



Junior Activity Requirements 2008

ATTENTION	Junior Activities Directors, Youth Directors, Age Managers
Date of circular	5 th June 2008
Emailed to	
SLSNT Contact	Julie Snelling – Academy Manager

Summary of this circular All junior members are required to complete a Preliminary Skill Evaluation to prove competency before undertaking any water based activities at club level. All junior members who wish to compete in water events in competition (board, swim) are required to complete a Competition Skill Evaluation (timed open water swim) before being eligible to compete in any interclub or championship carnival.	Action required <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Use the attached guidelines to assess junior members for their Preliminary Skill Evaluations and their Competition Skill Evaluations.
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Safety and risk management are vital to the conduct of all Surf Life Saving competitions and activities at club, Territory and national levels. For Junior Activities members (Nippers) it is vitally important the club assesses a demonstration of their swimming and self survival skills. Initially this is done through a Preliminary Skill Evaluation.

Following a successful Preliminary Skill Evaluation clubs should progressively introduce Junior Activities members to the water-based surf sports defined in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 32nd Edition. For board and swim events courses may initially be shorter than those shown in the Manual but the club's program of training and activities should encourage members to successfully and confidently complete the distances indicated for their age group.

Before Junior Activities members can compete in water events at interclub or championship competitions the Competition Skill Evaluation must be completed. This evaluation provides a reasonable level of assurance that the member's swimming, self survival and competition skills are commensurate with the distances set for their age group Board Race or Surf Race (or board/swim legs of a relay).

For any further information please contact Julie Snelling, Academy Manager during business hours on 8985 7588, or 0417 171015 after hours.

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PRELIMINARY SKILL EVALUATION

(Pool Swim)

All Preliminary Skill Evaluations must be completed before members participate in any water based activities. These evaluations must be done in a swimming pool under supervision of the correct number of water safety personnel (1:5). Water safety officers must be proficient in either the Surf Rescue Certificate or the Bronze Medallion, equipped with SLSA approved rescue equipment, and recognisable with a patrol uniform or water safety uniform.

The Preliminary Skill Evaluation assesses a member's swimming and self-survival skills and is an important risk management procedure. It provides a reasonable level of assurance for Age Managers that the member can swim to safety if required. If a member cannot complete the Preliminary Skill Evaluation for their age group, the member should be encouraged to participate in swimming lessons or training until the requirement is met. Meanwhile, participation in non-water activities, such as beach games and activities, is permissible.

All evaluations must be completed and entered onto Surf Guard

Awards will not be processed on Surf Guard until signed form 14's have been received by SLSNT

After each assessment day, names must be added to Surf Guard. A hard copy of the form 14 for Junior Preliminary Skill Evaluations must be kept on file at your club for 12 months. New members that register after 30th June 2008 are still required to complete the Preliminary Skill Evaluation. All paperwork still applies for late registrations. Copies of Preliminary Skill Evaluation Form 14's for those who register late must be sent into SLSNT on completion of assessment and copies held at the club for 12 months. For those participants who cannot successfully complete the Preliminary Skill Evaluation at the time of assessment, they can fulfil that requirement at any time during the season but must be assessed by a qualified person as listed. All paperwork still applies for these participants as above.

Surf Guard entry of Preliminary Skill Evaluation

- Log onto Surf Guard
- Scroll over Assessments and click on "New Assessment Request"
- Assessment type- 'Award'
- Go to 'Award Type'-click on 'other'
- Award- find Junior Preliminary Skill Evaluation
- Fill in contact details
- Compile a list of names by using list of names and arrows
- When the list is completed, click on the "save" at the bottom of the box
- Document location is empty-click on 'ok'
- Click on "assessment request list"
- Click on "submit"
- Click on "Form 14" and print out a copy
- Have the form 14 signed by a qualified person and send to SLSNT



COMPETITION SKILL EVALUATION

(Timed open water swim)

The Competition Skill Evaluation is an important risk management procedure and must be conducted for any member who has completed the Preliminary Skills Evaluation and is intending to compete on behalf of the club in water-based events at junior interclub and championship competitions. This evaluation provides a reasonable level of assurance that a member's swimming, self survival and competition skills are applicable with the distances set for their age group Board Race or Surf Race (or board/swim legs of a relay) as described in the SLSA surf Sports Manual (32nd Edn). It should be noted that the Manual describes minimum distances and that, due to tidal fluctuations, inshore conditions or surf conditions, the actual courses may be longer.

The correct ratio of qualified, proficient Water Safety Officers must be in place (1:5) and each must be equipped with SLSA approved rescue equipment (Rescue Board, Rescue Tube or Rescue Boogie Board).

All Competition Skill Evaluation Form 14's must be signed by qualified personnel

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Participants who wish to only compete in beach events are not required to complete the Competition Skill Evaluation (though they are encouraged to do so).

Surf Guard entry of Junior Competition Skill Evaluation

- Log onto Surf Guard
- Scroll over Assessments and click on "New Assessment Request"
- Assessment type-Award
- Go to 'Award Type' and click on 'Other'.
- Award- Junior Competition Skill Evaluation
- Fill in contact details and other notes if required
- Compile a list of names by using list of names and arrows
- When the list is completed, click on the "save" at the bottom of the box
- Document location is empty-click on 'ok'
- Click on "assessment request list"
- Click on "submit"
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Age Group	Preliminary Skill Evaluation	Competition Skill Evaluation
Under 6 and 7	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Ineligible to Compete</i>
Under 8	25 metre swim in a pool (any stroke) & 1 minute survival float	Not required (Compete in Wade Race Only)
Under 9	25 metre swim in a pool (any stroke) & 1 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (competition course) in less than 12 minutes
Under 10	25 metre swim in a pool (freestyle) & 1½ minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (competition course) in less than 11 minutes
Under 11	50 metre swim in a pool (freestyle) & 2 minute survival float	Minimum 250m open water swim (competition course) in less than 10 minutes
Under 12	100 metre swim in a pool (freestyle) & 2 minute survival float	Minimum 250m open water swim (competition course) in less than 9 minutes
Under 13	150 metre swim in a pool (freestyle) & 3 minute survival float	Minimum 250m open water swim (competition course) in less than 9 minutes
Under 14	200 metre swim in a pool (freestyle) & 3 minute survival float	Minimum 250m open water swim (competition course) in less than 8 minutes
<i>ASSESSORS Must be Surf Life Saving qualified personnel</i>	<i>Accredited Age Manager or Level 1 Coach or Level 1 Official or Training Officer (SRC/Bronze) or Assessor (SRC/Bronze)</i>	