



COTTESLOE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

POLICY STATEMENT

Minnow and Nipper Age Group Participation

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PURPOSE

This policy supports the focus on encouraging a family and friendship based culture at Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club (Cottesloe). It recognises that people join Cottesloe to be with friends and that at times, due to their date of birth, may not be in the same age group as their friends.

POLICY

Minnow to Nipper Age Group U10

Minnows are not permitted to change Age Groups. At the Age Group Managers discretion children in the U8, U9 and U10 age groups may participate in the age group that best fits with their family and friendship groups.

U11, U12, U13 and U14 Age Groups

Non Club Events

Under SLSA National Policy, at non Cottesloe Club Events all competitors are required to compete in the age groups specified in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual – Section 2 - General Competition Conditions.

If a child who has been participating in Club Events in a higher Age Group is competing in a team event, that child should not take the place of a child who has been, or is in a team in their correct Age Group. If possible, another team should be formed to allow the child who has been participating in Club Events in a higher Age Group, to compete in a team event in their correct Age Group, or they should compete in team events in the Age Group above their correct Age Group.

Where there are team events in SLSA and non Cottesloe Club event the selection of teams is the responsibility of the relevant Cottesloe Age Group Manager.

Club Activities and Events

A child with a date of birth after 30th September, that is on or after 1st October, may participate in one Age Group above their age.

A child who participates in an Age Group above their correct Age Group will be required to undertake and pass the proficiency requirements for the Age Group they participate in.

From the date a child attends, and is marked in the relevant Age Group Manager records as attending, five or more Sunday Morning sessions in an Age Group above their correct Age Group, they will be eligible to compete, receive awards and any other form of recognition in all subsequent club events in that Age Group, and will no longer be eligible to compete in subsequent Club Events in their correct Age Group.

If the child attends, and is marked in the relevant Age Group Manager records as attending, four or less Sunday Morning sessions in an Age Group above their correct Age Group, they will be eligible to compete, receive awards and any other form of recognition in all club events in their correct Age Group.

U14 Age Group - SRC

The U14 Age Group sits for the Surf Lifesaving Certificate (SRC). One of the requirements to sit the SRC exam is that the person is 13 years old at the time of the exam. The examination occurs during the first half of the Surf Season that is before the end of December each year.

A child who is in the U13 Age Group and has a date of birth less than 3 months after 30 September, that is on or before 31 December that year, may participate in the U14 Age Group SRC training with a view to sitting their SRC exam prior to 31 St December that year.

A child who participates in an Age Group above their correct Age Group will be required to undertake and pass the proficiency requirements for the Age Group they participate in.

Interpretation

If there is a need to interpret this policy and/or decide on a particular issue or set of facts, the Development Officer will consider and decide the appropriate arrangement. The Development Officer may choose to discuss the issue with the Youth Development Committee, but is not required to do so.

Club Events means: any Cottesloe organised, sanctioned or managed event, including Sunday Morning activities at Cottesloe Beach.