

Junior Awards and Certificates Factsheet

All children who regularly attend nippers are eligible for a Junior Surf Award relevant to their age group. These certificates are recognition for the skills the children have learnt throughout the season and are based on participation, not competence.

It is recommended that nippers who complete 75% of nipper sessions (recorded in nipper attendance sheets) are eligible for the award and included in the award assessment request.

For the awards to be processed, clubs are required to create a New Assessment Request in SurfGuard for each Junior Surf Award. Clubs must ensure that children are entered into the correct Junior Surf Award Assessment Request for their age group as listed in SurfGuard. This may require admins to check dates of birth.

Please do not simply select all available candidates.

Award Processing (to be completed by the club)

At the beginning of the season:

New Assessment Request / Proficiency / Preliminary Evaluation and Competition Skills Evaluation is completed for each age group.

Once surf education has been completed, and prior to 31 December:

New Assessment Request / Award / relevant Junior Surf Award is completed for each age group.

All new Assessment Requests for Junior Surf Awards must be entered into SurfGuard by 31 December each year to meet competition requirements. Certificates are processed within 2-6 weeks from award allocation and delivered via the club's preferred method.

Certificate Format

Clubs can choose 1 of 3 options for the issuance of nipper certificates: hard copy posted to the club, PDF sent to the club for electronic distribution, or PDF emailed directly to the member.

Clubs should advise their Branch Director of Administration or Branch Office of their preferred method of distribution, who in turn will advise SLSNSW. An email is sent from SLSNSW to branches at the beginning of each season requesting this information. Clubs that do not nominate a preference will have their certificates sent to them in hard copy.

Incorrect Spelling on Certificates

If there is an error with a certificate, clubs should [contact SLSNSW](#) to have this corrected and a replacement issued. It is important that member's keep their personal details up to date via the [Members Area](#) (including capitalisation of names) as SurfGuard uses this information to generate the certificates.

Replacement Certificates

Clubs are not able to reprint certificates from SurfGuard. If a certificate is damaged or missing, a request can be sent through to [SLSNSW](#) and a replacement will be issued.

