





# JDR and Age Manager Updates

## SLSNSW Rollout Plan

The table below summarises the junior activities resources in place for the 2021/22 season and outlines the roll out of new resources being released by SLSA.

It is important to note that **this season there will be no changes** to the delivery of junior activities, age awards or the Age Manager course this season. SLSNSW along with Branches will commence the education and information roll out from January 2022 to ensure sufficient time to implement in the 2022/23 season.

|                           | <br><b>Preliminary Skills<br/>Competition Skills</b> | <br><b>Junior Development<br/>Resource Kit (Age<br/>Guides, Age Awards)</b>  | <br><b>Age Manager Course</b>            | <br><b>Foundation Skills /<br/>Coaching Points</b>  |
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| <b>2021/22<br/>Season</b> | No change from 2020/21<br><br><a href="#">Preliminary Skills and Competition Skills</a>   | No change from 2020/21<br><br><a href="#">Junior Development Resource Age Guides Age Awards and processing</a>  | No change from 2020/21<br><br><a href="#">Age Manager Course</a><br><br>Addition of Age Manager Proficiency every 5 years. | No change from 2020/21<br><br><a href="#">Junior Coaching Videos</a>   |
| <b>2022/23<br/>Season</b> | Alongside the JDR, new preliminary and competition skills summary will be released. This will be linked to 'stages' rather than ages. | A revised approach to Junior Development will be released. This will see changes from age-based learning to a skills-based approach. Age awards and names will also change.<br><br>Information will be shared via an etrainU Juniors Hub. | Refreshed Age Manager Course and resources released.<br><br>Age Manager Mentor Training available.                         | SLSA will deliver a foundation skills guide to support Age Managers, Coaches and parents teaching the foundation skills needed to become a lifesaver.<br><br>Skills videos to support the new foundation skills guide (TBC). |

In 2022/23 season, NSW Clubs will be required to implement new Preliminary and Competition skills, Junior Development Resource Kit, Age Guides and Awards and Age Manager Course.

Roll out (including information sessions, resource roll out and training etc) will commence from January 2022.

## FAQ's

### Where can I find the key changes?

SLSA will be releasing a summary of key changes which will be shared with clubs and branches.

### Why have the Preliminary Skills changed?

The preliminary skills framework has not been reviewed or updated for a number of years. Following the National Youth Review, this was identified as a key area of review. The document has been created by a collective group of subject matter experts from each state/territory, including junior activity coordinators, teachers, early education experts and learn to swim teachers. Skills have been determined based on the most current drowning prevention information and best practice industry research, including consultation undertaken with AUSTSWIM instructors and swim school managers regarding the developmental stages of children and the corresponding acquisition of aquatic skills in still water environments.

Please note:

- There are no consistent standards for depths of commercial swimming pools in Australia (particularly older pools) so suggested depths for Stage 1, 2 and 3 are only given as a guide.
- Guidelines have been created as an overarching national standard - states, territories, branches and clubs may alter elements, e.g. distances and depths dependent on the aquatic environment and conditions at the time.

### Why is NSW not implementing these changes when they are released?

SLSA is releasing these changes in late August, and with pre-season beginning in September the time frame was too short to learn and implement all these changes. SLSNSW want to ensure clubs have all the support and understanding of the changes before implementing.

### Can my club use the new preliminary and competition skills evaluations this season (2021/22)?

No – all clubs will use the existing preliminary and competition skills evaluations this season and use this season to learn and understand the changes.

### Where do I go if I have more questions?

Branch Director of Member Services will be your first point of contact, or alternatively the [SLSNSW Membership team](#).