

NIPPERS & PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Nippers Code of Conduct

- Abide by the General Code of Conduct
- Follow the rules of Surf Lifesaving Australia at all times
- Participate and train for the fun of it, not to please your parents or coaches
- Never show off or brag
- Give your best at all times and work hard to improve yourself
- Control your temper; verbal or physical abuse is not acceptable
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team
- Treat all surf lifesaving participants, as you would like to be treated
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor or teammate
- Be a good sport; cheer all other good performances of your team and opposition
- Never argue with an official; ask your Age Group Manager to make the necessary enquiries and use the appropriate rules and guidelines to resolve a dispute
- Cooperate with your Age Group Managers, teammates, opponents, Club committee members, event staff and officials
- Participate for your own enjoyment, not to satisfy the expectations of others

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- Abide by the General Code of Conduct
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Wearing your child's medal is not appropriate.
- Encourage children to participate, don't force them
- That an honest effort is as important as victory
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example
- Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants
- Applaud good surf lifesaving performances by your child, their team and opposition
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' and Age Group Manager's decisions and teach children to do likewise, do not publicly question them
- Show appreciation for coaches, Age Group Manager's and officials. Do not try to "coach" them. Recognise their efforts as volunteers. Without them your child would not be able to participate
- Discuss any issues that arise during a competition with your child's Age Group Manager, Club committee member or Child Safety Officer in the appropriate forum