



Nipper Parent Volunteer Information

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As set out in the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club Nippers Handbook, parents and guardians of children that participate in Mooloolaba Nippers are required to volunteer in some capacity. To keep participation affordable, we need all of our families to volunteer at the club in Nippers activities. The aim is to share the responsibility involved with the running Nippers program for our children.

Here is a list of Nipper activities you can get involved in:

- Junior Activities Committee
- Water Safety
- Age Manager
- Beach and carnival set up/pack up
- Fundraising
- Carnival Officiating
- BBQ
- Sponsorship & Marketing
- Coaching
- Gear & Equipment Transport
- Gear & Equipment Maintenance

We have a number of volunteer coordinators who will seek your participation for one or more of the activities throughout the season. If you have a preferred activity you would like to get involved in, please contact kjones@thesurfclub.com.au who can assist you.

Please note, if your child competes at carnivals, you must volunteer at these carnivals in some capacity. The options include: Officiating, Water Safety, and Carnival set up/pack up, and/or BBQ. If you do not help out with one of these positions your child will not be nominated for the carnivals.

Junior Activities Committee

Our Junior Activities Committee (JAC) is a team of dedicated parents who contribute their time to help the club. The committee includes the following positions: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Manager, Water Safety Officer, Education Officer, Carnival Nominations Officer, Gear Steward, Clothing Officer, Awards Officer, Publicity Officer,

Canteen Coordinator, Registrar and Age Managers. If you would like to discuss how you could be involved, please contact kjones@thesurfclub.com.au who can assist you. The JAC meet throughout the nipper season and are responsible for the conduct and coordination of all matters relating to Junior Activities.

Water Safety

Water safety is a critical part of the Sunday Nippers program. The club is required to provide 1 Water Safety Officer per 5 Nippers in the water at all times. Given that we have 4 water groups at any one time, this means that a lot of manpower is required to provide an acceptable level of safety for your children. A Water Safety Officer must hold proficiency in either the SLSA Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate. These awards are attained through courses run by the club.

For upcoming SRC and Bronze Medallion courses please contact: lifesavers@thesurfclub.com.au or 5452 3711.

Age Managers

Being an Age Manager is a great way to get involved as a parent and help out with Sunday Nippers. This role is not specific to a set job and can offer the following opportunities of involvement:

- Delivering the development of Surf Life Saving skills and personal skills
- Assisting with administration for the specific age group with attendance, carnival nominations & other organisational duties
- Providing support at carnivals and on Nipper Sundays to the Age Managers
- And more!

Beach Set Up & Pack Up

The Gear Steward is the person who sets up the water and beach areas before the start of Nippers each week. They also pack up the equipment at the end of the day, rinse it down and put it away ready for the next Nippers day. As you can imagine this takes time and involves a lot of work. Each week an age group is assigned to assist the Gear Steward with the beach set up and pack up for approximately an hour. This is done on a roster system, please check your Nippers Season Calendar. It would be greatly appreciated for you to get involved as many hands make light work and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fundraising

The Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club is a not for profit organisation that relies on support from donations & membership. Fundraising is a vital activity to assist the nippers continuing improvement. There are a number of different fundraising opportunities that are available throughout the year, however these rely on the support of parents to run efficiently. If you are interested in being involved with fundraising please contact kjones@thesurfclub.com.au who can assist you know.

Carnival Officials

If you wish to officiate at carnivals you will need to attend the Level I Surf Official Course run by Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast. This is run over 2 evenings at the start of the season and may be available online (please contact kjones@thesurfclub.com.au who can assist you further). If your child competes at carnivals you will need to be either an Official or Water Safety Officer. Without a required number of accredited officials (1 official per 9 competitors), children cannot compete at carnivals.

Canteen & BBQ

The Nippers BBQs, held every Sunday, and at other times when organised for Nippers events, are the primary fundraiser for Nippers. Each family is required to complete their roster to serve on the BBQ. The roster is worked out on an age group per week basis. If you cannot attend your roster it is your responsibility to arrange for someone to take your place.

Sponsorship & Marketing

If you own or know of a business that you think could benefit from sponsorship of the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club, please feel free to contact the administration office. There are ample opportunities and different levels of sponsorship available within both the Nippers club and the senior club and the sponsorship team is more than happy to discuss options that would best suit your business.