



NIPPER Quick Reference 2025-26

Welcome to the start of an exciting new season 2025-26 at West Beach SLSC!

We're thrilled to have you join our surf family for another fantastic year of riding the waves and making unforgettable memories.

While this season may look a little different from our usual program due to the algal bloom, we have a range of contingency plans to ensure we can still deliver a fun, safe, and engaging experience for all our nippers at West Beach Surf Life Saving Club. We have an SLSSA approved risk assessment to ensure suitable water quality at the beach. Where beach conditions are not favourable, we have a number of alternate locations, which may include: Other local beaches which meet the SLSSA approved risk assessment, Immanuel College Pool, West Beach Primary Pool, West Beach Parks, West Lakes (River) and Murray Bridge (River).

Locations and events may change due to risk assessment - please check Spond day prior.

As we dive into the season, we want to remind everyone of the core values that make our club special:



We are looking forward to the fun, fitness and friendships of the Surf Life Saving Junior program, as we support our nippers to grow in confidence, knowledge and skills in the beach and surrounding environment.

Our club is more than just a place to head to the beach; it's a community. Parents and carers play a vital role in making our club successful. We need everyone to get involved, whether it's helping out with events, supporting by taking on a role, or lending a hand on the beach. Your participation enables our program, strengthens our community and helps create a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

A special thanks in advance to our volunteer team who have already put so much time and effort into planning and preparing for a great season.

Let's make the most of every session, support each other, and continue to embody these values both on and off the water. Here's to an amazing season ahead!

See you on Saturdays!

Darren Tinkham

Director of Juniors and Youth Development

West Beach SLSC Junior Committee:





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Nipper Sessions		
School Term Dates - From 18 th October (1 st November for U6-7)		
AGE GROUP	START TIME	FINISH TIME
U6 - U7	2pm	3pm
U8	1.30pm	3.15pm
U9 - U13	1.30pm	3.45pm
Summer Holiday Dates - 3 Jan, 10 Jan, 17 Jan, 24 Jan		
AGE GROUP	START TIME	FINISH TIME
U6 - U7	10am	11am
U8	9.30am	11.15am
U9-U13	9.30am	11.45am
Please sign in 10 minutes before start time		

What to wear/bring to nipper sessions:

- Nippers are to wear their age group colour cap (available from uniform shop)
- A fluoro, hi-viz lycra vest during water activities is compulsory (available from uniform shop)
- Bathers & rash vest (or suitable attire to wear in the water)
- Broad brimmed hat (or legionnaires style)
- Sunscreen (applied before getting to the beach), towel and water bottle are essential
- Long sleeved t-shirt (WBSLSC Nipper top available from uniform shop)
- Goggles (optional but recommended)
- Medication (if required)

Parent/carer should also be sunsmart (ie hat, sunscreen, clothing). Please label all items.

*There is a lost property container in the nippers trailer

Carnivals for U8-U13		
Date	Details	Notes
Sat 15/11/25	Local Area Carnival 1 – Venue TBA	PM (tbc), replaces Nipper training
Sun 7/12/25	Junior Carnival 2 – Seacliff Beach	All day, Nipper session Sat as normal
Sat 17/1/26	Junior Carnival 3 – Semaphore SLSC	All day, Nipper session U6/7 as normal
Sat 24/1/26	Champion Lifesaver State Championships – Venue TBA	Half day, Nipper session as normal
Sat 7/2/26	Junior Carnival 4 – Port Elliot SLSC	All day, Nipper session U6/7 as normal
Sat 21/2/26	R&R State Championships – Christies Beach	Half day, Nipper session as normal
Sun 22/2/26	Junior State Championships Day 1 – Christies Beach	All day, Nipper session Sat as normal
Sat 14/3/26	Junior State Championships Day 2 – Port Noarlunga	All day (individual events)
Sun 15/3/26	Junior State Championships Day 3 – Port Noarlunga	All Day (team events)

What to wear/bring to carnivals:

- Uniform (Club bathers, Club comp top, Club comp cap, Broad brim hat, Hi-vis vest) - all available from uniform shop
- Sunscreen (reapply during the day), Towel, Goggles, thongs / beach shoes
- You will require plenty of water and good nutritional food to last the day
- Your board and surf wax if you own your own board
- West Beach tents are provided for use by our members and families

Parents/carers are welcome to bring your own umbrella/tent/chair and sit nearby

**Uniform items can be purchased at the club before nipper sessions

Nipper Schedule 2025-2026:

