



Dicky Beach Nippers - 2021 / 2022

New Members

GENERAL INFORMATION – DICKY BEACH NIPPERS	
AGE GROUPS	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.
	U7 to U13 - Open to all children.
	U14 - Nipper activities for their age group including completion of their Surf Rescue Certificate and performing lifesaving patrols.
	<i>As prescribed by Surf Life Saving Australia, the nippers age at midnight on 30 September will determine their age group. Nb. Age groups cannot be adjusted to accommodate friendship groups etc.</i>
DURATION	Sundays commencing at 8.15 am. Approximately 2- 2 ½ hours, followed by a family BBQ.
	During the season approximately three Saturday afternoon Twilight Nippers sessions are held (in lieu of Sundays) from 2pm – 4pm followed by a Club BBQ
SEASON START & FINISH DATES	Start - 26 September 2021 End – 5 March 2022 Presentation Day – 12 March 2021
ATTENDANCE & END OF SEASON AWARDS	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. To be eligible for an end of season award, a minimum of 70% attendance is required.
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	Sunday 29 August 2021 – Sign On Day 1
	Saturday 4 September 2021 – Sign On Day 2
	Sunday 26 September 2021 - First Day of Nippers

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 – 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.

Please visit our website for further information:

www.dickybeachsurfclub.com.au/nippers



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REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERS

1. JOIN DICKY BEACH SLSC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 individually (View User Guide on website for detailed information on how to join)• PAY MEMBERSHIP FEE via the Payment Screen<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Family with one child - \$245○ Family with two children - \$300○ More than two children – add \$35 per additional child.• You will receive an email confirming your registration has been accepted.• Bring a copy of the confirmation email as well as proof of ID / DOB for parents and nippers (ie. Drivers Licence for parents, Birth Certificate for nippers) to sign-on day/nippers if these documents have not already been sighted.
2. CREATE MEMBER ACCOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go to www.members.sls.com.au• Follow the instructions to create a Members Area account
3. BLUE CARD APPLICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card/applications and apply for a BLUE CARD for EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN• Exempt or existing blue card holders for other organisations, please provide a copy of your Blue Card/Exemption so it can be linked to Surf Life Saving Queensland• Note there is no cost to the Blue Card applicant.
4. POOL PROFICIENCY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each nipper must complete a pool swim evaluation 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, Facebook etc. Swim proficiency requirements for nippers can also 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.
5. BEACH PROFICIENCY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each nipper (with the exception of U6 and U7s) must complete a beach proficiency (run-swim-run) prior to being able to properly engage in all nipper activities. Beach proficiency sessions are conducted on sign-on days or during Nippers.• Your child will not be able to attempt their beach proficiency without evidence of pool proficiency completion.• Note - If a nipper intends to compete at carnivals a separate COMPETITION EVALUATION must be completed at the beginning of the season.• Bring proof of ID / DOB for parents and nippers (ie. Drivers Licence for parents, Birth Certificate for nippers) to sign-on day if these documents have not already been sighted.
6. UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase a MANDATORY nipper cap and rash shirt for each child. These items along with club swimwear are available for order/purchase from the club on Sign On days or Nipper Sundays.
7. COMMUNICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please 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.