KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS

Junior Activities Handbook

2026/27 Season

Welcome to the Kurrawa SLSC Nipper Program for 2026/27!

We welcome all the new families that have joined our Club and a big welcome back to our existing Members as we look forward to the start of another season of Nippers at Kurrawa SLSC.

Orientation Day
Sunday 27th September 2026

First Nipper Day
Sunday 4th October 2026

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Members and all people involved in any way with SLS will:

a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others—treat others as you would like to be treated yourself

b) Be ethical, considerate, fair, courteous and honest in all dealings with other people and organisations

c) Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions

d) Be aware of and follow—at all times—SLS' standards, rules, policies and procedures and promote those standards, rules, policies and procedures to others

e) Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including the national and international guidelines that govern SLS

f) Understand the possible consequences of breaching the codes and/or this policy

g) Report any breaches of the codes or this policy to the appropriate PPA

h) Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination and victimisation towards others

i) Raise concerns regarding decisions of PPA through the appropriate channels and in a timely manner

j) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy

k) Show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured

l) Be a positive role model to all

m) Respect and protect confidential information obtained through SLS activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information

n) Maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s)

o) Ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development

p) Refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority

q) Agree to abide by the codes

r) Maintain a duty of care towards others

s) Be impartial and accept the responsibility for all actions taken

Person In Position of Authority (PPA):

PPA include everyone who holds a position of authority in SLS, whether paid or unpaid, and includes, but is not limited to, all SLS Entity Individual Members. For the avoidance of doubt, PPA also includes Child or Young Person (CYP) who may hold a position of authority in SLS over other CYP.

9 May 2018

OUR CLUB

Junior Activities Committee (JAC)

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Team Manager U11-U15
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BBQ Coordinator
Lauren Lane

BBQ Assistant
Trish Parkinson

BBQ Assistant
Tammy Burns

BBQ Assistant
Tara Brown

BBQ Assistant
Lauren Alaimo

Uniform Coordinator
Jess Cuthbertson

Uniform Assistant
Tara Brown

MEMBERSHIPS

	*EARLY BIRD	NORMAL
UNDER 6 to UNDER 14	$50	$80
FIRST PARENT (COMPULSORY)	NA	$75
SECOND PARENT	NA	$35

**Early Bird ends the Thursday before our First Sign On Day at 2:00pm.*

AGE GROUPS

CLICK THE AGE GROUP FOR MORE INFORMATION

Under 6
Under 7
Under 8
Under 9
Under 10
Under 11
Under 12
Under 13
Under 14

Under 6 & Under 7	Parents **MUST** be with their child at all times
Under 8 to Under 14	Parents **MUST** be on the beach. Rotating between children's age groups.

AGE AWARDS

Each Age Group has a specific "Age Award" to complete throughout the duration of the season. Lessons will be completed and marked off by the Age Manager each Sunday.

Children must complete all the lessons of their Age Award, attend at least 5 Nipper days and complete their Run-Swim-Run evaluation **BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER 2026** to receive a Surf Life Saving Queensland Age Group Certificate at the End of Season Presentation Day.

TRAINING, COACHES & CRAFT

Brad Mainwaring
Youth Head Coach

Finn Pocock
U8-U10 Water Coach

Emily Carty
Junior Beach Coach

CHECK OUT TEAM APP FOR OUR TRAINING SCHEDULE

UNDER 8 TO UNDER 10

Board Sessions*

- Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Bring: Rashie, Cap, Goggles and Water Bottle
- Board Type: foamie (provided)

U8s **MUST complete the U9 pool evaluation (50m Freestyle) prior to attending.*

Sand Sessions

- All available sessions
- Bring: Exercise Clothes & Water Bottle

UNDER 11 TO UNDER 13

Board Sessions

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Bring: Rashie, Cap, Goggles, Runners and Water Bottle
- Board Type: fibreglass (hired) OR foamie (provided)

Click **HERE** for Board Hire Form and Policy

Sand Sessions

- All available sessions
- Bring: Exercise Clothes & Water Bottle

UNDER 14

Under 14s train as part of our senior squad. Please email Kevin Morrison headcoach@kurrawasurf.com.au for more information and the program.

