



TERRIGAL NIPPERS

Pointscore, Awards and Selection Policy

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The Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club (TSLSC) junior policy will provide transparency for team selection, club championships and all criteria for end of year awards.

This policy applies to age groups 8 – 14 only. Senior selection is not included nor referenced in this policy.

1. Club championship rounds and results

- 1.1 There will be three club championship rounds – these are held at Terrigal Beach
- 1.2 Nippers do not need to register for club championships
- 1.3 The dates will be available at the beginning of each season in the season timetable
- 1.4 Club championship rounds should be scheduled throughout the season to account for conditions and form
- 1.5 Nippers can choose which (if any) events they compete in
 - 1.5.1 Events include:
 - a) 8's – wade, sprint, flags
 - b) 9's – swim, board, sprint, flags
 - c) 10's - swim, board, sprint, flags
 - d) 11's – iron-person, swim, board, sprint, flags, 1 km run
 - e) 12's – iron-person, swim, board, sprint, flags, 1 km run
 - f) 13's – iron-person, swim, board, sprint, flags, 1 km run
 - g) 14's – iron-person, swim, board, sprint, flags, 2 km run
- 1.6 The swim will be run as a straight final with both girls and boys in that age group racing
 - 1.6.1 Places for girls and boys will be recorded separately for 9's and 10's and separately and jointly for 11's – 12's as this will support Cameron Teams selection
- 1.7 Points are recorded at club championship rounds based on the place of each nipper (see below for information regarding this)
- 1.8 The recorders keep independent/separate records that are then cross-checked to ensure integrity and prevent simple errors
- 1.9 Points are cumulative, will be recorded by Age Manager or a parent volunteer and provided to the recorder
 - 1.9.1 Points: For each event (listed in 1.5.1 as appropriate for the age group) at club champs the following points are available for finals and will accumulate over the 3 club champs.
 - a) 7 points - 1st
 - b) 6 points - 2nd
 - c) 5 points - 3rd
 - d) 4 points - 4th
 - e) 3 points – 5th
 - f) 2 points for 6th
 - g) 1 point if the event is completed.

2. Junior Carnivals: Entries

- 2.1 Nippers/parents shall submit names for carnival entry as required prior to each event to be considered for team selection
- 2.2 If nippers miss cut-off to submit names (carnival entries are closed) they may be permitted to enter as a late entry – this will be a decision made by Branch officials this is not a TSLSC decision
- 2.3 If the nipper can be registered as a late entry – the teams previously selected will NOT be changed and the parent will be required to make the payment for the child to be entered. This cost will not be covered by the club
- 2.4 The Age Manager can use their discretion to place a late entry nipper into a team, however this will not be at the expense of a child that was previously registered. e.g., the late entry nipper should not be placed into an A team regardless of their points/standings and move another nipper into a lower ranked team.
- 2.5 Age Managers will review teams the week before the carnival and send teams to nippers/parents prior to the carnival in the most appropriate communications channel for this information to be provided

3. Junior Carnival: Results

- 3.1 Age managers will record the results of traditional Central Coast branch carnivals
- 3.2 Non-official carnivals results (eg Kracka, Newcastle Permanent Iron Man etc) do not contribute to team selection and are not recorded
- 3.3 Team event results (at traditional carnivals and teams' carnivals) will be recorded but do not count toward club champion results or teams' selection (they MAY be used for major award selection in the event of a draw, see section 9.3 for more information)
- 3.4 Points from carnivals are based on places achieved in each event and are relative to Terrigal nippers only. This means the best placed Terrigal nipper, irrespective of where they finish in the race, will receive the most points. This is further outlined below.
 - 3.4.1 The maximum points a Terrigal nipper can receive is Seven (7) and is dependent on the number or Terrigal nippers who made the final.
 - 3.4.2 If four (4) Terrigal nippers make the final, the highest placed finisher will receive 4 points, 2nd placed – 3 points, 3rd placed- 2 points and 4th placed – 1 point
 - 3.4.3 Should more than 7 Terrigal nippers make a final the highest place finisher will only receive 7 points
 - (i) **Example 1:** if 5 Terrigal Nippers make a final for their Board event there are a maximum of 5 points available. 1st for Terrigal (regardless of where they come in the final relative to other clubs) is awarded 5 points; 2nd for Terrigal receives 4 points, 3rd for Terrigal receives 2 points; 4th for Terrigal receives 2 points and 5th for Terrigal receives 1 point.
 - (ii) **Example 2:** if 1 nipper for Terrigal makes the Sprint final regardless of their position in that final, they receive 1 point.
 - 3.4.4 Individual results points from carnivals are cumulative with points from Club Championship rounds to form teams only
 - 3.4.5 Points are only significant for team-based events (swim, board, and sprint relays)
 - 3.4.6 Points from carnivals do not impact club championship results