Week	Day	Date	Event	Age Groups	Set Up	Pack Up	BBQ	
1	Sat	19/10/25	Session held at iSwim (Immanuel College)	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U13	U11	U10	
2	Sat	25/10/25	Session held at iSwim (Immanuel College)	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U12	U8	U9	
3	Sat	1/11/25	Halloween Disco after Nippers	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U11	U10	U13	
4	Sat	8/11/25	U12/13 Camp	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U8	U9	U11	
JC1	Sat	15/11/25	Local Area Carnival (venue TBA)	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	To be advised			
5	Sat	22/11/25		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U10	U13	U12	
6	Sat	29/11/25		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U9	U12	U8	
7	Sat	6/12/25		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U11	U8	U10	
JC2	Sun	7/12/25	Junior Carnival - Seacliff beach	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Trailer/Boards - U10 Tents/Equip - U13			
8	Sat	13/12/25	Xmas Fun Day	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U13	U12	U9	
		20/12/25	No session					
		27/12/25	No session					
9	Sat	3/1/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U10	U11	U12	
10	Sat	10/1/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U8	U9	U7	
11	Fri	16/1/26	Friday night session	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U12	U13		
	Sat	17/1/26	only U6/U7 session at WB	U6, U7	U7	U6		
JC3	Sat	17/1/26	Junior Carnival - Semaphore SLSC	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Trailer/Boards - U9 Tents/Equip - U8			
12	Sat	24/1/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U9	U10	U6	
SC	Sat	24/1/26	Champion Lifesaver State Champs - Glenelg	U10, U11, U12, U13				
13	Sat	31/1/26	Club Champs (U9-U13)	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U11	U12	U8	
JC4	Sat	7/2/26	Junior Carnival - Port Elliot SLSC	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Trailer/Boards - U12 Tents/Equip - U11			
14	Sat	7/2/26	only U6/U7 session at WB	U6, U7	U6	U7		
15	Sat	14/2/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U10	U9	U11	
16	Sat	21/2/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U8	U12	U13	
SC	Sat	21/2/26	R&R State Champs - Christies Beach	U10, U11, U12, U13				
JSC1	Sun	22/2/26	Junior State Champs Day 1 - Christies Beach	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Trailer/Boards - U13 Tents/Equip - U12			
17	Sat	28/2/26		U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U9	U11	U10	
18	Mon	9/3/26	Long Weekend Monday PM session	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	U13	U8		
Event	Wed	11/3/26	Pre-states Team Dinner @ Club	State Champs competitors & families (bookings & \$\$ required)				
19	Sat	14/3/26	only U6/U7 session at WB	U6, U7	U7	U6		
JSC2	Sat	14/3/26	Junior State Champs Day 2 - Pt Noarlunga	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Trailer/Boards - U11 Tents/Equip - U10			
JSC3	Sun	15/3/26	Junior State Champs Day 3 - Pt Noarlunga	U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13	Tents/Equip - U9			
Pres	Sat	28/3/26	Nipper Presentation Night	Staggered age groups from 4pm				

For discipline specific training sessions, please check Spond for eligibility & RSVPs

KEY

PM Session:

U6/U7 = 2-3pm
U8 = 1:30pm-3:15pm
U9-U13 = 1:30pm-3:45pm

AM Session:

U6/U7 = 10-11am
U8 = 9:30am-11:15am
U9-U13 = 9:30am-11:45am

Junior Carnivals / Competitions

Sat 15 Nov = Local Area Carnival (U8-U13); PM
Sun 7 Dec = times TBC (U8-U13); AM start
Sat 17 Jan = times TBC (U8-U13); AM start
Sat 24 Jan = Champ Lifesaver (U12+)
Sun 25 Jan = Beach carnival (U11+)
Sat 7 Feb = Country carnival; (U8-U13); AM start
Sat 21 Feb = R&R State Champs (U10+)
Sun 22 Feb = Junior States Day 1 (U8-U13); times TBC
Sat 14 Mar = Junior States Day 2 (U8-U13); all day
Sun 15 Mar = Junior States Day 3 (U8-U13); all day

FRI 16 Jan:

U6/U7 = 6-7pm
U8-U13 = 6-7:30pm

MON 9 Mar:

U6/U7 = 3-4pm
U8-U13 = 3-5pm

Events to be held at West Beach SLSC Bistro - refer details closer to date

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NIPPER AGE GROUP REFERENCE 2025-26

Age Group	Birthdate Range	Age Group Leader/s	Parent Liaison Officer/s	Cap Colour
Under 6	1 Oct 2019 - 30 Sept 2020	TBA	TBA	Orange
Under 7	1 Oct 2018 - 30 Sept 2019	TBA	TBA	Magenta
Under 8	1 Oct 2017 - 30 Sept 2018	Brad Price, Campbell Pegg	Toni Gluszkowski	Green
Under 9	1 Oct 2016 - 30 Sept 2017	Stephen Perry, Alice Gerlach	Vanessa Umoren, Kim Boundey	Dark Blue
Under 10	1 Oct 2015 - 30 Sept 2016	Luke Best, Kerry-Anne Brown, Cam Willis	Taren Brockhouse	Red
Under 11	1 Oct 2014 - 30 Sept 2015	Sally Linke, Ly Galanos	Ly Galanos	White
Under 12	1 Oct 2013 - 30 Sept 2014	Sarah Tinkham, Matt Sharman	Sarah Price	Yellow
Under 13	1 Oct 2012 - 30 Sept 2013	Mel Davis-Bishop, Craig Jager	Sacha Steinhardt	Blue