



Welcome to South Port – Nippers are Rippers

Whether you are looking to come and try, have decided to join our Club or a returning member, the below information will help you to understand the South Port Surf Club, its workings and its people. If your child is 5 by midnight on the 30 September 2015 then we can't wait to see you.

One of the smaller clubs on the Adelaide Coastline, our Club Mission is:

“To maintain South Port Beach as a safe and enjoyable environment for the general public and our members”

The primary role of Surf Lifesaving Clubs is to create safe environments for people – members and public - to enjoy our wonderful beaches and coastline.

It is a fantastic activity that will see your child's confidence develop as they gain knowledge and skills to be competent in the beach environment. Not only will your child have fun and meet new friends, they will become part of an iconic organisation that has served the Australian community for over 100 years.

Nippers

Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving.

Our programs are designed to ensure children have fun at the beach while participating in lessons that will give them a pathway to becoming a fully rounded participant in both lifesaving and sport - we like to call it 'Serious Fun' – safety in the surf, rescue and resuscitation, board paddling and wading, surf swimming, flags and running.

There are also many opportunities for our Nippers to test their learning at events such as March Past, Rescue and Resuscitation, Champion Patrol, Champion Lifesaver and First Aid. Many events also double up as team relays at carnivals.

Importantly, all children participate in a SLSA (Surf Life Saving Australia) Junior Development Award Program. It has been designed to deliver positive learning and experimental outcomes for every junior that joins a Surf Life Saving Club. The program pathways learning towards the Surf Rescue Certificate, which members can begin training towards from the age of 13.

Joining our Club [nipper specific]

To become a member of our Club, you will need to register with Surf Lifesaving Australia Members Portal:

- Register for the new season** - <https://portal.sls.com.au/>

For more detailed instructions check out our website

<http://www.southportslsc.org.au/images/pdf/HAVE-YOU-CREATED-YOUR-MEMBERS-PORTAL-ACCOUNT.pdf>

- **Payment for the season** – <http://www.southportslsc.org.au/our-club/membership/fees-for-2015-16> - Sports Vouchers are accepted as payment at the club - <http://www.southportslsc.org.au/juniors/sports-vouchers>

In addition to the general membership juniors will be asked to complete:

1. Photo consent form
2. Medical Details
3. Family Membership Form
4. If you are not an existing member, you will also be required to complete an insurance waiver that is valid for 3 consecutive weeks. After this you will be required to become a full member of the club.

These forms can be downloaded from <http://www.surfrescue.com.au/main/administration/forms/> or <http://www.southportslsc.org.au/our-club/news-multimedia/club-forms-downloads>

Each Nipper membership requires a linked Adult [Active / Award / Associate] Membership. This will generally be either an Award or Associate Membership. The nominated Parent/Guardian must also complete a Registration Form for their membership and pay the appropriate fee.

You may find that it is more economical to register for a Family Membership (see Fees).

Full payment must be received by the Club by **end of November** to ensure that you are covered for Insurance and your time is being recognised by the SurfGuard system. If we have not received payment or updated membership details then it will be assumed that you are not intending to renew. New members will be required to once the waiver period expires.