



Frequently Asked Questions:

What age group will my child be in?

The age group that your child will be in is determined by the age they are as at the 30th September the year you are joining. For example, if your child was 11 on the 30th September (turning 12 on the 5th Oct) they will be in the Under 12 age group (even though they are 12).

Does my child change age groups if their birthday is during a season?

No. The age group that your child will be in for the whole season is determined by the age they are as at the 30th September the year you are joining.

Can my child move down in Nipper age groups?

Yes, this is permitted however, they must complete the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation and program for this age group. They will also receive the certificate of completion for this age group. Note that moving down an age group only relates to nipper participation and not sports competition. Refer to the Surf Sport Manual – 37th Edition for competition age guides.

Can my child move up in Nipper age groups?

Yes, however, they can only move up by **one** age level, and this undertaking requires that the child completes the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation for the age group they are entering. e.g., a child who is eligible to be in U9's can move up to the U10 age group if they have satisfactorily achieved the Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation for the U10's age group. Note that moving up an age group only relates to nipper participation and not sports competition. Refer to the Surf Sport Manual – 37th Edition for competition age guides.

What happens when my child finishes all the various junior age groups?

Nippers is designed to gradually introduce your child to the role of a qualified surf lifesaver – we hope that once your child finishes nippers they will continue their journey with surf lifesaving by completing one of the many awards available to enable them to help give back and keep your local beach-going community safe. As a member of Surf Life Saving, they can also continue to compete in their favourite activities at a state and national level!

What activities do they undertake in Surf Life Saving?

As your child grows older, they will still have lots of fun and activities will start to include both surf lifesaving skills and personal development skills. When your child reaches the Under 8 age group, they will also be able to start competing in their favourite skills in surf sport.

What can I do to help?

There are lots of ways you can [get involved at the club](#). If becoming an age manager or surf lifesaver is not for you, there are plenty of other tasks that will need completing at your club! Perhaps you could help with training, coaching, officiating, fundraising or cooking the Club BBQ? All parents who get involved must become a member of their club.

How do I support my child's skill development?

To support your child in skill development you can access a [range of videos here](#) to assist with improving surf lifesaving and surf sport skills.

Will my club accept Active Kids Vouchers?

Clubs can choose to participate in the Active Kids Program if they wish. To find out if your club is participating, [click here](#). For more information on the Active Kids Voucher redemption process, please visit this page of our [website](#).