

# Nipper Parent Involvement Policy



## **Background**

The Point Leo SLSC Junior program may be considered to consist of two complementary components:

- 1) The Junior Surf Lifesaving Program (JSLP), consisting of 9-10 activity sessions and is traditionally conducted during the December/January school holidays.
- 2) The Junior Competition Team, which is available to nippers who wish to compete for Point Leo SLSC at Junior Carnivals. All age-appropriate nippers participating in the JSLP are welcome to join the competition team but are required to pay an additional competition fee.

Further details are available in the Point Leo Junior Surf Lifesaving Program Handbook.

## **Nipper Parent Assistance and Responsibilities**

As per the club constitution it is a requirement of junior membership that at least one parent or guardian must also become a club member.

It is required that at least one parent or guardian be present whilst their child is engaged in junior program activities. It is also expected that parents (or guardians) assist in some capacity during the Junior Lifesaving program. Accordingly, parents (or guardians) must complete the Junior Parent Assistance form and nominate a duty or activity they are willing to assist with. Junior registrations will not be considered without this completed form. Parents (or guardians) who consistently fail to fulfil their assistance obligations may have future junior membership applications rejected or current membership reviewed.

## **Competition Team Parent Responsibilities**

We encourage all Juniors who join the JSLP to become members of our Junior Competition Team.

Parents with Juniors competing for Point Leo are expected to obtain at least one of the following LSV awards: Level 0 Sport Official Award (or higher), Bronze Medallion (or higher), Age Managers Award. Exceptions to this requirement are at the discretion of the Competition Team Coordinator.

Opportunities to obtain these awards will be facilitated by Point Leo SLSC. Competitors may be excluded from competition carnivals if their parent(s) do not possess a suitable LSV award. Parents of children in their first year of competition are exempt from these competition award requirements.