4. Junior carnival: Team selections (board, swim, wade, sprint relays)

- 4.1 There is a lot of time and effort put into our team selection process to ensure it is fair to everyone and can be demonstrably justified
- 4.2 We operate from the principle of MERIT based selection. This means that performance dictates selections and that the process is objective and fair
- 4.3 Teams shall be comprised of members of the appropriate age group as the priority and only be supplemented by a nipper from a younger age group where no appropriately aged nipper is available

- 4.4 In the case where a nipper is selected to compete up an age group, they should always fulfil all team selection in their own age group as the priority. At all times their ability to compete up will depend on availability at the event marshalling times at a carnival
- 4.5 Teams will be selected based on accumulated points achieved at Club Championship rounds and carnivals
- 4.6 The accumulated points from Club Championship rounds and carnivals provides the Junior Selection Committee with a database of nipper's performance based on many selections events
- 4.7 The Junior Selection Committee is chaired by the Director Junior Activities and includes recorders and the water and beach coaches (where required)
- 4.8 Teams will be sent to Age Managers and to parents the week of the carnival
- 4.9 Selections will be based on the following carnivals and club championship results:
 - 4.9.1 **Local Carnival and Branch Carnival** team selection is based on accumulation of **all** previous club championship and carnival points that season so far
 - 4.9.2 **State Carnival** ranking and selection is based on the accumulation of points from the best three (3) local carnival results (incl Branch) and the best two (2) Club Championship results
 - 4.9.2.1 Teams can change between Branch Carnival and the State Champs based on the Branch carnival results and dropping of lowest club championship results/points

5. Junior carnival: Specialist team selections

5.1 Cameron relays:

- 5.1.1 For 11-12 age groups current SLSNSW criteria dictates Cameron Relays are a mixed event (2 Males/2 females)
- 5.1.2 You must have 1 female and 1 male Runner and hence 1 female and 1 male water nipper.
- 5.1.3 The strongest swimmer is selected first - this is determined using points accumulated in a swim off (Boys and Girls) at each of the club championship days (all Boys and girls swimming together in a one-off swim)
- 5.1.4 The Board paddler is selected second and must be the opposite gender to the swimmer
- 5.1.5 If the swimmer selected is Female, the board Paddler will be the highest ranked Male paddler based on the individual male results (Not All Age paddle off results)
- 5.1.6 The opposite applies if the swimmer selected is Male
- 5.1.7 Runners -because we need one Male and one Female nipper the running positions are determined by the individual rankings for the sprint by gender (Not All Age run off results)
- 5.1.8 The highest ranked Male and Female runners (not already selected as swimmer or paddler) are selected
- 5.1.9 For Local Carnivals the Cameron relay Nippers will be the highest ranked nippers based on an accumulation of points from all previous Club Championships
- 5.1.10 For Branch and State Carnivals the Cameron Relay Nippers will be the highest ranked nippers based on the best two (2) results of all three (3) Club Championships.
- 5.1.11 In the event of a tie the nipper chosen will be determined by the highest finisher in the most recent Club Championship
- 5.1.12 For 13-14 Cameron Relays are single gender and so results will be taken from both Club Champ and Carnival accumulative points to ensure strongest team is selected

