

JUNIOR CHAMPION CLUB



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Junior Champion Club is awarded annually to the Club achieving the highest overall score across the 5 pillars of success below

- Clubs will be ranked based on their level of achievement with the highest ranked Club in each pillar being awarded 22 points (2nd highest = 21, 3rd = 20, etc)
- The maximum achievable points is 110 (ie if a Club ranked highest in all 5 pillars; 5 pillars x 22 points)
- Non-participation in any of the pillars will result in 0 points allocated for that pillar/s



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Percentage (%) of U6-U13 participants retained from previous season.

Club with highest percentage will be ranked highest.

This data will be taken as at 1 February.



CARNIVAL PARTICIPATION

Percentage (%) of U8-U13 eligible members who participated in at least one (1) state junior carnival (11 Dec, 22 Jan, 12 Feb).

Club with highest percentage will be ranked highest.



SPORT PERFORMANCE

Medal tally from all Division 1 events* at State Championships.

Club with most gold medals will be ranked highest.

*incl events which are not divisional (ie march past, RnR, All Age relays, Champion Lifesaver)



NIPPER PROGRAM

Clubs assessed on 2 factors as percentage of eligible members:

1. Preliminary evaluations & Surf Ed awards assessed and recorded* for all U6-U13 participants
2. Age Managers & program leaders accredited and completed as per annual notification (award, WWCC, SLS Child Safe Awareness training)

Club with highest combined percentage will be ranked highest

*those deemed not yet competent to be recorded as such



SPORT PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENT

Clubs will be scored by Area Referees at Junior Carnivals and State Championships based on their demonstrated appropriate and respectful behaviours by participants, leaders/volunteers and supporters:

- 5 points = all clubs awarded for event attendance
- -1 point = for each occasion where club did NOT meet expectation*
- -2 points = for each occasion where blue card issued

Club with highest number of points as at Day 3 State Championships will be ranked highest.

*must provide details

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Rankings and Pointscoring

PILLAR RANKINGS

Clubs will be ranked based on their achievement within each pillar. The rankings equate to points with the maximum available being 22 points for any one pillar. The rankings/points schedule is as follows:

Ranking	Points
1 st	22
2 nd	21
3 rd	20
4 th	19
5 th	18
6 th	17
7 th	16
8 th	15

Ranking	Points
9 th	14
10 th	13
11 th	12
12 th	11
13 th	10
14 th	9
15 th	8

Ranking	Points
16 th	7
17 th	6
18 th	5
19 th	4
20 th	3
21 st	2
22 nd	1

Non-participation by a Club in a specific pillar will result in no ranking provided and 0 points allocated for that pillar

Where Clubs finish on equal ranking within a pillar, the relevant countback is applied. Where no countback (or not further countback) is available, Clubs will be awarded equal ranking and be awarded the relevant points for that ranking. All subsequent rankings will be lowered to reflect the number of Clubs tied on equal ranking. *Example: if two (2) Clubs were tied in 3rd ranking, both would be awarded 20 points and the next ranked Club would be awarded 18 points (ie 5th ranked).*

OVERALL POINTSCORE

Clubs' combined pointscore of all FIVE (5) pillars determines their overall pointscore. The maximum overall pointscore is 110 points (ie if ranked #1 for all five pillars). The Club with the highest overall pointscore will be awarded the Junior Club Champion.

In the event of a tied pointscore, the pillar rankings, in the following order, will be used for countback to determine the winner/higher finish position:

- a. *Membership Retention*
- b. *Nipper Program*
- c. *Sport Participation Environment*
- d. *Carnival Participation*
- e. *Sport Performance*

5 Pillars of Success

The following provides specific details regarding how/when/what will be assessed for each pillar.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Assessed on the percentage of members retained from the previous season. This will involve calculation of the percentage of 2021-22 nipper¹ program members from Under 6 – Under 13 age groups who have continued as 2022-23 program members. The Club with the highest percentage will be ranked 1st through to the Club with the lowest percentage being ranked last.

In the event of tied percentage, the specific age group percentages, will be used as countback, starting with the oldest age group through to the youngest age group.

¹nipper program members are those who are listed on the Nipper App age group lists with minimum one (1) session attendance and have completed the preliminary assessment (or attempted with relevant note recorded).

In the case of the Under 13 members from 2021-22, a member will be considered retained if they are registered for 2022-23 as a Cadet Member (13-15 years) and have achieved either the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), other patrolling award or Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 14 (min evaluation to participate in Club based activities)

The data will be taken as at 1 February 2023.

