



CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION GUIDELINES

2014-2015

Some Nippers enjoy surf life saving as a sport and participating in competition at Surf Carnivals. This guideline provides information for Nippers and their parents wishing to compete in Surf Carnivals. North Cronulla SLSC has a strong tradition of competing at carnivals displaying sportsmanship and in particular has encouraged and developed competition in team events. Surf Carnivals are loads of fun, but require a commitment from both Nippers and parents. Nippers at a carnival must have either a parent or nominated guardian present at all times.

TO COMPETE YOU MUST BE PROFICIENT

All Nippers wishing to compete at carnivals (either on sand or water) must complete their Junior Competition Proficiency prior to their first carnival of the season. This is a SLSA requirement.

Competitors at Branch and State Championships must also have successfully completed their Surf Education obligations prior to December 14. Again, this is a requirement of SLSA.

EVENTS

Surf Carnivals involve both individual and team events in many disciplines. Competition begins with the Under 8 Age Group and finishes at Under14s. You can continue in the sport of surf lifesaving beyond the under 14s in the Snr section of the Club if you wish. Again this is encouraged.

Individual events in the WATER are Surf Race (swim), Board Race, Surfboard Riding and Iron person. Under 8s do the Wade rather than Board and Surf Race. On the BEACH, individual events are Sprints and Flags.

Team events in the WATER are Surf (swim) Team; Cameron Relay, Board Relay; Board Rescue; All-Age Board Relay and Wade Relay (U8). On the BEACH team events consist of Sprint Relay, All-Age Sprint Relay; March Past; R&R and Cameron Relay.

Team events (except for the All-Age Relays; March Past; Cameron Relay; and R&R) are single gender at the majority of carnivals.

R&R is a traditional surf life saving event with a proud tradition. The event simulates a rescue and then the resuscitation of a 'patient'. Teams are assessed on areas such as marching, uniformity and following correct resuscitation procedure.

Two person R&R is for members from U10 to U13. One team member will draw as patient and the other performs the rescue. The competition is on the waters edge and does not require swimming to the patient.

Five person R&R is for U12 to U14 and it is based on the traditional method of performing rescues with the reel, line and belt. The team members fill the role as patient, beltman, reelman and linesman who simulate a rescue, carry the patient from the water and resuscitate them. The rescue is done in only waist deep water.

Both events provide the members with excellent resuscitation skills and teamwork. For information about both events contact Lucy Mahoney

TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The objective of the selection policy is to select the strongest team(s) to represent North Cronulla SLSC in each Age Group.

To be eligible for selection the following criteria will be taken into account by the competition committee:

- 1. Attendance/performance at Club Championships**
- 2. Attendance/ performance at 4-Way and Sydney Branch**
- 3. Surf Education Attendance at Nippers must be complete (follow club timetable attached for your child's education program [by the 14th December 2014])**
- 4. Minimum of 4 normal nipper days before State Carnival. In circumstances when a child has been unable to attend the required number due to circumstances outside their control will be assessed on application.**
- 5. Performance at other carnivals held throughout the season**
- 6. However more consideration will be given to performance in carnivals towards the end of the season**
- 7. Where there is a very close decision, run-offs will be held as well as consideration of head to head races.**

ALL Teams are chosen by the competition committee headed by the Team Manager. (Club Coaches & Squad Leaders will provide advice to this committee)

The competition committee is made up of the Team Manager (Tracey Schriek) Assistant Team Manager (Dave Boggiss) Nipper Director (Donna Hargreaves), Assistant Nipper Director (Brook Fleming) Nipper Secretary (Barbara Maythers). In the event that there is a conflict that person will abstain and a independent person may be brought in. The competition committee will also seek guidance from the water/sand coaches and squad leaders if required. The committee is happy to discuss any questions regarding your own child, but WILL NOT, discuss any other child with you.

The competition committee will be responsible for selecting the All Age Board Relay and the All Age Beach Relay.

CARNIVAL ENTRY FEES

The club encourages our competitive nippers to attend as many carnivals up and down the coast over the season. However, costing for some of these carnivals will have to be paid for by the competitor.

Where a Nipper enters a Carnival that is covered by the club, and subsequently fails to attend, the Nippers Parents will be required to reimburse the Club for the Entry Fee. Nippers will not be able to nominate for subsequent Carnivals until outstanding fees are paid.

OFFICIALS AT CARNIVALS

Every carnival requires North Cronulla to supply a certain number of officials, as our competition team continues to grow so does the required number of officials that we must supply.

This year we will require each age group to have at least four parents available to be officials at carnivals. If an age group cannot provide an official that age group may not be permitted to compete at carnivals.

Parents who are not qualified for Water Safety or an Age Manager are strongly encouraged to assist with being an Official so all our kid's can participate.

Officials at carnivals are supplied with morning and afternoon tea, lunch and drinks throughout the day, and are generally placed in areas where your child is competing.

A junior nipper official's course is a four hour course which explains the various competition rules and competition arenas.

WATER SAFETY AT CARNIVALS

At every carnival we are also required to supply water safety officials, to be able to do so you must be a proficient Bronze Medallion holder.

OUTSIDE CARNIVALS

Please note if your child is attending a carnival outside of any Sydney Branch sanctioned Competition or State Nipper titles, both the Water Safety and Officials duties, and quotas must be met by the parents of the children attending. It is not the Club's responsibility to organize these for you. If the numbers are unable to be met, the Club will not be able to compete.

CODE OF CONDUCT

AS A GUEST:-

- (a) Observe common courtesies by: saying THANK YOU and PLEASE often.
- (b) Maintain a neat and tidy appearance.
- (c) Respect yours and other Club members and their facilities

AS A COMPETITOR

- a) Be a good sport.
- b) Compete for enjoyment.
- c) Work hard for your team and yourself.
- d) Treat your teammates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- e) Compete by the rules.
- f) Co-operate with officials.
- g) Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

PARENTS

- a) Encourage participation but do not force your child to participate.
- b) Children are involved for their enjoyment, not yours.
- c) Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- d) Be courteous in your communication with competitors, officials and sport administrators.
- e) Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- f) Do not yell or abuse a child for making a mistake.
- g) Recognise efforts of volunteer Squad Leaders, Trainers, Water Safety and Committee members. They are not there to be abused or harassed. They are doing their best for your children.

If a parent or child fails to comply with the above code of conduct they may be referred to the disciplinary committee (North Cronulla Board). At all times you must remember that you are representing the North Cronulla Club and therefore must act accordingly.