



Dicky Beach Nippers New Members

General Information – Dicky Beach Nippers	
AGE GROUPS	<p>U6 - Children are eligible to join if they have an older sibling and a parent actively involved in an active role / water safety on a regular basis at nippers. Please see the 'How you can help' document for more information.</p> <p>U7 to U13 - Open to all children.</p> <p>U14 - Nipper activities for their age group including completion of their Surf Rescue Certificate and performing lifesaving patrols.</p> <p><i>As prescribed by Surf Life Saving Australia, the nippers age at midnight on 30 September will determine their age group. Age groups cannot be adjusted to accommodate friendship groups etc.</i></p>
DURATION	<p>Sundays - 8.15 am for approximately 2- 2 ½ hours, followed by a family BBQ.</p> <p>During the season there will be approximately three Saturday afternoon Twilight Nippers sessions are held (in lieu of Sundays) from 2pm – 4pm followed by a Club BBQ.</p>
SEASON START & FINISH	Sunday 20 September 2020 – Sunday 21 February 2021
ATTENDANCE & END OF SEASON AWARDS	<p>Minimum attendance of 50% is required for a Nipper to satisfy the requirements of the SLSA Junior Development Program and achieve their age-based award.</p> <p>To be eligible for an end of season award, a minimum of 70% attendance is required.</p>
WHAT HAPPENS AT NIPPERS	Nippers rotate through a program of activities for their respective age group, to develop surf living saving, beach and water-based skills.
IMPORTANT DATES	<p>Sunday 30 August / Saturday 5 September – Swim/Ocean Proficiency & Sign On</p> <p>Saturday 12 or Sunday 13 September (TBC) Orientation & Beach Proficiency.</p> <p>Sunday 20 September 2020 - First Day of Nippers</p>

IMPORTANT NOTES-

- For insurance purposes, a parent/guardian is required to sign their child(ren) in and out at nippers and be present with their child(ren) on the beach during Nipper sessions.
- U6 and U7 age groups require one parent for each Nipper to be involved in the program – yes, you will get wet sometimes!
- Nippers is not a learn-to-swim program. All Nippers are required to complete a pool proficiency prior to entering the ocean to ensure their safety on the beach. Dicky Beach Nippers encourages swimming lessons for future nippers, so they can enjoy the beach and ocean. Refer to the website or Team App for proficiency requirements for each age group.



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Registration Process for New Members

1. JOIN DICKY BEACH SLSC

- Go to www.sls.com.au/join and click on the Members tab
- Join Dicky Beach SLSC - Each PARENT and each NIPPER must be entered (View User Guide on website for detailed information on how to join)
- PAY MEMBERSHIP FEE via the Payment Screen.
- You will receive an email confirming your registration has been accepted

2. CREATE MEMBER ACCOUNT

- Go to www.members.sls.com.au
- Follow the instructions to create a Members Area account

3. BLUE CARD APPLICATION

- Download and fill out an application form for a BLUE CARD for EACH PARENT
- Forms can be found on the website. Existing blue card holders for other organisations, and parents applying for an exemption still need to fill out a form.
- Note that there is no cost to the blue card form applicant.
- Bring forms and supporting identification documentation to sign on days or drop into the Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Office to be signed by a representative of the Club.

4. POOL PROFICIENCY

- Each nipper must complete a pool swim prior to starting nipper activities. These are conducted at the Caloundra Aquatic Centre on sign-on days. Dates and times will be advertised on the club website. Swim requirements for nippers can be found on the club website.
- Alternatively, an accredited swim coach can sign off on the required pool swim using the Pool Evaluation form available on the club website.
- Bring proof of ID / DOB for parents and nippers (ie. Drivers Licence for parents, Birth Certificate for nippers) if these documents have not already been sighted.
- Purchase a nipper cap and rash shirt for each child. This apparel is a MANDATORY requirement. These items along with club swimwear are available for order/purchase.

5. PARENT ORIENTATION & BEACH PROFICIENCY

- Each nipper (with the exception of U6 and U7s) must complete their beach proficiency (ocean swim) prior to being able to properly engage in all nipper activities. These are conducted prior to the commencement of the nipper season at Dicky Beach SLSC. Dates and times will be advertised on the club website.
- Parents will also be given an induction to the club and information on how nipper activities are run.
- If the pool swim was signed off by an accredited swim coach please BRING THE POOL EVALUATION FORM. Your child will not be able to attempt their beach proficiency without evidence of pool proficiency completion.
- Bring proof of ID / DOB for parents and nippers (ie. Drivers Licence for parents, Birth Certificate for nippers) if these documents have not already been sighted.
- Note - If a nipper wants to compete at carnivals a COMPETITION PROFICIENCY must be completed prior to the carnival.

6. COMMUNICATION

- It is MANDATORY to join the Dicky Beach Nipper Team App. This is the main platform of communication for Dicky Beach Nippers.
- Instructions on how to join Team App are available on the club website.