MONTHLY TRAINING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON KURRAWA NIPPERS TEAM APP

JUNIOR CARNIVALS

Club Championships

NEW CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY

Club Championships is an intra club championship held at least once over the 2026/27 Season. The championship is open to Under 8s to Under 14s. Points are awarded to the Top 6 Competitors in each event (*i.e. 1st-6 points, 2nd-5 points, 3rd-4 points etc.).* Age Champion trophies are awarded at our Final Nipper Presentation Day.

UNDER 8S

- Flags, Sprints, Wade & 1km Beach Run

UNDER 9S & UNDER 10S

- Flags, Sprints, Wade, 1km Beach Run, Swim & Board

UNDER 11S TO UNDER 14S

- Flags, Sprints, 1km Beach Run, Swim, Board & Ironperson

JUNIOR CARNIVALS
Surf Sports Competition

Surf Sports Competition begins from the Under 8 Age Group. Carnivals are inter club championships between Gold Coast and Queensland clubs.

- Under 8 to Under 10 carnivals are held over a single day (Saturday/Sunday).
- Under 11 to Under 15 carnivals can be held over a single day or a weekend (or 3 days for QLD Youth State Titles).

EVENTS (TEAMS)

Wade Relay (4)	U8 to U10
Swim Team (4)	U9 to U15
Board Relay (3)	U9 to U15
Cameron Relay (4)	U11 to U15
Board Rescue (2)	U11 to U15

Sprint Relay (4)	U8 to U15
1km Beach Relay (2)	U11 & U12
2km Beach Relay (2)	U13 to U15
All Age Relay (6-10)	U8 to U15

EVENTS (INDIVIDUAL)

Wade	U8 to U10
Surf Race	U9 to U15
Board Race	U9 to U15
Iron-Person	U11 to U15

Sprints	U8 to U15
Flags	U8 to U15
1km Beach Run	U11 & U12
2km Beach Run	U13 to U15

Entry Requirements

If a Nipper is wanting to compete they **MUST** have completed the following:

1. Pool Evaluation Swim
2. Run Swim Run *(*Under 8s Run-Wade-Run)*
3. Competition Swim Evaluation
4. Age Award (before the end of December 2026)

**Steps 2, 3 & 4 automatically occur at Sunday Nippers*

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Kurrawa SLSC Nippers program is volunteer run by parents and guardians.

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!"

Involvement: LEVEL 1

- Drink bottle basket carrier
- Age Group flag carrier

Involvement: LEVEL 2

- Beach set up at 6:30am
- BBQ Roster- click here.
- Beach pack down at 10:30am

Involvement: LEVEL 3

- Age Manager Course
- Surf Rescue Certificate course (aimed at U6 to U14 parents)

DO YOUR CHILDREN COMPETE IN CARNIVALS?

Complete your Technical Officials Online course or gaining your First Aid qualification.

FIND OUT MORE ON THE COURSES PAGE!

COURSES- INVOLVEMENT LEVEL 3

AGE MANAGER COURSE
Lead the Age Group of your choice- preferably the age group of your child.

Prerequisites
- 18yrs+
- Blue Card

To Complete
- Age Manager Course
- Child and Youth Risk Management Strategies Course
- Child Safe Awareness

Format: Online
Duration: approx. 2 hours total

AIMED AT UNDER 6 TO UNDER 14 PARENTS

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (SRC)
- Will allow you to go in the water with Under 6 to Under 14 nippers
- Must have 1:5 ratio of water safety : nippers every Sunday Nippers

Prerequisites
- 13yrs+
- 200m Freestyle under 5mins
- Blue Card

To Complete
- SRC Online Theory
- Child and Youth Risk Management Strategies Course
- Child Safe Awareness

Parents/Guardians can only go into the water with their children once completing this course.

