

# BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

## Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation

At Bronte SLSC (the **Club**) we encourage all interested Nippers to participate in Nipper Carnivals. There are a range of Carnivals, from local Carnivals through to Sydney Branch and NSW State Championships.

Competition includes:

- Sand events: individual sprints, sprint relays, all-age sprint relay, flags, 1km and 2km beach runs
- Water Events U9-U10: individual surf race (swim), surf team race, individual board, board relay, all-age board relay
- Water Events U11-U14: individual surf race (swim), surf team race, individual board, board relay, all-age board relay, ironperson, board rescue, cameron relay

The Club provides a comprehensive training program for Nippers. Most information regarding Carnivals is circulated via the specific training group communications.

### Eligibility Criteria – general / local carnivals

Subject to the below, all Nippers who have passed their swim proficiency assessments (preliminary/pool and ocean/competition) and had them entered by the Club into the SLS National database (Surfguard) before 31 December, are eligible to compete at Carnivals. Competitors at Branch and State Championships must also have achieved their relevant age group education award obtained through regular participation at Sunday Nippers. Some events at NSW State Championships (eg. Ironperson, Board Rescue and All Age Relays) require qualification at the Sydney Branch Carnival. All Nippers must represent the Club in a sportsman-like manner at all times.

Local, club-run carnivals: The main local carnival is the Waverley Shield. Other Clubs will run a number of carnivals throughout the season that Nippers are welcome to attend.

### Eligibility Criteria – Sydney Branch and NSW State Championships

Sydney Branch Carnival and NSW State Championships are championship carnivals for top competitors who participate in regular training. The Club encourages the following Nippers to attend:

1. Nippers enrolled in the Club's board training program.
2. U14 who participate in the Club's cadet board training program.
3. Nippers enrolled in the Club's sand training program.
4. Nippers who are enrolled in swim squads at least twice per week (minimum).

Nippers who do not satisfy the above 4 requirements can only attend the NSW State Championships to make up team numbers for particular age groups as jointly approved by their Age Manager and the head of Water Sports and/or Sand Sports (whichever is relevant).

## The Club pays for:

- Any external trainers employed by the Club.
- Carnival entry fees for Nippers who have applied to enter a Carnival via the Club Office prior to the carnival-entry close-off date.
- Bronte Team Uniform for State Championships only and at its discretion. Competitors will need to buy their own swimwear, rashie and competition cap.
- Basic boards owned by the Club and loaned to competitors at the Club's discretion. The Club is not obliged to provide equipment for every competitor.

Nipper training fees contribute towards the above.

## The Club does not pay for\*:

- Carnival entries received after the closing date, including on-the-day entries;
- NSW State Championship uniform for Nippers who are not enrolled in, or who have not paid for, Bronte board or sand training squads (these families are charged a uniform levy of \$50 per Nipper).
- Transportation of equipment to or from carnivals;
- Ancillary costs for carnival participation such as transport, accommodation and meals; or
- Entry fees for Competitors who enter and who do not participate. Those competitors will be required to reimburse the Club for their entry fees.

*\*unless in extenuating circumstances as approved by the Nipper Committee.*

## Parent volunteer requirements

Carnivals are volunteer-run and the Club is obliged to send a quota of water safety and officials corresponding to entry numbers. Nippers are not permitted to compete unless the Club has fulfilled its volunteer quotas. Any family who sends a Nipper to compete **must expect to volunteer**. If you are not water safety, you will need to do the Officials Course (see details [here](#)). Other volunteer roles include transport of the IRB as well as tent set up and pack down.

If your child intends to compete at Branch or at State, please start preparing early: enrol them in the required training and achieve your own relevant qualifications (official or water safety). Neither can be done last minute.

If, for a particular Carnival, the Club's quotas are not fulfilled and the Club is not able to enter all interested Nippers, the Nippers of officials and water safety will be prioritised.

## Selection policy for team events

The objective of the selection policy is to select the strongest team(s) to represent the Club in each Age Group. To be eligible for selection the following criteria will be taken into account by age managers and the Competition Committee:

1. Attendance and performance at Club Championships
2. Attendance and performance at Waverley Shield and Sydney Branch Carnivals.

3. Attendance at Nippers (required for Surf Education purposes). A minimum attendance at four normal Nipper sessions is required before State Carnival. In circumstances when a child has been unable to attend the required number due to circumstances outside their control such as illness or family reasons this minimum can be waived.
4. Performance at other carnivals held throughout the season. However, stronger consideration will be given to performance in carnivals towards the end of the season.

The responsibility for picking the teams is with the Age Manager in consultation with the Competition Committee. In the event that there is a conflict, that person will abstain and a third independent person will be brought in. The Competition Committee will include the water and sand coaches.

The Competition Committee will be responsible for selecting the All Age Board Relay and the All Age Beach Relay.

The Competition Committee's decision is final and no further correspondence will be taken into account.