

# Sydney Wet'n'Wild Community Nippers – Frequently Asked Questions



## Who can join Sydney Wet'n'Wild Community Nippers?

Anyone who fits within the age range of Nippers (at least five years old) and is keen to have fun and learn valuable beach safety skills is more than welcome to join our Nippers program! If you have friends and family who are interested, encourage them to get involved – the more the merrier!

## How long does Nippers go for?

Every Sunday morning for the duration of an 8 week season, starting at 7.30am and finishing at 9.00am. You really need to be on time as we start activities at 7.30am sharp and we wouldn't want you to miss out on any of the fun!

## What do we need to bring?

You will need to wear your own swimwear. You will be given a high visibility singlet top that must be worn throughout the program and an age coloured skull cap. Wetsuits are acceptable, but please make sure that it fits properly otherwise it may make activities a little bit harder. Please remember to bring a drink bottle, sunscreen, thongs/shoes (the ground can get a little hot!) and a towel to each session. Additionally, goggles are optional but recommended if your eyes are sensitive (most prefer to wear goggles). All other equipment for the activities will be supplied by SLSNSW and Wet'n'Wild Sydney. Please do NOT bring your own boards, surf equipment or water play items. If you have any medication, such as an asthma puffer, please do not forget that either! You are more than welcome to leave this with your age manager, parent or guardian, but either way please notify your age manager of any necessary medication.

## What age group am I in?

Age groups, for both Wet'n'Wild and beach Nippers, are determined by the Nipper's current age that of the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. If you have a birthday during the season, you will remain in the age group that you started in.

Age groups

1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005	U/14
1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006	U/13
1st October 2006 to 30th September 2007	U/12
1st October 2007 to 30th September 2008	U/11
1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009	U/10
1st October 2009 to 30th September 2010	U/9
1st October 2010 to 30th September 2011	U/8
1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012	U/7
1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013	U/6

## Do I need to be able to swim?

Yes. To ensure safety in the water, all Nippers will need to uphold some very basic swimming requirements. Don't worry – they are not too difficult to achieve! If you are not quite there yet we are more than happy to refer you to

some local swim schools so we can see you next season! If you are unsure of your child's ability, please feel free to contact us.

### **Do I need to purchase a Wet'n'Wild Sydney Season Pass?**

All Nippers and their attending parent/career are required to purchase season passes to Wet'n'Wild Sydney. For more information about these passes please visit the [Wet'n'Wild Sydney website](#).

### **I have a medical condition or disability, can I still do Nippers?**

Of course! All you have to do is contact the Wet'n'Wild Nippers Coordinator, Maddison McLeod, by emailing [wetnwildnippers@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:wetnwildnippers@surflifesaving.com.au) prior to the commencement of the season. We will do everything we can to support you, but, please also make sure that a parent or guardian is close by on a Sunday morning for optimal safety.

### **What if I cannot make it to all the sessions?**

Of course we understand that everyone has a range of commitments outside of our Nippers program, and that many unforeseen circumstances can make themselves apparent. It is not a problem if you do miss a session; however, please try your best to make it to as many as possible so we can see your skills develop to their full potential!

### **What is the Coastal Club visit?**

The Coastal Club visit is an exciting opportunity for our Nippers to take the skills they have learnt at Wet'n'Wild and apply them to a dynamic beach setting. It is here that our Wet'n'Wild Community Nippers will participate with Nippers from the beach club and enjoy a different kind of Nippers session. More information will be delivered throughout the season.

### **Why do we need to wear skull caps?**

We utilise different colour skull caps to help identify who is in which age groups. The age group colours are as below.

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>CAP COLOUR</b>
U/6	Blue / White
U/7	Aqua
U/8	Green
U/9	Yellow
U/10	Red
U/11	Blue
U/12	Purple