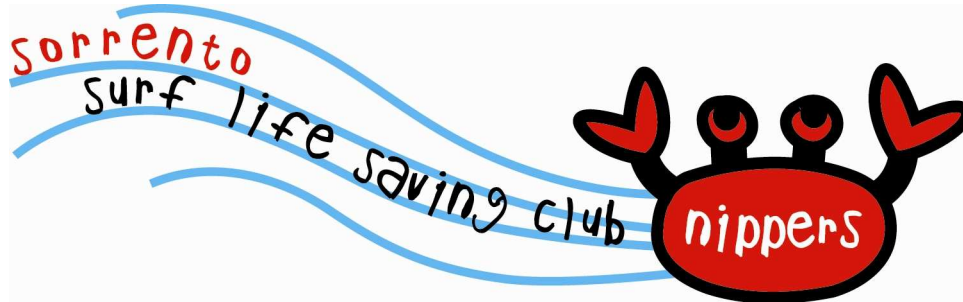


Nippers Policy and Procedures

Wet / Rough Weather

Effective Date: 1 October 2011



Related Documents:
Occupational Health and Safety Procedure

Purpose:

This procedure has been developed to provide guidance about the activities to be undertaken on days when the weather is inclement or the beach conditions are deemed unsafe.

Background:

Weather and beach conditions can vary enormously during the December to March period in when the nippers program is conducted. Cool and damp conditions can be expected several times during a normal nippers' season and the weather forecast can vary significantly from the actual conditions on the Sorrento beaches.

With many families based in Melbourne and other locations away from the Peninsula it is important to provide some certainty about the nippers sessions so that the hour plus trip each way is not a waste of valuable family time.

Policy:

The scheduled Nippers sessions will proceed regardless of weather conditions. If the beach conditions are unsuitable for water based activities, an alternative dry land program will be implemented. Wet weather may be uncomfortable for parents and spectators however, it does not present a safety risk to the nippers and the program will continue if the conditions are suitable despite the rain.

Procedure:

The Nippers Coordinators will assess the beach conditions prior to the commencement of each session. If the conditions are deemed unsuitable for water based activity at the back beach additional age groups may be located to the front beach or alternatively the dry land program will be implemented.

The dry land program will consist of:

- Beach sprints and running
- Beach games
- Flags
- CPR and other theory based sessions
- Competition preparation discussions and demonstrations

The theory based sessions will be prioritised and conducted under cover in the various spaces within the clubrooms when the conditions are stormy.

Responsibilities:

Activity	Responsible Person	Deadline
Inspection of Beach conditions	Nippers Coordinators	Prior to 8.30am on the morning of each session
Decision to activate the dry land program and communication with Age Managers	Nippers Coordinators	Prior to 8.30am on the morning of each session
Implementation of dry land program	Age Group Managers	

Date for Review:

This procedure is to be reviewed annually in August by the Nipper Coordinators and Nipper Secretary following the election of club positions and ratified by the Nipper Committee in September.

Nipper Coordinator Name:

Signature:

Club President:

Signature: