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HLSC JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PRE-SEASON REPORT 2007/08

1. **Nippers Program.** HLSC will conduct a 16 week Nippers Program for Under 6 through to Under 14. The birth date cut offs for each age group are as follows:

- a. **Under 6:** born between 1 Oct 2001 – 30 Sep 2002
- b. **Under 7:** born between 1 Oct 2000 – 30 Sep 2001
- c. **Under 8:** born between 1 Oct 1999 – 30 Sep 2000
- d. **Under 9:** born between 1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sep 1999
- e. **Under 10:** born between 1 Oct 1997 – 30 Sep 1998
- f. **Under 11:** born between 1 Oct 1996 – 30 Sep 1997
- g. **Under 12:** born between 1 Oct 1995 – 30 Sep 1996
- h. **Under 13:** born between 1 Oct 1994 – 30 Sep 1995
- i. **Under 14:** born between 1 Oct 1993 – 30 Sep 1994

Due to the popularity of the Nippers Program, children will only be permitted to participate in the appropriate age group for their birth date.

Successful completion of the Nippers Program will lead to SLSA awards as follows:

- a. **Under 6 / Under 7:** Surf Play (new awards)
- b. **Under 8 / Under 9:** Surf Awareness
- c. **Under 10 / Under 11:** Surf Safety
- d. **Under 12 / Under 13:** Surf Smart
- e. **Under 14:** Surf Rescue Certificate.

This will involve successful S-badge qualification for all children except U6 and U7, completion of a mandated surf education package plus 80% attendance throughout the Nippers Program. At the end of the program each successful participant will be presented with a certificate.

S Badge Qualifications will be programmed as part of the first week of Nippers – with subsequent qualification available each Saturday prior to Nippers (upon individual arrangement with the JAC).

- a. **Under 6 / Under 7:** No S Badge requirements
- b. **Under 8:** 50m run / 50m wade / 50m run
- c. **Under 9 / Under 10:** 50m run / 50m swim / 50m run
- d. **Under 11/ Under 12:** 50m run / 100m swim / 50m run
- e. **Under 13 / Under 14:** 100m run / 100m swim / 100m run

The Club Carnival Format will continue – however, S Badge Qualifications will be required to be eligible to compete for Club Trophies and Awards. In addition, there will be points awarded for attendance throughout the Nippers program – with 80% to 100% attendance attracting a sliding scale of points.

Each Age Group will be limited to a maximum of 25 children. A waiting list will be maintained should enrolled children drop out of the program in the first few weeks. Priority registration will be given as follows:

- a. Children with parents who patrol at HLSC on a regular basis (ie on more than 6 occasions per season).
- b. Children with parents who act as Age Group Managers (including completion of the Age Managers Course).
- c. Children with parents who act as Water Safety Officers (includes successful completion of a BM qualification).



- d. Children with parents who are active in the Club in other ways (ie active committee positions).
- e. Children enrolled in Nippers in the 2006/07 season.
- f. Siblings of above.
- g. Remaining Children (on a first come first served basis)

Should initial enrolment numbers indicate a demand for two squads per age group, this will be considered pending the confirmed availability of parents to act as Age Managers and additional water safety officers.

All other Parents will be asked to provide assistance during the Nippers Program as assistants to Age Managers and in the Kiosk or BBQ.

The Nippers Program will commence on Saturday 24th November 2007 at 3.00pm. The season will conclude on Saturday 15th March 2008 with a presentation ceremony and celebration. There will be no Nippers conducted on Saturday 29th December 2007.

Nippers Registration will be held on Saturday 20th October at 2.00pm followed by an Information Brief at 3.00pm. There will be a second date for Registration on Sunday 28th October at 2.00pm with an Information Brief at 3.00pm. Registration must include payment of Annual Club levies. Registration without payment will not be accepted. Parents are advised that the Nippers Program is increasingly popular in the U6 – U10 age groups and registration cannot be guaranteed.

2. **Age Manager Course.** HLSC will run two Club based Age Manager Courses prior to the season commencing. Dates will be confirmed by 14 Sep, but will probably be run on a Saturday and Sunday in November. All parents volunteering to act as Age Manager's will be required to attend one of the courses. These parents will get priority Nippers registration for their children. In addition, IAW LSV Policy, all Age Managers will be required to undertake a Working With Children Check.

3. **Water Safety Officers.** There will be two BM courses run this season. The first commencing 1 Dec 07 and the second commencing 21 Jan 08. Water safety Officers will be encouraged to make themselves available for a number of patrols throughout the season and will get priority Nippers registration for their children. IAW LSV Policy all Water Safety Officers will be required to undertake a Working With Children Check.

4. **Youth Involvement Program.** HLSC will implement a Youth Involvement Program for members aged 14-18. The program rewards participants for their involvement in club activities in the following areas:

- a. Patrols
- b. Development
- c. Competition
- d. Administration
- e. Junior Activities
- f. Youth Activities
- g. Club Activities.

More information on this program will be forthcoming prior to the season commencing.

5. **Club Youth Scholarships.** HLSC will be providing up to 3 scholarships for Junior members to attend LSV Leadership & Development Camps as follows:

- a. 12-13 Year Old – attendance at the State U13 Development Camp
- b. 14-15 Year Old – attendance at the State U15 Leadership & Development Camp
- c. 16-17 Year Old – attendance at the U17 Leadership & Development Camp



Interested junior members should apply to be considered with the scholarship going to the most outstanding club member in each age group.

WRT the U13 Development Camp, we are eligible to submit upto 4 Nippers for attendance. Other members are encouraged to be involved. The cost for attendance is approximately \$150 per person.

6. **Carnivals.** HLSC will be encouraging our junior members to compete in upto 2 carnivals throughout the season. The first is being conducted at Sandridge on Saturday 15th December 2007. The second is at Chelsea on Monday 28 January 2008. Should we have enough interest, the club will provide transport from HLSC to each carnival (bus hire). This will require parental involvement. Should members wish to be involved, they will be awarded points for participating that contribute to the Club Championship Awards.

7. **Working With Children Check.** Life Saving Victoria (LSV) requires all members working with children (anyone under 18 years of age) to have completed a Working With Children (WWC) Check by mid 2008. HLSC requires these checks to be commenced prior to the start of the 2007/08 season. All volunteers involved with HLSC Junior Activities will be required to produce a copy of their application receipt and/or check card prior to their involvement in the programs. The check lasts for a period of five years and costs nothing for volunteers.

Members are advised that it will become mandatory for all active HLSC members to complete a WWC check prior to the confirmation of their membership application from mid-2009.

For more information on WWC checks please visit the following website:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren>