



NIPPER COMPETITION HANDBOOK



Season 2016-2017



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1 INTRODUCTION

Carnivals and competition are an excellent way of increasing fitness levels, surf skills, competition skills, developing self-esteem and confidence, sportsmanship and social skills as well as being great for building team spirit.

All Venus Bay SLSC Nippers who complete their relevant Preliminary swim and Competition Evaluation assessments are eligible and welcome to compete at carnivals. (Please refer to the Parents Handbook for details)

PLEASE NOTE: Team selection criteria (Appendix 1), training attendance and involvement & results, as well as Nippers session results will be considered

It is important that all children be allowed to enjoy the friendliness and rewards that competition can bring without feeling pressured. All Venus Bay SLSC Nippers will be offered the opportunity to attend carnivals and compete, provided they have a competent skill level.

Competition events includes: Wade, Swim, Board, Sprints, Beach Run, Flags, Aqua Cameron, Iron Person for individuals and teams.

U8s	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				
U9s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
U10s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
U11s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
U12s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
U13s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
U14s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Age Group	Flags	Beach Sprint	500m 1km	Surf All (swim)	Board All	Iron	Wade Ind	Wade Relay	Aqua Cam	Belt & Reel	Board Rescue	R&R

2 THE COMPETITION CALENDAR

At Venus Bay SLSC we carefully select the Carnivals we aim to participate in each year.

DATE	CARNIVAL	LOCATION	ENTRY FEE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE/TIME	SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
31 st Dec 2016	Competition Information Session. All interested must attend.	VBSLSC			
Saturday 7 th Jan 2017	Venus Bay – Inverloch Carnival	Inverloch			
Saturday 21 st Jan 2017	Junior State Carnival #4 (State Qualifying Carnival)	Chelsea	\$23	Sunday 18 th December - 4pm	Program
Sunday 5 th Feb 2017	Junior State Carnival #5	Mount Martha	\$23	Sunday 22 nd January – 4pm	Program
Sunday 12 th Feb 2017	Junior State Carnival #6 (State Qualifying Carnival)	Lorne	\$23	Sunday 29 th January - 4pm	Program
Sunday 26 th Feb 2017	Junior State Carnival #7	Hampton	\$23	Sunday 12 th February - 4pm	Program
Saturday 11 th & Sunday 12 th March 2017	Victorian Junior Championships	Warrnambool SLSC	\$36	Sunday 19 th February - 4pm	TBC

This season sees the introduction of a new qualification process for the State Championships. There will be two qualifying carnivals (held at Chelsea Longbeach SLSC and Lorne SLSC). Competitors can attend either or both of the qualifying carnivals. It is important that teams entered for the Qualifying Carnival(s) can also compete at the States. If you cannot compete at Victoria Junior Championships March 12th & 13th you will need to advise Dave Knights prior to competing at either of these carnivals.

Teams are chosen by the Competition Co-ordinator in conjunction with the Head Coach and Junior Co-ordinator with information provided by each age manager.

3 HOW TO REGISTER

All Carnival commitments and payments must be made by the end of Nippers Presentation Day (Jan 14th 2017). Payment must be made via Direct Deposit to Venus Bay SLSC. Direct deposit details are as follows:

VENUS BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

BSB **633 108**
Account **147372700**
Reference **CF (Surname)**

Once you have completed the payment process, please email a copy of receipt to Dave Knights – Carnival Co-ordinator (david.g.knights@gmail.com). The email also needs the following information for each child entered:

1. Child's name
2. Age group of child (eg. Under 10)
3. Carnival(s) entered
4. Any other comments; and
5. The direct deposit receipt (a screen shot will suffice)

Once your payment and email have been received, Venus Bay SLSC will register your child with Lifesaving Victoria to attend the carnival(s).

Entry fees must be paid by due date – **no late entries, no entries on the day.**

Please note: No Refund if a child is withdrawn from a carnival

4 ON THE DAY

4.1 *Nipper Uniforms/Dress Code*

Your child will need to have the following items:

- Bathers
- Club cap
- Club Hi-vis rash vest (Must be new each competition season due to LSV ruling).
- Rash vest/top which covers the shoulders (*this is mandatory for marshalling*)
- Wide brim or bucket style hat or legionnaire style cap (*this is mandatory for marshalling*)
- Sun block (at least SPF 30+) applied and spare for application during day
- Goggles
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Wetsuit (allowed at carnivals on colder days)

Club rash vest, bathers, wide brim hats and caps (age group and club) are available for purchase at the clubhouse. **Please Ensure All Belongings Are Clearly Labelled.**

4.2 *Carnival Program*

The carnival programs are available on [LSV Events Calendar](#)

All activity areas on the day will be marked by Age Flags (coloured). The main thing when you arrive is to remember the colour of the Flag for your child's age group. For all carnivals, they are as follows:

- Under 8 Area – Red Flag
- Under 9 Area – Purple Flag
- Under 10 Area – Yellow Flag
- Under 11 Area – White Flag
- Under 12 Area – Blue Flag
- Under 13 Area – Green Flag
- Under 14 Area – Black Flag

These flags will move around as the Age groups work through the carnival program (moving from beach to water events).

5 AS PARENTS WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Firstly, ensure that your child is completely rested for the carnival day and you arrive on time for warm up.

As a parent you will be expected to assist at any carnival where your child competes.

At least one parent of each competing nipper must become an Official, Age Manager or Water Safety Officer for each carnival. Our club cannot participate in carnivals without the required number of Officials and Water Safety Officers (as dictated to us by LSV). Courses are run either through LSV or at Venus Bay SLSC.

At the carnival there are a number of task that need to be completed prior to the start of competition and at the end of the day. All families **MUST** be available to assist with this. A meeting place and time will be arranged prior to each carnival.

At carnivals, **we will be allocating a parent per age group per gender** to act as an age manager. The competition age manager does not have to have any qualifications and will be in charge of marshalling the Venus Bay group for that age group, making sure they have sunscreen, drink water, and are appropriately dressed (ie hat and top for marshalling, warm clothes if it is cold, wetsuit if it is allowed).



6 CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the Codes of Behaviour as outlined in the Nipper Parent Handbook.

7 KEY CONTACTS - COMPETITION

Please contact either of the below regarding any Competition related query:

Dave Knights – Competition co-ordinator

david.g.knights@gmail.com

0438310810

David Cumming – Competition training

cumminggang@bigpond.com

0438 831 376



TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA - APPENDIX 1

Surf lifesaving is a sport unto itself, just like any other sport it require training and commitment.

- Each competitor will attend as many training sessions as possible, and perform consistently to the best of their ability. Attendance at training will be noted.
- When receiving notification with regards to training sessions. Please acknowledge receipt with your attendance or non-attendance.
- Results from trials at training sessions, club championship and results from previous carnivals will be considered when making team selection and allocating events.