When: Sunday 11th October to Sunday 29th November (every Sunday)
Where: Kurrawa SLSC Training Rooms
Format: 50% Classroom learning and 50% Water activities
Time: 7:30am-11:30am

AIMED AT UNDER 6 TO UNDER 14 PARENTS

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COURSES OR ENROLLMENT, PLEASE CONTACT SIMONE NIPPERADMIN@KURRAWASURF.COM.AU

COURSES- CARNIVAL KIDS

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COURSE

- Permitted to officiate at any carnivals and competitions
- Clubs must supply a 1:8 ratio of officials : competitors at carnivals

Prerequisites

- 16yrs+
- Blue Card
- Child and Youth Risk Management Strategies Course
- Child Safe Awareness

Format: Online
Duration: approx. 3hrs total

AIMED AT PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND CARNIVALS

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

- Clubs must have a 1:8 ratio of first aid personnel : competitors

Prerequisites

- 13yrs+
- Blue Card
- Child and Youth Risk Management Strategies Course
- Child Safe Awareness

Duration: 1 x 6-hour session

AIMED AT PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND CARNIVALS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS INTENDING ON COMPETING THIS 2026/27 SEASON, ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST HOLD EITHER THEIR SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE, TECHNICAL OFFICIALS OR FIRST AID QUALIFICATION AND BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AT CARNIVALS TO ASSIST WITH THE QUOTAS SET BY SURF LIFESAVING QUEENSLAND.

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2026/27 NIPPER SEASON CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

13th	Sign on Day #2
	Welcome to Season Bowls Day!
20th	Proficiency #1
21st-25th	U14 SRC Course
27th	Orientation Day
28th-2nd	U11+ Bootcamp

OCTOBER

4th	2026/27 Nipper Season Starts
9th	Cadet Program: Fright Night
10th	Proficiency #2
	Interbranch Trials
11th	SRC Course Begins
	Bronze Medallion Course Begins
17th-18th	Coolangatta Gold
24th	U11-U13 Young Guns
31st	U8-U10 Lil Squirts Beach

NOVEMBER

7th-8th	GCCT
14th	Proficiency #3
	Cadet Program: GC Aqua Park TBC
21st	U8-U10 Lil Squirts Water
29th	SRC Course Ends

DECEMBER

5th	Cadet Program: Surfing TBC
6th	Bronze Medallion Course Ends
12th	U9& U10 SCB Champs- Water
14th-18th	U11+ Bootcamp
18th	SLSC Office Closes
19th	Members Christmas Party
20th	Nippers Christmas Party

JANUARY

4th	SLSC Office Opens
4th-8th	U11+ Bootcamp
10th	First Nipper Day for 2027
23rd	U8-U10 SCB Champs- BEACH
30th	Cadet Program: Wet N Wild TBC
31st	Bronze Medallion Course Starts

FEBRUARY

12th-14th	U11-U15 SCB Championships
21st	Cadet Program: Rock Climbing TBC

MARCH

7th	Final Nipper day for 2026/27 TBC
11th-14th	QLD Youth Championships
21st	Bronze Medallion Course Ends

APRIL

4th	Nipper End of Season Presentation Day

NIPPER SUNDAYS- FAQ

What do I wear and bring?

- Pink Rashie
- Green Cap/Kurrawa Cap
- Water Bottle
- Goggles (optional)

Where do I meet?

- Kurrawa SLSC (Beachside) in front of your age group flag

What time do I arrive?

- SIGN IN 8:15am (U8-U14) & 8:20am (U6/U7)
- START 8:30am (U8-U14) & 8:40am (U6/U7)

What time does it finish?

- 10:30am (U6-U14)

Where is free parking?

- Kurrawa SLSC car park (WHITE LINED car parks)
- Old Burleigh Road (SOUTH)
- Side streets (SOUTH)

Where is paid parking?

- Oasis Shopping centre car park (3hrs free)
- Old Burleigh Road (NORTH)
- Specific side streets within the Oracle area

COMMUNICATION

Stack Team App is a platform that allows teams and social groups to improve communication by creating their own smartphone app. Download the App, make your own account and request to join our group, **"KURRAWA NIPPERS".**

Join our **"KURRAWA NIPPERS"** Facebook Page for all updated news about our Sunday Nipper Program!

Follow us on Instagram **@KURRAWAKREW** to see all the pictures from Nipper Sundays and Carnivals as well as the other happenings around the Surf Club!

A newsletter (Kurrawa Catch Up) weekly to all members containing information regarding Lifesaving, Surf Sports, Nippers and the Supporters Club. **Subscribe HERE.**

Emails are used for communication between office staff, age managers, coaching staff and members. Therefore, when completing membership forms please make sure your email address is correct.

CONTACTS

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