



It is vital for Surf Life Saving Clubs to ensure their enrolled Nippers are proficient in the pool & surf, to ensure they are:

SURF COMPETENT • SURF CONFIDENT • SURF SAFE

Each year your child ***must*** successfully complete their Age Groups Proficiency Level, as outlined below, to allow them to be a Nipper.

Age group	Preliminary evaluation	Competition evaluation	Surf education awards
Under 6	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 1
Under 7	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3 m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 2
Under 8	25-m swim (any stroke) 1-minute survival float	Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist-deep water)	Surf Aware 1
Under 9	25-m swim (any stroke) 1-minute survival float	Minimum 150-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	25-m swim (front crawl) 1.5-minute survival float	Minimum 150-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	50-m swim (front crawl) 2-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100-m swim (front crawl) 2-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150-m swim (front crawl) 3-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200-m swim (front crawl, in less than 5 minutes) 3-minute survival float	Minimum 200-m open water swim (competition course as per competition manual)	Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
Assessors	Club Executive delegated authority		

This is a compulsory requirement from SLSA. Therefore, please acknowledge the proficiency level your child must reach to be a Nipper by initialling next to your child's age group proficiency level, plus complete below & sign.

Date:.....

Child's Name:.....

Child's Age:.....

Parent's Name:.....

Parent's Signature:.....