



Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club Carnival Nippers

Competition Information and Policy

Issued 2017/18 Season

Purpose and Objective

Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club is an inclusive family-oriented club, which aims to foster junior members within the surf lifesaving movement for competition, health, fitness, social well-being and community safety.

The club actively seeks to encourage any or all junior members to participate in Surf Lifesaving Carnivals in addition to the Nippers program run by the club at Bar Beach.

Junior Surf Lifesaving carnivals are open to children participating from Under 8's to Under 14's.

Various activities are included within the competitive environment, with Under 8 competitors starting in a modified format, which excludes deep water activities.

To meet the requirement of Surf Lifesaving Australia (SLSA), NSW SLS and Hunter Branch Surf Lifesaving (HSL) there are several requirements of both the competitors and the Cooks Hill SLSC.

Cooks Hill SLSC also aims to provide resources and policies to foster this competition.

The following information outlines these

Eligibility to compete – Education and Proficiency Swims

1. All prospective competitors must complete the Pool Proficiency swim to be eligible to compete in Carnivals. For Under 9's & up Cooks Hill LS & SC Juniors requires the competitor to have completed the 200m preliminary pool swim prior to attempting the Surf Proficiency swim.
2. All prospective competitors aged Under 9 and up (excludes Under 8's) are required to complete the **Surf Proficiency** swim prior to competing in any carnival. **This is irrespective of whether the competitor participates in water events or not.**
3. All competitors must attend Sunday nipper sessions regularly at Bar Beach. Completion of the prescribed SLSA Education activity for the relevant age group is a pre requisite for entry to some carnivals. This includes the SLSNSW State Age Group Championships.

Officials and Water Safety

For a parent/carer to do either of these roles at a carnival the minimum award requirement is:

- Level 1 Official Award (Official) or
- Surf Rescue Certificate and/or Bronze Medallion (Water Safety)
- Working with Children Check (Official & Water Safety)

The requirements for participation in Carnivals, Cooks Hill SLSC must provide both Officials and Water Safety Personnel.

1. The ratio to be provided by the club is 1 Official and 1 Water Safety per 10 competitors.
2. In the event Cooks Hill SLSC do not have sufficient Officials or Water Safety personnel the clubs participation may be limited by the governing body (SLSA, NSW SLS or HSL) or heavily fined.



3. If this was to occur competitors may need to be withdrawn to meet the required ratios.
4. This will occur on the as follows:
 - a. The withdrawal of competitors will be on the basis of ratios to each of the age groups.
 - b. Choosing within the age group between male & female competitors will also be on the ratios of water safety and officials within this group.
 - c. In the case where more than 1 child is competing in different age groups the contribution to Officials or Water Safety does count to two age groups

Examples:

If an age group has 14 competitors but only 1 water safety and 1 official, then 4 competitors may need to be withdrawn. If the male competitors provided both these officials then it would be the female competitors withdrawn. If one official provided by the males and one by the females, then it would be done on an even basis: 2 males, 2 females withdrawn.

Age Manager(s)

Age Managers' are responsible for the coordination of competitors from their relevant age group during a carnival.

The Age Manager will collect and collate Competitor's results from each event throughout the season. This information will be used by the Selection Panel for selecting team events for Major Championships. All Age Managers must complete a Working With Children Check.

Junior Competition Team Manager

The Junior Competition Team Manager will provide assistance and support to Club Personnel such as Competition Age Managers, Officials and Water Safety, Competition Administrators and Junior Member Athletes to ensure all requirements are met for Surf Sports Competition for Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club Junior Members.

The primary purpose of Team Manager is to efficiently and effectively manage the team during the particular event campaign.

Competition Administrators

Competition Administrators are responsible for completion of entries, via the SLSA Carnival Entry System.

A parent/ carer will be required to act in this role for each age group and liaise with the Junior Competition Team Manager. Volunteers are being sought for these positions. Please come forward and nominate if interested.

The time commitment for this role is expected to be 2-3 hours in the week prior to a carnival. The person would need access to a computer, the Internet and email for completing and receiving entries.

Uniforms

1. Cooks Hill SLSC will provide **New Competitor members** in the age groups where coloured caps are worn with a tri colour cap. **This excludes replacement caps.**



2. All Cooks Hill Competitors will wear a hi-visibility pink rashie during surf proficiency, competition and training.

Competition Entry, Fees and Equipment

Included in the competitors' fee for Cooks Hill SLSC are carnival entry fees as per the table below.

This is only for entries received and completed within the allotted time frames. – Usually the Friday (one week) prior to the carnival - **Any late entry fees are payable by the competitor – this includes the standard fee and the late entry fee.**

In the event of non-attendance at an entered carnival Entry fees will also be payable by the competitor. (Extenuating circumstances may be considered.)

Entry to Hunter Surf Lifesaving Carnivals is via an on line entry system and **all entries must be confirmed by email to Competition Administrators at least 5 days before the entry system closes.** (Branch Carnivals – entries by the Friday of the week before prior to carnival)

Competitor members of Cooks Hill SLSC receive first preference in the hire of equipment for use in competition and training.

To hire paddle boards a fee is payable and a Board Hire Agreement must be completed. (See Board Hire Loan Agreement document for costs and obligations of hire)

2017/18 Fees Schedule

	Season Fee
1. Tier 1 - Competitor Fee – paid at time of Registrations and includes Hunter Branch Carnivals, Forster Weekend of Surf, 1 Central Coast Branch Carnival, Hunter Branch Championships & NSW State Championship Entry	\$100
2. Tier 1 Family Competition Fee for 2 or more children	\$200
3. Tier 2 - Competitor Fee – paid at time of Registrations includes all entries in Tier 1, plus all other Central Coast Branch Carnivals, other SLSNSW sanctioned surf sports events as gazetted in the NSW competition calendar and ratified by Cooks Hill SLSC.	\$150
4. Tier 2 Family Competition Fee for 2 or more children	\$300
5. Tier 3 - PAYG - Single Carnival Entry – one off basis Note: this does not include compulsory equipment. Additional fees need to be paid for CH Caps \$20 & HSL High Vis vests \$10	\$20

Specifically excluded from the fees paid by Cooks Hill SLSC are oceans swims, events not sanctioned by SLSNSW and events run for the profit of specific clubs or organisations.

Selection Policies



This junior policy aims to give all competitors the opportunity to compete at the highest level and also to ensure competition is fostered at all levels.

The Age Manager(s), or their delegate(s)*, who participate and organise carnival competitors, will select teams for their respective Age Group.

*For Major Championships a selection panel may be used. The selection panel will be chosen by the following; Junior Activities Co-ordinator, Junior Competition Team Manager and the Director of Surf Sports. The number of members of the panel will be also be determined by Junior Activities Co-ordinator, Junior Competition Team Manager and the Director of Surf Sports. To eliminate bias, where a conflict of interest might occur, there must be a majority vote excluding the selector at risk.

Team Selection shall be based on the principal of choosing the most competitive team available. Teams are primarily selected on individual performances in events from which the teams are formed. Teams are selected from individual participants in the relevant age group.

Where an age group has insufficient members to constitute a team, members from the age group below may be considered.

Priority is given to individuals in the correct age group.

Making up a team in a higher age group shall not jeopardise a participant's ability to compete in their correct age events (teams or individual).

- **Branch Carnivals – Hunter Branch**

(Local Carnivals, currently the Newcastle Permanent Building Society Series)

The best team is picked from **results on that day** or in the case where the team event is run prior or concurrently with the individual event, from the previous carnival results.

Membership of successful teams does not override individual performance.

- **Major Championships** includes Hunter Branch, NSW SLS State Age Championships

Given the nature of surf sports, i.e. variability of conditions, selection criteria for Major Championships will be over a series of performances.

The best team available is selected from performances over the whole season, with the emphasis on recent performances.

Criteria for team selection:

- Financial Member, who has completed their required Education Award and in U14's with SRC, carried out the required patrol hours
- Results collated by Age Managers from all carnivals attended by competitors
- Competitor's ability in relevant conditions for example large swell, flat conditions, speed up the beach, and changing of batons
- Advice, regarding competitors' abilities, skills & strengths, by Age Manager(s) and/or coaches

Notification of Team Selection:



All competitors will be notified of team selections prior to a Major Championship being held. 72 hours notice (where possible) shall be provided.

Dispute Process

Where a competitor and their representative (parent, guardian or other) dispute a team selection the following steps are to be taken;

- Discuss with the Competition Age Manager(s). If not satisfied with the response/action then;
- Present the case, along with the Competition Age Manager(s) to the Junior Competition Review Panel. If not satisfied with the response/action then;
- Present the case to the Club President or Director of Surf Sports (whose decision shall be final)

The Junior Competition Review Panel shall be appointed by the Director of Surf Sports, The Junior Activities Coordinator and the Junior Competition Team Manager.

The panel shall comprise of a minimum of three persons.

Appeal Process (Carnival Race Result)

Where a competitor and their representative (parent, guardian or other) wish to appeal a race result at a carnival, the following steps are to be taken;

- Discuss with the Competition Age Manager(s). Should the Age Manager(s) agree, then the issue will be brought to the attention of the Team Manager.
- Present the case to the Junior Competition Team Manager(s). Should the Team Manager agree, then;
- The Team Manager will present the case to the Carnival Organisers (along with the relevant sum of money requested in order to overturn a decision)



A Competitor Code of Conduct governs both Competitors and their Parents/Carers.

Competitor Code of Conduct

1. All competitors will be directed by the Junior Competition Team Manager and the Cooks Hill LS & SC Junior Committee.
2. Surf Lifesaving is a team environment. Surf Sports have both individual and team elements. It is expected that at all time competitors will make themselves available for team selection. Team participation is a guiding principle at Cooks Hill. Once selected in a team, competitors will try to the utmost of their ability.
3. All Cooks Hill Juniors are expected to compete in a fair and honest way, upholding the highest possible sportsmanship. Celebrate victory, be gracious in defeat but foremost try their best.

Competitors Acknowledgement of Competition Policy and the Code of Conduct

Name Signature

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

1. All parents/carers accept the principals and terms and conditions within this document and will undertake to resolve any issues, which may arise in good faith through normal dispute procedures. Raise the issue with the person in question, then if unresolved to the relevant Age Manager, then the Junior Committee and if required the Cooks Hill LS & SC Committee.
2. Parents will encourage their children to abide by the code of conduct.
3. Acknowledge that this is children’s sport and the primary objective is participation & fun for all.
4. Will not interact with any child in manner threatening or detrimental to that child.

Parent/Carer acknowledgement of Competition Policy and the Code of Conduct:

Name Signature

Junior Committee

For and on behalf of Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club Committee