

Beach Layout Factsheet

When setting up the beach for nippers, Junior Activity Chairs must understand their local beach environment. The beach layout should take into consideration permanent hazards, local landmarks, ocean conditions, weather conditions, and location of other beach users.

The JAC may like to draw up a map of your beach and clearly mark out your water and beach areas, and for each activity area the allocation of your participants, required equipment, and water safety personnel.

Things to consider:

- Set up must be complete when nippers arrive so that Age Managers, nippers and parents know and can clearly identify their area of activity
- A main nippers tent can be set up for any briefings and meeting points (this is also a good way for promoting sponsors)
- Set up a sunscreen and hand sanitizing station
- Set up a water station – it is preferable that all nippers bring their own drink bottles to reduce plastic waste
- Flags must be set up to avoid collisions - you may like to ask an official or an Age Manager to help here
- Cans and buoys are to be set in skill/age appropriate positions, based on learning outcomes. Competition lengths are not required, nor appropriate at Sunday nippers for swim or board
- Set up a shaded area for education sessions (also great on hot days)
- Set up the BBQ Area in a safe location away from the morning's activities

Example Map:

