

## **JUNIOR BOARD USE AND ALLOCATION**

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### **PURPOSE**

PBQSLSC (the Club) Nippers has a limited stock of fibreglass, epoxy and foam Nipper boards. This policy relates to the usage, loan and care of these pieces of equipment.

### **AUDIENCE**

Parents/guardians of Junior Members and key volunteers and Coaches.

### **DETAIL**

PBQSLSC's stock of Junior Boards can be broadly categorised as either:

**1. General Use Nipper Boards**

These include older *fibreglass* Nipper boards and *foam* Nipper boards which are available for general use during Nippers and training

**2. Individual Loan Nipper Boards**

A number of newer fibreglass Nipper boards are available for loan to Junior Members throughout the season for a fee.

The Club does not have a stock of *Racing Malibu* boards for use by the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups in training and competition and there are currently no plans to purchase these boards.

### **1. GENERAL USE NIPPER BOARDS**

The Club owned fibreglass and foam Nipper boards are stored and locked in the Nipper board room.

#### **Usage**

- General Use *Fibreglass* Nipper boards are for the use of all registered junior members in the U11 - U13 age groups.
- General Use *Foam* Nipper boards are for use by the U8 to 10s age group. For older age groups, only children that are not yet competent on fibreglass nipper boards are to be using foam Nipper boards, at the discretion of the respective Age Manager.
- The General Use boards are available for use at PBQSLSC Nippers training days (typically on Saturdays), all carnivals attended by the Club and at other times when an authorised person is in attendance (i.e. Club training sessions).

## **Repairs**

- The Club will pay for the cost of repairs to boards if damaged in the normal course of competition and training. Any damage to a board must immediately be reported to the authorised person attending the activity or Surf Sports Gear Steward to determine the appropriate repair.
- Costs incurred from damage caused by reckless or unauthorised use of a board will be the responsibility of the Nipper (parents/guardians).

## **2. INDIVIDUAL LOAN NIPPER BOARDS**

- The Club has a stock of fibreglass Nipper boards available for individual loan for a fee under a hire agreement.
- Nippers (parents) in age groups U11 - U13 may apply to the Surf Sports Gear Steward for the loan of fibreglass loan Nipper boards for one season.
- Boards will only be allocated to Nippers based on weight and availability, who compete for the Club, complete required age certificates, attend Club training and Club fundraising events.
- Throughout the season, the Coach will review the competency of the Nippers attending club training sessions. In the case of a Nipper being deemed to be at a stage where they would benefit from the use of a higher quality or weighted craft, the Coach will liaise with the Surf Sports Officer, JAC and Surf Sports Gear Steward to seek permission to loan a board.
- The determination of any application will be at the discretion of the Coach, Surf Sports Officer, Junior Activities Coordinator and Surf Sports Gear Steward. This will be based on the child's attendance at Nipper activities, arranged training sessions, carnivals (previous season's attendance), the way any previous boards have been maintained and the competency of the Nipper.
- Priority will be given to older, competent Nippers, regularly attending training and carnivals.
- Upon approval, the user (parents) must complete the 'Individual Loan Nipper Board Agreement', in Appendix 1.

### **Loan Agreement process**

- A non-refundable \$150 payment is required for use of the board for the season. This will assist the Club in maintaining a stock of quality boards for members use.
- The Nipper will have exclusive use of the nominated board and padded cover at Club training, Nipper activities and carnivals.
- The board can be taken home for additional use and training outside of Club session but it is recommended to remain within the Club storage area when not being used for the above mentioned activities.
- The board must be used responsibly, never standing up or used in ways considered dangerous.

- The Nipper is required to attend at least two Club board or iron person training session per week (or provide evidence of formal board training if living in Brisbane) and at least one swimming session per week as well as all nominated Club carnivals (pending availability).
- An inspection of the board will be done periodically throughout the season by the Nipper Coach or Gear Steward.
- The loan arrangement only extends to the length of the Nipper season.
- All boards are to be returned to the Club at the end of the regular Nipper season. An email will be sent to families requesting the return date and time of boards on loan.
- The JAC or Gear Steward retains the right to overrule any loan agreement and request the return of the board if the conditions, in their judgement, are not adhered to.
- In the event of the board being required for urgent competition use by another child, the Nipper Coach and JAC retain the right to allocate the board for temporary use to another child during the course of a carnival.
- The user must ensure that no damage is caused to the board through transportation (i.e. strapping boards on top of each other, storing inside the car for excessive periods, not using proper board straps).
- All repairs required and costs to the board will be the responsibility of the allocated Nipper (parents).
- If damage is done to the board, please notify the Club by email to [administrator@palmbeachsurfclub.com.au](mailto:administrator@palmbeachsurfclub.com.au) within 24hrs of the incident occurring.  
The email is to include:
  - Photo of the damage
  - Brief overview of the incident
  - When the board will be repaired
- Repairs need to be organised through the professional repairer nominated by the Club:
  - Knight Rider Surf Repairs ,2/88 Township Drive, Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast 5576 5914 or
  - Race One Surf Craft - 8 Leda Drive Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, Qld, 4220, telephone: +617 5576 7022.
- If the board is lost, the Nipper (parent/guardian) will be responsible for the full replacement cost.
- For those wishing use an Individual Loan Nipper Board for a specific carnival or event and not the whole season, this will only be considered if there are available and unallocated boards in stock. There will be a fee of \$20 per 24 hours that the board is hired out and an individual nipper board agreement must be entered into and all terms and conditions related to nipper loan hire boards, applies to the short term hirer.

The agreement form for hirer Nipper Loan Boards can be found on the following page. A printed form is to be completed together with the Surf Sport Gear Steward. Forms can also be obtained at the Club.



# INDIVIDUAL LOAN NIPPER BOARD AGREEMENT

## PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO PRINT AND COMPLETE with the SURF SPORT GEAR STEWARD

I am applying for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to use one of the PBQSLSC loan Nipper boards (allocated Board ID \_\_\_\_\_ )

for the exclusive use of the designated board throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ Nipper Season.

- I have made a **\$150.00** payment for use of the nominated PBQSLSC Nipper board.
- I have read the Junior Board Allocation Policy and agree to abide by it.
- I have a copy of this agreement and the terms and conditions and will abide by it.
- I understand the board remains club property.
- I will be liable for any loss or damage of/to the board as per the Policy.
- I will abide by any decision made by the Committee regarding the use of the board.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

## GEAR STEWARD

I have explained the terms and conditions to the user and the parent/guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

## CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

Payment: **\$150.00** Non-refundable payment has been RECEIVED.  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**Attach receipt**

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**BOARD CONDITION REPORT (at time of hire)**

Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE BOARD dispensed: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE BOARD returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Returned by: (print name): \_\_\_\_\_



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**Comments on board when DISPENSED: (attach photos as desired)**

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**Comments on board when RETURNED: (attach photos as desired)**