

Attendance Register

We urge all parents and nippers to ensure the attendance register is signed on a weekly basis before each training session.

TO THE PARENTS

Nippers is about so much more than competition. It's about building confidence, learning new skills, making friends and developing a love and respect for the ocean.

Please remember that every child learns and develops at their own pace. Being a strong pool swimmer doesn't automatically mean they will be confident in the sea. Give your child time, encouragement and the opportunity to learn, grow and overcome new challenges.

Nipper lifesaving develops a wide range of skills including swimming, running, board paddling, beach sprints and flags. Every discipline helps build fitness, confidence, teamwork and resilience, and there is a place in our team for children of all abilities and experience levels.

There will be good days, challenging days and plenty of learning along the way. Encourage your child to give things a try, celebrate their progress and, most importantly, enjoy the experience.

At Durban Surf, our goal is to develop confident, capable young lifesavers while creating friendships, memories and a lifelong love for the ocean.

Most importantly – we want our nippers to HAVE FUN!

Enjoy the season and watching your children grow!

GO THE RED TIDE! ❤️🌊

THE CROW CAFE

Haven't made your way upstairs to The Crow Café yet? We'd love to see you there! It's the perfect spot to relax, grab some breakfast, enjoy a great cup of coffee and watch the nippers train below.

3 PIERS COFFEE CO

Looking for a quick coffee on the go? 3 Piers Coffee Co is our downstairs coffee shop, conveniently located right on the Promenade. Grab a coffee, something to eat and get on with your day.

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of the Red Tide and look forward to the next chapter of our story!

Save the Date: 25–27 June 2027

100 YEARS. ONE CLUB. ONE FAMILY. GO THE RED TIDE! ❤️🌊

2026/2027

Nipper Info & Provisional Dates



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF DURBAN SURF
Next year, Durban Surf proudly celebrates 100 years of
lifesaving, community and ocean heritage! 🌊❤️

WELCOME NIPPER PARENTS

We're excited to welcome all our new and returning Nipper families to another fantastic season at Durban Surf!

We've put together this booklet with some useful information to help you and your child get the most out of the season. Please take some time to read through it and familiarise yourself with the important dates, training information and club guidelines. We look forward to an exciting season ahead and to watching our nippers learn, grow and become part of the Durban Surf family!

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

R850/nipplet; R1500/nipper; R1400/2nd nipper; R1100/3rd nipper; Family Membership R 4150 (2 x adults & 2 x children U/18)

MEMBERSHIP FEES INCLUDE:

Carnival Fees - R300
KZN Nipper Champs Fees - R300
SA Champs Fees - R750
Capitation Fees - R180
Exam Fees (nipper voucher) - R185

BANKING DETAILS:

BANK: FIRST NATIONAL BANK

ACCOUNT HOLDER: DURBAN SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 508 4203 0913

BRANCH CODE: 221426

REFERENCE: CHILDS FULL NAME



CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS & access disks are available from the office for R100 each. All WhatsApp groups will be cleaned up. If you are mistakenly removed and you are still active, please contact the office or your age group admin person.

TRAINING: Training is every Sunday, on North Beach from 07h45 – 09h30.

SKULL CAPS ARE COMPULSORY for training. Look out for your age group tear drop banner on the beach. Please see below the names of all the coaches for the specific age groups:

Nipplets - Bruce/Jonathon/Shawn, u9/10 - Marcos/Roy/Billy, u11/12 - Steve/Clare/Roslyn, u13/14 - Craig/Mike/John

LEVEL TESTS: These are tests that all nippers must do in order to compete in any of the carnivals or champs. They are for all nippers and include a swim test, a verbal theory test and beach/sea practical. The pool swim times to qualify per level are as follows:

1. Level 1 – u9/10: 300m in under 8 minutes/ 2. Level 2 – u11/12: 400m in under 10 minutes/ 3. Level 3 – u13/14: 400m in under 9 minutes

LEVEL TESTS CONTINUED:

These swim times can be emailed to the office or relevant age group administrators by registered swim coaches, school swim coaches or Durban Surf coaches.



PROPOSED LEVEL TEST DATES:

Test 1- 13th September

Test 2 - 18th October

Test 3 - 8th November

Test 4 - 17th January 2027

Test 5 - 31st January 2027

AGE GROUP ADMINISTRATORS:

U8 Nipplets - Alison Van den Berg - alisonvandenber23@gmail.com

u9/10 - Luciana Machado - lu.ssantanna@gmail.com

u11/12 - Ruth Kitto - ruthebear@hotmail.com

u13/14 - Stacey Randall - stacey@onlineadv.co.za

CARNIVALS:

Nipper carnivals are interclub competitions that are held at Addington Beach, where your nipper will get to put into practise all that they have learned at their weekly training sessions. If your nipper has completed their respective level tests, they will be able to compete in both the beach and sea events. If they haven't, they will still be able to participate in the beach events, namely flags, sprints, and the long beach run. Your nipper will require a compulsory pink competitor's rash vest for all water events, available from the office.

The proposed but not yet confirmed competition dates for this season are as follows:

Carnival 1 - 25th October (Marine)

Carnival 2 - 15th November (Scottburgh)

Stillwater Carnival 3 - 24th January 2027 (Stillwater)

Carnival 4 - 7th February 2027 (Marine)

KZN Nipper Champs (U9-U14) - 13-14th March (Marine)

SA Champs (TBC) - 24th April - 1st May (Durban)



KZN AND SA NIPPER CHAMPS:

Please note that there are no selection criteria besides level awards to participate at KZN or SA Club Champs. Participation is voluntary. KZN Champs will be held at Marine in Durban. SA Champs is in Durban and is a great life experience that parents, and nippers alike will never forget!

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