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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

QM-CON-01	QMSLSC Constitution
QM-BL-01	QMSLSC By-Laws
Reference SLSA Policy:	SLSA Junior Activities Start of Season Information
Reference SLSWA Policy:	Woodside Nipper & SLSWA Youth Programs and Requirements

1. INTRODUCTION

It is the intent of Surf Life Saving Australia that all Members participate in their correct age group.

The Club's aim will always be to support and develop each Member so they become confident and competent enough to participate fully in their correct group.

The Club recognises that a Nipper or U14 Cadet Member may have a valid reason to request participation in a different age group and has established a policy outlining the terms and process for such requests.

2. CHANGE OF AGE GROUP

2.1. Preliminary Evaluations

- Members participating with a younger age group must complete the preliminary swim evaluation for their correct age group (based on date of birth).
- Members participating with an older age group must complete the preliminary swim evaluation for the older age group.

2.2. Competitions – Points Days & Intraclub

- Members participating with a younger group may only compete in that age group on points days and other intraclub events, but:
 - they are not eligible to accrue points towards club awards; and
 - their results will not be included in the overall standings for points allocated to other competitors (i.e. competition positions and points are awarded as if the Member did not compete in the event).

Exception: Members cannot compete in the flags event in the younger group, as it may affect overall results.

- Members participating with an older group may only compete in that group and are eligible to accrue points towards club awards in that group, and only that group.

2.3. Competitions – Interclub

Members may only compete in their correct age group (based on date of birth) at interclub, interstate and national events.

2.4. Approval Process

- To request a change of age group, the Member's parent/guardian must complete the Change of Age Group Request Form and submit the completed form to the Club via email info@qmslsc.com.au.
- The Nipper Manager will consult with both Age Managers (correct age group and proposed group) and Youth Coordinator (if relevant) to ensure the change is in the Member's best interests.
- The Nipper Manager will then seek endorsement from the Director of Youth.

2.5. Approval validity

- Approvals are valid for one season only and must be reapplied for in subsequent seasons if required.
- The Club reserves the right to reassess or withdraw approval during the season if it considers this necessary.

2.6. Further changes

- If a Member wishes to return to their correct age group within the season, a new Change of Age Group Request Form must be completed and submitted to the Club outlining the reasons. via email info@qmslsc.com.au
- The Nipper Manager will consult with both Age Managers (correct age group and proposed group) and Youth Coordinator (if relevant) to ensure the change is in the Member's best interests.
- The Nipper Manager will then seek endorsement from the Director of Youth.

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CHANGE OF AGE GROUP REQUEST FORM



MEMBER DETAILS

Member's Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Current Age Group (per DOB)	
Requested Age Group:	

REASON FOR REQUEST

Please select reason and provide details

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name	
Signature	
Date	

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CLUB APPROVAL

For club use only:

NIPPER MANAGER

Recommendation:

Comments including discussion with Age Group Managers (current and proposed age groups) and Youth Coordinator (if relevant)

Name of Nipper Manager	
Signature	
Date	

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH

Decision:

Comments:

Name of Director of Youth	
Signature	
Date	