



JUNIOR COMPETITOR POLICY & AGREEMENT

The following Policy statement was adopted at the Management Committee meeting held in February 2022

This policy is for all Junior Competitive Members of the Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club (CSLSC). A Junior Competitive Member is defined in this document as a registered Junior Activities Member, has completed the necessary pre-requisite evaluations and awards, who holds their competitive rights at Coolangatta SLSC and participates in carnivals associated with surf lifesaving as a representative of Coolangatta SLSC.

This Policy outlines the roles, responsibilities and expectations of competing members and the Club. The Junior Activities Member and their parent/guardian is responsible to ensure they understand and meet the expectations as outlined within this Junior Competitor Policy.

All members, including competitive members of CSLSC are expected to adhere to the SLSA Code of Conduct.

Further, it is important members and their parent/guardian are familiar with and adhere to the current Surf Sports Manual (particularly section 2.3.5 - Under 8 to Under 14 Years) and SLSA Guidelines for Competition Eligibility.

As a CSLSC junior competitor and parent/ guardian you understand and agree that:

1. Junior Competitors who have not completed 60% attendance for CSLSC Nippers but wish to compete for the club will be considered on a case-by-case basis via written request to the Management Committee.
2. If a competitor withdraws without an acceptable reason or does not attend a carnival/ competition paid for by the Club, the member is responsible to repay the full carnival entry fees. Fees should be repaid to the club within three weeks.
3. In the case where a late entry fee is incurred due to the fault of the competitor, the competitor will be responsible for the late entry component.
4. In the case carnival entry fees are not repaid, the competitor will not be entered into any further carnivals and be unable to participate in club championship rounds.
5. Junior Competitors arrange and pay for their transport to and from the competition/carnival, and accommodation and meals associated with the event. In the case a club bus or gear trailer is being arranged, the club will cover associated costs.
6. All junior competitors and/or parent/ guardian must participate in Club rostered raffles and at least two club sanctioned fundraising activities each season. Activities include but are not limited to Cooly Rocks On, Coolangatta Gold and Qld Life Savers Appeal or other Club fundraising events. Fundraising allows for the club to cover entry fees, update and upgrade equipment and keep our facilities clean and tidy and safe.
7. For training sessions, all members are expected to:
 - Wear their hi-visibility vests
 - Arrive at LEAST 10 minutes before training to prepare and sign attendance sheet
8. Attend as agreed by the coach and actively participate, whilst enjoying the session and respecting the coach's advice.
9. Where applicable, attend regular coaching sessions and/or private swim training as agreed with the Coach.
10. Team selections will be determined on merit across the following areas:
 - Previous carnival results
 - Attendance and results at Club Championship rounds
 - Attendance and performance at training
 - Attendance at weekly nippers – a minimum of 75% attendance at nipper days throughout the season.

11. The responsibility for selecting teams lies with the relevant Team/Age Manager(s) and Coach. Competitors will be informed prior to the competition/carnival. In the event of any dispute, the issue will be referred to Junior Activities Coordinator whose decision will be final.
12. Changes to teams are sometimes required on the day due to no show of team members, water conditions, injuries, or fatigue. This decision will be made by the relevant Team/Age Manager(s) and Coach and all affected parties will be informed as soon as possible. This can lead to disappointment but will only happen in circumstances outside of the Team/Age Manager(s) control. If a competitor is in a team event, please inform the Team/Age(s) Manager as soon as possible if you are no longer able to attend the carnival or compete in the team event.
13. Junior Competitors must compete and represent CSLSC in the approved club swim wear and uniform (as applicable).
14. Where a competitor borrows Club equipment that competitor is responsible for the safe keeping and return of that equipment in the same condition. In the case of damage to club equipment, caused by reckless behaviour or misuse of the equipment, the competitor will be liable for the associated costs of repair and/or replacement.

Within the financial means of the club, the CSLSC will provide competitors:

1. Access to coaching and training facilities for Surf Sports disciplines as they see fit.
2. Access to store the necessary equipment at the Club in accordance with the Craft Storage Policy.
3. Service, maintain and repairs to competition Club equipment including boards within the approved budget except where damage is due to reckless behaviour or misuse.
4. Payment of competition entry fees for all Surf Life Saving sanctioned events and carnivals and attend to all interstate clearances. Other events may be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis where cost, location and number of members participating will be taken into consideration
5. CSLSC will cover the costs of transporting surf craft and IRBs to carnivals within QLD and Nth NSW. Interstate events and state representative carnivals will be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Board will make the necessary decision upon receiving a formal proposal with a minimum of two quotes attached for consideration.

As a junior competitor of Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club, I understand and agree to the above Junior Competitors Policy.

Competitor Name _____

Competitor Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Competitor's Parent/ Guardian Name _____

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