5.2 All Age Relays - Beach and Board

- 5.2.1 Branch and state all age relays require 3 female and 3 male competitors
- 5.2.2 Board all age relays must qualify by finishing in top 2 at Branch champs
- 5.2.3 At State champs it is unlikely that a nipper can compete in both sprint and board all age events due to programming – if it is possible, we would offer the spot to the strongest competitor even if this means an age group has the same competitor for sprint relay and board relay

- 5.2.4 Teams will be selected by JAC, Coaches, Age Managers and will be focussed on selecting fastest nipper
- 5.2.5 Selection will be based on results, club champs, training effort
- 5.2.6 Team may change between branch and state depending on availability and form
- 5.2.7 Paddle or Sprint offs may be run (top 4 male and female competitors in board and sprint race at club champs) if team selection requires it

5.3 Board Rescue:

- 5.3.1 Board Rescue teams at Terrigal should be fun, friend-based teams
- 5.3.2 From the 11's up – Board Rescue is an event run at some carnivals
- 5.3.3 Teams should be organised by the kids – if a nipper has no partner, they can discuss this with their age manager who may be able to assist to put teams together
- 5.3.4 Preference is that the teams remain the same where possible for the season

6. Dispute process

- 6.1 If you are unclear or unhappy on the team selection you are entitled to raise your complaint or query in writing within 48 hours of the selections being posted to the Director of Junior Activities only (ie. not coaches, age managers or recorders)
- 6.2 You will be provided with the points used for the selection decision and the rationale for the selection. A dispute will be dealt with promptly and you will receive a formal response
- 6.3 In the event you are dissatisfied with the response you receive you may submit in writing a formal complaint to the Selection Disputes Committee chaired by the Director of Competition
- 6.4 The decision of this Committee is final
- 6.5 The Selection Disputes Committee shall consist of the Competition Director, Club President and Member Services Director

7. Junior Club Captains

- 7.1 On or before the date specified self-nomination will be accepted in writing for:
 - 7.1.1 Junior Activities Boys' and Girls' Club Captain
 - 7.1.2 Junior Activities Boys' and Girls' Club Vice-captain
- 7.2 Nominations will be accepted from registered nippers from the Under 14's age group
- 7.3 Nominations must have been a member of the club the previous two (2) years
- 7.4 Nominations should be returned to the Director of Junior Activities on the date specified
- 7.5 All nominees will complete a speech
- 7.6 Under 12, Under 13 and Under 14's age groups to vote and should select 1 male and 1 female applicant as their preferred candidate
- 7.7 Voting can only be completed by Nippers in attendance on the day
- 7.8 A selection panel including a 1 x life member, 1 x Patrol member and Director of Member Services (or another Board Members) will be selected each year and should not have any conflict of interest
- 7.9 Criteria and weighting will be provided on the nomination form each year (nomination 20%, Selection panel 40%, Votes 40%)
- 7.10 In the event of a tie, the candidate with the higher placed peer vote will receive the position

8. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMP

- 8.1 Under 13 and Under 14's may apply with Under 14's given preference to attend
- 8.2 The Junior Selection Committee to select the participants if required

9. Junior Life Saver of the Year (JLOTY)

- 9.1 On or before the date specified self-nomination will be accepted in writing for JLOTY
- 9.2 Nominations should be returned to the Director of Junior Activities on the date specified
- 9.3 Nominations will be accepted from registered nippers from the Under 14's age group

9.4 Where possible, one Male and one Female will be selected to represent Terrigal

9.5 Selection panel will consist of Director of Member Services and a Life Member

9.6 Selection will require an interview

9.7 Selected nipper must be available to attend the interview with Branch

10. JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

10.1 Details:

10.1.1 Each year there is the opportunity for all Nippers to compete to be awarded Age Champion

10.1.2 For each age group and for both males and females the following awards are available:

(i) 1st place, Age Champion

(ii) 2nd place

(iii) 3rd place

10.1.3 Joint winners will be declared in the event of a tie and the champions in each age group shall be the nipper with the highest total points

