



FAQs - For NEW Mooloolaba SLSC Nipper Families

NIPPERS SEASON

When does the Nipper Season start and how long does it run for?

The Nipper Sunday program officially commences mid-September and runs through to March the following year. Exact dates to be confirmed. (Nipper Calendar)

What happens on Nipper Open Days?

Nipper rashies, nipper coloured caps, nipper wristbands and swimmers are available from the Members Area at the Surf Club.

All New and Renewing Nippers should already have completed their pool assessment at a scheduled MSLSC Pool Assessment day.

All New and Renewing Nippers will be assessed on the beach for run-swim-run proficiencies (keep an eye out for confirmed dates for beach assessments).

JAC Committee Members and Age Managers will be available to answer any questions.

For more information, please refer to the ([Nipper Handbook doc](#)).

Can I sign up on Open Days?

No. New and renewing Members should apply online via the [Surf Life Saving Australia Members Area](#) prior to Open Day.

WHAT HAPPENS AT NIPPER SUNDAYS?

What time does Nippers start and finish?

ALL Age Groups - Arrive at 7.30am for an 7:45am Start

U6 and U7 Age Groups - Finish by 9.30am

U8 to U14 Age Groups – Finish by 10.30am

What does my child wear to Nipper Sundays?

A fluoro yellow long sleeve rashie - compulsory

Coloured Nipper lycra cap (coloured dependant on age group) – compulsory

Nipper wristband - compulsory

Swimmers – Mooloolaba branded preferred but not compulsory

Goggles

Wetsuit or similar – optional during cooler months

What does my child need to bring to Nipper Sundays?

Water bottle, towel, sunscreen, hat.

Please clearly name every piece of your child's gear.

MEMBERSHIP

How do I join?

All NEW and RENEWING members apply online via the [Surf Life Saving Australia Members Area](#)

What does it cost?

A Nipper Family Group Membership includes up to 2 adults (parent or guardian):

1 Nipper Family Group Membership - \$280

2 Nipper Family Group Membership - \$440

3 Nipper Family Group Membership - \$480

4 Nipper Family Group Membership - \$540

When do Nipper registrations open?

RENEWING members are invited to renew their memberships from 1 July to 31 August. NEW membership registrations will open on 1 August.

How old does my child have to be to join?

Children must be 5 years of age on 30th September to join.

Do I need to join as well as my children?

Yes. At least one parent or guardian must join as part of the Nipper Family Group. The Membership fee includes up to 2 adults.

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GENERAL INFO

How far do the kids need to be able to swim?

Check out the [Pool and Beach Evaluation Summary](#) for the minimum requirements per Age Group.

What Age Group will my child be in?

Refer to the current season Age Groups and Cap Colours reference document for more information. If your child has a birthday during the season, they stay in the same Age Group and will not move up.

My child's friend is in a different age group, can they be together?

No. We abide by the policies set by SLSA (Surf Life Saving Australia) that children are placed in the correct age groups. They will make new friends and are still able to socialise with their friends before and after the Nipper Sunday session.

My child only wants to participate on Sundays and doesn't want to compete at carnivals, can they still join?

Yes. Our main goal is to teach water safety skills in open water and produce lifesavers. Competing at carnivals is not compulsory.

What can parents/ guardians do to help?

You can become involved in many areas, helping on Nipper Sundays – BBQ, beach set up/ pack up, assisting on the beach or in the water in various supervising roles, through to being an Age Manager, carnival officiating, fundraising and most importantly supporting your child in their junior activities. If you choose to participate in any Club In-House courses, they are covered in your Nipper Family Group Membership (ie all courses are free).

What is a Blue Card?

The Queensland Government created the Blue Card procedure as a prevention and monitoring system for people working with children and young people. All members 18 years and older are required to hold a current Blue Card. Please refer to (SLSQ Blue Card Procedure).

Can I use a Play On Sports Voucher?

Yes. Mooloolaba SLSC is a Play On Activity Provider. You can check if you are eligible for a voucher to use toward your Nipper Family Group Membership Fees by going to [QLD Government - Play On Sports Vouchers](#) for more information and to apply.

Who do I contact if I have any questions regarding the Nipper Program?

Please send an email to our Nippers Administration Team at nippers@mooloolabasls.com.au