



# KINGSTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

<b>Policy Name</b>	<b>Nipper Membership Policy</b>
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## **DEFINITIONS:**

**Club** – Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (“KBSLSC”)

**Nipper** – A junior member aged between 5 and 14 years

**Parent** – a person who has the legal responsibility of a child. The term “Parent” in the context of this policy also refers to a guardian, caregiver or other person who has the legal responsibility for the care of a child, and who is over the age of 18.

## **OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the people responsible for the child intending to become a member of the Club are aware that as a voluntary organisation, the Club required assistance to make our Nipper program an enjoyable experience.

For this reason, each child applying for membership with the Club must include an accompanying application for membership by a parent, with the expectation that they will assist in some capacity with the Club’s Nipper program.

KBSLSC is committed to Child Safety and have strict safeguarding policies and processes to ensure the safety of children and young people.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The operation of any successful Nipper program can only be achieved through an ongoing commitment from volunteers and assistance offered from parents. KBSLSC is a family club and requires the help of every family to share the workload so that we can continue to maintain a high standard of service and enjoyable environment for all Nippers and their families.

The support from parents to fill roles including committee members, age managers, officials, recorders, water safety or just a helping hand make life easier for all, as well as enhancing a child’s experience as a Nipper. Active involvement in any part of Nipper activities is a unique and essential component of the Nippers culture and framework. Such activities could include assisting an age manager on the beach, moving equipment to and from the beach, helping out with the weekly BBQ and any other club activities or events.

## **APPLICATION OF POLICY:**

This policy applies to a child and their parent seeking to become a member of the Club.

## **POLICY:**

At least one (1) parent per family is required to be registered as a member of the Club. Requirements for an adult to become a member of the Club, they:

- Must hold and provide evidence of a current Registration for Working with Vulnerable People (RWVP);
- Once membership is approved, complete Surf Life Saving Australia’s *Child Safe Awareness* online module via the SLS Members Area within a nominated timeframe;

- Any other requirements in relation to child safety as directed by Surf Lifesaving Tasmania or Surf Life Saving Australia.

The Club's registration fee schedule provides a number of options for membership. Membership of the Club is also essential for the provision of insurance coverage for the parent while undertaking approved activities with the Club. As such, the Nipper Parent (general Member) fee is set at a discounted level to partially cover the cost of participation. The Club will provide the necessary training and guidance where required.

KBSLSC will continue to work to ensure the Club is a place where all children are safe, supported, heard and valued.

**REVIEW:**

This policy is scheduled to be reviewed in three (3) years time, however the Club, at their discretion may chose to review this policy at any time if deemed necessary.