10.1.4 Junior Club championships are conducted over 3 Club championship rounds

10.1.5 These rounds will be published in the Nippers calendar

10.1.6 No points for non-attendance for any reason

10.2 Criteria:

10.2.1 To be eligible to win the age championship, a nipper must have at least 50% attendance at Terrigal Nippers

10.2.2 In addition, nippers in the Under 8 to Under 14 year's age groups must compete in at least one inter-club carnival (excluding the State Championships)

10.3 Events: See 1.5.1 (a – g)

10.4 Points: See 1.9.1 (a – g)

11. Annual Special Age Awards:

11.1 These awards are selected annually by the Age Manager – they are not based on points. Many things are considered such as effort, training, attendance at carnivals etc.

11.2 Awards include:

(i) Beach Encouragement

(ii) Water Encouragement

(iii) Spirit of Terrigal

(iv) Most Improved

12. End of season - Major Awards: Selection committee Age Manager, Rookie Co-ordinator, Coaches and JAC

12.1 Junior Club person of the Year from the Under 8 to Under 14 years

12.1.1 Criteria as follows:

Criteria	Selector	Points
Participation	Age Manager	1 - 5
Fundraising	JAC/Age Manager	1 - 5
Attendance	JAC and Age Manager	1 – 5
Carnivals & competing	Coach and Age Manager	1 – 5
Rookie hours	Coach and Age Manager	1 – 5
Training	Rookie co-ordinator/Director of Lifesaving	1 – 5
Attitude and team spirit (respect for peers and parents)	Age Manager	1 – 5
Assistance on club days	Age Manager/JAC	1 – 5

12.2 Rookie of Year:

- 12.2.1 The Rookie of the year will be an U13/U14 member who has given outstanding service to the program. For example, active participation in patrols, education, Rookie Program, fundraising, leadership amongst junior membership. It is aimed at U13/14 Rookie who can be presented as a role model for junior members in a general club membership, service and lifesaving capacity.
- 12.2.2 It will be awarded at *Junior Presentation* and at present the winner progresses to the SLSCC Awards of Excellence.
- 12.2.3 Recipient will be nominated by the JAC with input from Director of Education, Director of Life Saving and Patrol Captains
- 12.2.4 Essential Criteria - nominee must:
 - (i) Be in a U13 or U14 age group for relevant season
 - (ii) Be a current financial and proficient patrolling member of Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club
 - (iii) Hold the required Surf Life Saving award prerequisites for this category
- 12.2.5 Additional Selection Criteria - nominee could have:
 - (i) Demonstrated involvement in Surf Life Saving during the current season e.g. on the beach, off the beach, leadership, fundraising and contribution to the Rookie Program
 - (ii) Demonstrated leadership and contribution to TSLSC during the past 12 months. Also, any involvement with other community organisations that the nominee has been involved with
 - (iii) Evidence of examples of how the nominee has demonstrated that they are a role model and an ambassador for TSLSC

12.3 Nipper of the Year:

- 12.3.1 Sub Junior Nipper of the Year Under 8 to Under 10
- 12.3.2 Junior Nipper of the Year Under 11 to Under 12
- 12.3.3 Junior Nipper of the Year Under 13 to Under 14
- 12.3.4 The Nipper of the year x 3 awards will be determined by points accumulated from individual events only
- 12.3.5 In the event of a tie points accumulated in team events (Aussie Titles, State Titles then local carnivals) will be used to determine the winner.
- 12.3.6 If a deadlock remains, Joint winners will be announced.
 - 12.3.6.1 Individual State medallist:
 - i. Gold - 6 points
 - ii. Silver - 5 points
 - iii. Bronze - 4 points
 - 12.3.6.2 Individual Australian medallist (13/14 only):
 - i. Gold - 9 points
 - ii. Silver - 8 points
 - iii. Bronze - 7 points
 - 12.3.6.3 Individual medallists' local carnivals (including Branch)
 - i. Gold - 3 points
 - ii. Silver - 2 points
 - iii. Bronze - 1 point
- 12.3.7 The following results only to be used in the event of a tie:
 - 12.3.7.1 Team - State medals:
 - i. Gold - 4 points
 - ii. Silver - 3 points

