## **U13 Age Champion Boards POLICY v2024**

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Subject: Policy for use of under 13 age champion prize board

Approved by: JAC EXEC and MSLC management committee

The following policy statement was adopted by the MSLSC Management committee meeting held on the TBC

## **Policy Background**

At the end of the 2014 - 2015 nipper season a new programme was implemented to award the U13 Age champion boys and the U13 Age champion girls with a new racing Mal for their exclusive use.

The idea of this programme was to help support well performing nippers' members as they began their first year on a racing Mal with a new craft for their exclusive use while they continued to train and compete for Mooloolaba SLSC. It is anticipated the board will be suitable for the cadet for 2-3 years at which time the cadet will opt for a larger size board and the board will return to the club pool.

The other reason for implementing this programme was to overtime grow the stock of good to reasonable quality club boards for use by nipper and cadet members who are actively training and competing but unable to purchase or otherwise supply their own craft. The boards will be labelled with the nippers name and award year to allow their achievement to live on through the club. The new cadet assigned the board will know the history of the board and achievements of the previous owner.

## Direction

The JAC committee seeks the MSLSC management committee endorsement of the following policy to ensure that any racing Mal that is awarded to a nipper member for their exclusive use which is awarded on a fair and equitable basis and so both the member and their family and MSLC understand the rules around the award. The Age Champions are awarded based on performance during the Nipper Season and award winners are selected based on the Age Champion Policy.



## Age champion exclusive use policy / rules

\*To be reviewed at the start of each season

U13 Age Champion Parent/Guardian

- The Age Champion boards are awarded based on performance during the previous Nipper Season and award winners are selected based on the Age Champion Policy results and assigned by the JAC Chair for use by junior member.
- The recipient agrees to participate in all the majority of club endorsed midweek training sessions\*
- The recipient agrees to participate in all nipper Sundays until they graduate from the under 14 age group
- The recipient agrees to enter all carnivals within the sunshine coast branch area and when required to participate in individual and / or team events at major out of area carnivals such as QLD state youth championships and SLSA Australian championships. If a nipper cannot attend certain events, the nipper or their family must notify their age manager and or the JAC Executive committee member of their intention to not attend each event.
- The recipient is responsible for ensuring that the board is kept in good condition and any damage is immediately reported to the JAC gear-steward or Junior director of surf sports.
- The recipient will be responsible for all repairs and maintenance as is required and hand the board back in a condition that reflects fair wear and tear for the age of the board.
- The board is to be always kept at MSLSC and is only to be removed from the club for travelling to and from training and carnivals.
- The recipient must be a proficient patrolling member, first as an SRC and then as a bronze medallion holder.
- If the recipient, no longer wishes to use the board it will go back into club stock until allocated by the JAC Exec for use by another junior member with priority always being to an under 14 nipper first.
- There is a provision at the discretion of the JAC Chair for the board to be passed on to a sibling if suitable age timing and results.

Signed	
U13 Age champion	Date
JAC Chairperson	Date