

Age Manager Factsheet

Age Managers are volunteers who plan and deliver the Nipper program at their club to children aged between 5-13 years. The goal of an Age Manager is to create a fun, safe learning environment while developing future surf lifesavers through the building of knowledge, skills and confidence.

The Age Manager Course has been designed to equip age managers with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully carry out their role. Further information about the course including entry requirements, course outcomes and assessments can be found in the Age Manager Syllabus. All of the learning resources referred to in the syllabus can be found on the [SLSA Members Area](#).

A minimum supervision ratio of 1:20 is required by SLSNSW. This ratio is based on overall numbers of junior members and not per age group. However it is strongly recommended that a supervision ratio of 2:20 is in place (2 Accredited Age Managers (one male and one female):20 Activity Participants), for all junior activities conducted on the beach.

AGE MANAGER AWARD PROCESS

PART 1

Face-to-face is recommended and can be delivered by an Age Manager Mentor* at a club or branch, however the online theory course can be found on SLSA's eLearning platform, accessible via the [SLSA Members Area](#).

*Age Manager Mentor – an age manager with at least 3 years' experience who has been an active age manager within the past 5 years.



Complete a Face-to-face course OR SLSA's online theory course

PART 2

An Age Manager Mentor will run through the technical and logistical set up and delivery of a regular Sunday Nippers' program.



Technical session at the club

PART 3

For new members, the club will need to organise two mentoring sessions at the beach with an Age Manager Mentor.

For those who have been involved in junior activities for at least 2 years (e.g. gear steward, parent helper), and have demonstrated their ability to complete the required activities in the past, this requirement can be waived by an Age Manager Mentor, who must sign the Assessment Portfolio.



Mentoring session at the beach



PART 4

The completed Assessment Portfolio must be signed off by an Age Manager Mentor once all of the above steps have completed. The club will create and submit an Award Assessment Request in SurfGuard and retain the Assessment Portfolio(s) for a minimum of one season.

The club will submit the following paperwork to branch within 14 days of signing:

- Certification Page and Third-Party Form (from the Age Manager Course Assessment Portfolio)
- Copy of sign on sheet from the face to face presentation if delivered by club



Paperwork

PART 5

Once the branch has received the required paperwork, they will allocate the award in SurfGuard.



Award Allocation

PART 6

Age Managers are required to complete a proficiency every five years. A member is considered to be proficient:

- On completion of the Age Managers online course
- On completion of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Awareness online course
- On completion of the current working with children check or equivalent requirement for their state/territory



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