iii. Bronze - 2 point

12.3.7.2 Team - Australian medallist (13/14 only):

- i. Gold - 4 points
- ii. Silver - 3 points
- iii. Bronze - 2 points

12.3.7.3 Team medallists' local carnivals (including Branch)

- i. Gold - 3 points
- ii. Silver - 2 points
- iii. Bronze - 1 point

13. FAQ's

13.1 What if there is a tie between competitors – how do you select the Nipper that is in the team?

13.1.1 In the event of a tie, for example 2 nippers tied for 4th in a swim team, the following countbacks will occur to determine 4th and 5th position.

- a) Example 1: Firstly, the highest ranked nipper will be determined by their best finish in that event at either a club championship or carnival.
- b) Nipper A has a best finish of 3rd at Club Championship 2 and Nipper B has a best finish of 4th, amongst Terrigal nippers at Carnival 1 – Nipper A would be ranked 4th and Nipper B would be Ranked 5th. (To clarify Nipper B may have finished 15th in the carnival event but was the 4th Terrigal nipper to finish).

Event	Nipper A (7 Points)	Nipper B (7 Points)
Carnival 1	Placed 20 th – 2 points (6 th Terrigal Competitor)	Placed 15 th - 4 points (4 th Terrigal Competitor)
Club Champs 1	Placed 3 rd – 5 points	Placed 5 th – 3 points

- c) Example 2: If both Nippers have the same best finish there will be a count back of places for the tied Nippers from the last three events (Club Championships and official Carnivals) as shown below.
- d) On countback – both nippers have the same highest placing of a 4th
- a) We would then revert to a 2nd count back looking for the best most recent result. Club champ 2 was the most recent event and so Nipper B would get the spot on the swim team.

Event	Nipper A (8 Points)	Nipper B (8 Points)
Club Champs 1 (Oct)	Placed 4 th – 4 points	Placed 5 th – 3 points
Carnival 1 (Nov)	Placed 12 th – 3 points (5 th Terrigal Competitor)	Placed 15 th - 4 points (4 th Terrigal Competitor)
Club Champs 2 (Dec)	Placed 9 th – 1 point	Placed 8 th – 1 point

13.2 Will you explain how teams have been selected if we ask?

13.2.1 This document should be referred to for team selection policy.

13.2.2 We endeavour to provide clear reasoning around team selection.

13.3 What happens if a nipper is selected in a team but chooses not to compete in the heats (for whatever reason) but then the team make the Finals and the nipper wants to compete in the Final?

13.3.1 This will not be allowed. The team that competes through the heats and makes the Final has the chance to win the medal.

13.4 What happens if my child is selected in teams and is no longer available to attend the carnival?

13.4.1 Advise your Age Manager as soon as possible so they can update teams and ensure all Nippers are able to participate

13.5 What happens if events clash?

13.5.1 If an event clashes or looks as though it will clash the Age Manager should speak to the Nippers and parents impacted and determine what event the competitor has a preference to compete in

13.5.2 This should be done day before, or beginning of day OR worst case before event marshalling commences – Age Manager should make a call at 3 events prior to a race being called

13.5.3 Depending on Nipper choice, teams may be amended by the Age Manager if required

13.5.4 Age Manager should use the names and order of Nippers provided by recorder e.g. if an A swimmer would prefer to compete in an individual sprint race the next best swimmer in that age group should be offered the place in the A team and so on until the place is filled

13.5.5 If no nipper from that age groups wishes to compete in the event, a nipper from the age group below can be admitted

13.5.6 Age Managers should discuss this option as early as possible and place a nipper into the team if possible

End of Policy