CARNIVAL PARTICIPATION

Assessed on the number of Under 8-Under 13 members, as a percentage of the total Under 8-Under 13 nipper program members, who:

- a. Have successfully completed (and recorded on SurfGuard) the [Preliminary Evaluation](#) for their 2022-23 age group, and
- b. Participate in a minimum of one (1) of the following junior carnivals/events:
 - Sunday 11 December 2022
 - Sunday 22 January 2023
 - Sunday 12 February 2023
 - Champion Lifesaver State Championship (4 Feb 2023)
 - Junior State Championships (26 Feb, 18 and/or 19 March 2023)
- c. Start in at least one (1) event at any of the above carnivals with a result (resulted placing, 'did not finish', 'qualified' or 'disqualified') showing on MeetDirector

The Club with the highest percentage will be ranked 1st through to the Club with the lowest percentage being ranked last.

SPORT PERFORMANCE

Assessed on the Medal Tally from all Division 1 and non-divisional events² at the Junior State Championship. The Club with the most GOLD medals from such events will be ranked 1st through to the Club with the least medals (must have had at least one participating competitor/team) being ranked last.

Where a Club has members participating in any of these Division 1 and non-divisional events but does not achieve any medals, the Club will be allocated the next ranking down from the Club with the least (min. 1 x bronze medal) medals, however, Clubs with no participating members in the Division 1 or non-divisional events will not be ranked and will be allocated 0 points for this pillar.

²non-divisional events are: Junior March Past, Junior Taplin Relay, All Age Beach Relays (male & female), U13 Champion Lifesaver (male & female), 2 person R&R (U11 and U13) and 5 person R&R (U13)

Example medal tally

Ranking	CLUB	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1 st	YYY SLSC	8	5	3
2 nd	CCC SLSC	8	4	11
3 rd	ZZZ SLSC	4	12	17
4 th	BBB SLSC		15	5
5 th	AAA SLSC		15	1
6 th	XXX SLSC		14	21

NIPPER PROGRAM

Assessed on the following two (2) elements of the Club Nipper Program:

1. Number of Under 6-Under 13 members, as a percentage of the total Under 6-Under 13 nipper program members, who:
 - Have successfully completed (and recorded on Surfguard) the [Preliminary Evaluation](#) for their 2022-23 age group (or have 'not yet competent' recorded in the notes of their Nipper App profile), and
 - Have achieved (and recorded on Surfguard) the [Surf Education award](#) for their 2022-23 age group*Data taken as at 20/2/23*

2. Number of Age Group Managers and Nipper Program Leaders, as a percentage of the total number of Age Group Managers and Nipper Program Leaders, who:
 - Hold a current, valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) which is recorded on Surfguard (all program volunteers aged 14+ years)
 - Completed the free, online SLSA Child Safe Awareness course (via [SLS Members Area](#)) with an award date of no earlier than 1 September 2021
 - Hold a current SLSA Age Manager Course award which is recorded on Surfguard (*for those aged 13-15 years, min requirement is completion of the Age Manager-Online Theory as the full award has a min age requirement of 16 years*)*Data submitted via online Nipper Program Form will be used to check credentials.*

The average percentage of both elements will be used as a total for this pillar. The Club with the highest percentage will be ranked 1st through to the Club with the lowest percentage being ranked last.

SPORT PARTICIPATION ENVIRONMENT

Assessed on whether a Club meets or does not meet expectation with regards to demonstrated, appropriate and respectful behaviours by carnival participants (ie U8-U13 competitors), nipper leaders/volunteers (Age/Team Managers, Coaches, Officials, Water Safety, Photographers) and supporters (family and friends). Such behaviours include:

- a. Sporting (incl sideline) behaviour
- b. Provision of required volunteers - officials, water safety, work party (1 point deduction for each failure)

This will be via a simple scoring procedure undertaken by all Carnival/Area Referees at the conclusion of each carnival (Sun 11 Dec, Sun 22 Jan and Sun 12 Feb) and Junior State Championship dates (Sun 26 Feb, Sat 18 & Sun 19 March).

Participating clubs will start with 5 points and deductions will be made as follows:

- Did NOT meet expectation = 1 point deduction (must provide details)
- Blue card issued (ie removal from the beach) = 2 point deduction (must provide details)

Removal of points will be moderated by an independent committee following each carnival and any deductions will be communicated directly with the club/s involved.

Points will be totalled across all 6 carnival and State Championship dates as listed above. The Club with the most points being ranked 1st through to the Club with the least points being ranked last.

Presentation and Announcement

Results for each of the 5 Pillars of Success will be tracked and published as follows:

- Membership Retention – published no later than 14/3/23
- Carnival Participation – published at conclusion of Junior State Championships Day 3
- Sport Performance – published at conclusion of Junior State Championships Day 3
- Nipper Program – published no later than 14/3/23
- Sport Participation Environment – tracked and finalised Day 3 of Junior State Championships

The announcement and presentation of the overall Junior Champion Club will take place at the completion of the Junior State Championships.