3 (events), despite other age groups not completing all their events, across the original and rescheduled days, then the championship points accumulated by that age group will stand. Age groups that do not complete their championship day events across the original date and subsequent rescheduled days, will have their points declared null and void.

- Results disputes on the days should be raised immediately (within 10 minutes of the event) with the area judge/recorder
- Queries on published results should be directed to Wanda Nippers Recorder (results@wadanippers.com.au)
- Queries must be lodged within 7 days of results being published. No queries are permitted outside of this time

6. Point Scoring & Results

Table 2 - Club Championship Day Scoring

Position Finish	Points
1 st place	10
2 nd place	8
3 rd place	7
4 th place	6
5 th place	5
6 th place	4
7 th place	3
8 th place	2
Completed event	1
Absent, DNF, DNS, DQ	0

Recording & Checking Results

Club Championship Days:

- Independent recorders are responsible for recording results on the day with Age Managers and/or Assistants (with their recorded results being available as a backup)
- All places are to be recorded to ensure we have a record of all nippers who competed on the day
- Results will be verified, collated and published on the website www.wadanippers.com.au within 7-10 days following the event
- Members will have 7 days after results are posted to lodge any queries to the Wanda Nippers recorder (results@wadanippers.com.au)
- 7 days after the publishing of results, all results will be deemed “final”, with no further queries accepted

7. Injury, illness & absence

No special consideration can be given in the event of a nipper being injured, ill or unable to attend Championship Day.

8. Conduct & Behaviour

Nippers, parents/guardians, Age Managers, Officials, and all those involved in Championship Days are expected to act in accordance with Wanda Nippers Codes of Conduct available on the website www.wadanippers.com.au

Associated Documents

End of Season Awards Guideline (WJAG_Awards GUI_Oct21_vxx)

Team Selection Policy (WJAG_Team Selection POL_Oct21_vxx)

Code of Conduct (WJAG_Coduct COD_Oct21_vxx)

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