

Welcome to Wye River Nippers 2020-21

Hello WRSLSC Nipper Families,

Thank you to those who contributed to our recent survey - the results were resoundingly positive. As a result we are opening registrations for the upcoming Nippers 20/21 season and as mentioned previously we hope to be able to deliver a program that will provide some enjoyment and normality for our children at the back end of a horrid year.



Although there is still some uncertainty about the format of Nippers this year, we are confident the COVID safety guidelines and protocols instructed by LSV (on the best advice from Government) will allow the us to get some modified safe beach activity going this season.

The program will run for 7 sessions from 28 December to 5 January

Currently some of the key 'draft' safety guidelines that LSV have advised include:

- Maximum of 20 children per group
- 1 hour maximum sessions only
- Zoned beach areas
- Management and cleaning procedures for all equipment
- No indoor activities/meetings (clubhouse will effectively be closed)
- Mandatory Preregistration to Program
- Defined roles for parents/helpers and limitation on parents/spectators during sessions
- Strict drop off and pick up protocols (no hanging around/mingling before and after sessions)

With these above additional procedures to manage this year we will be asking parents as part of the registration process to assist with some new roles including Age Group Covid Managers, Water Safety Assistants etc. It would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer to fill these roles to ensure that we are able to run the program safely and successfully in this COVID environment for the benefit of all

Because of the restriction on Nipper numbers to 20 per group and the pre-registration requirements mandated by LSV we will be running a very strict registration process this year summarised as follows:

- Registrations for current/prior year WRSLSC members will open 6 October
- Registrations for all others (if places available) will open 20 October
- Registrations numbers will be strictly limited to 20 per Age Group and will be assessed on 'first in best dressed' basis with priority given to Nippers/members that have been part of WRSLSC previously

The process for registration follows on the next page.

We apologise for the rigidity of this registration procedure however it is necessary in this difficult environment to ensure fairness and importantly the safety of all involved

We will provide further updates on the Nippers program as safety guidelines and advice from LSV crystalise

We look forward to a better end to 2020 and hopefully a successful Nippers program. As always, we will do everything possible to support our children's participation and their wellbeing in a friendly, inclusive and safe environment.

Kind regards

Roger Gribble
Nippers Co-Ordinator

Nippers Registration Instructions

All children must pre-register, we are not able to accept walk up registrations.

As registration is strictly limited this year we are opening registrations first to existing families who have already participated in nippers in prior years. Registration for existing families **opens on 6 October 2020 and closes on 17 October 2020**. Registrations will be allocated on the basis of when they are received, once 20 valid registrations have been received for each age group, we will wait list remaining registrations.

If there are still places available after 17 October, we will then open registration up to new and transferring families.

In order to register your child/ren for nippers you must complete **ALL** of the following items by the due date:

1. Renew your family & individual memberships. (*All nippers and at least one parents must be members*)
2. Complete the Nippers registration form by clicking on the relevant link below for each child based on their correct date of birth.
3. Pay all necessary membership fees (family membership fee, any additional uniform items purchased on the registration form)

[Register for Under 7s](#) (born between 1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014)

[Register for Under 8s](#) (born between 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013)

[Register for Under 9s](#) (born between 1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012)

[Register for Under 10s](#) (born between 1 October 2010 – 30 September 2011)

[Register for Under 11s](#) (born between 1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010)

[Register for Under 12s](#) (born between 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2009)

[Register for U13s](#) (born between 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008)

Should you have any queries relating to registration, please email wyerivernippers@gmail.com.

Should you have any problems with the membership renewal process please email our registrar, Miranda Bordignon at mirandabordignon@gmail.com

Purchase of Swimwear/Uniforms

If, on your nippers registration form you elect to purchase swimwear/additional uniform items. Please pay for it as a separate line in the Gateway when paying your membership fees

Preliminary Swimming Assessment

We are attaching the preliminary swimming assessment for completion and return if at all possible. ***We understand that with current restrictions it may be difficult for children to get access to pools in order to have the preliminary swim assessed, we have earmarked time during the first nippers session to complete this just in case.***

Should restrictions allow for this to be completed, please do so and scan or send a clear photograph of it to wyerivernippers@gmail.com by 21 December.