

Officials / Water Safety / Task Force - The more people we have, the less work everyone will need to do

	OFFICIALS	WATER SAFETY	BEACH SETUP TASK FORCE
WHAT DO WE DO?	Officials help with the running of the carnivals either by judging, marshalling competitors, presenting medals, recording results or starting races.	Mainly spend their time in the water mostly on rescue boards monitoring nippers during races, encouraging unconfident competitors and at times rescuing those in trouble.	Responsible for the set up and pack up of equipment at carnivals and nipper days.
WHAT'S EXPECTED?	<p>There are approximately 6 carnivals that nippers can attend during the season. Depending on the amount of officials Northcliffe has, you will be asked to official at one or two carnivals for roughly 3-4 hours. You can also be an official at open, masters and IRB carnivals if you wish.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UPCOMING OFFICIALS COURSES</p> <p>At club: 9am, Sun Sept 21st, RSVP Aug 8 At Branch: 6pm, Wed 16th July, RSVP Jun 18 At Branch: 6pm, Fri 15th Aug, RSVP July 18</p>	Every Sunday we require Water Safety to patrol the water for approx 2 hours between 8.30 – 10.30am. We do not ask that you come every single week but appreciate as many participants as we can get. We also need water safety at the carnivals we attend. Nippers generally have 6 carnivals during the year. You may be asked to do water safety for a few hours at 1 or 2 carnivals depending on how many water safety officials we have.	Each nipper Sunday we require the beach and water areas to be assembled. Starting/finishing flags need to be arranged, tents erected, boards taken out of storage and then at the conclusion of nippers, everything packed up. At carnivals, trailers need to be loaded/unloaded, tents erected/dismantled, boards packed away and rash shirts/caps accounted for. You may be asked to help on a few nipper days setting up and/or putting away of equipment and/or at a carnival.
HOW DO I BECOME A PART OF A GROUP?	<p>You need to complete the Level 1 Surf Officials Course by finishing the following three parts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Watch a DVD & complete a written workbook 2) The course (mostly weekends, approx 4hrs) 3) After the course, you need to attend to at least one carnival where an accredited official 'works' with you & signs off your workbook. 	You must have a current Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or Bronze Medallion (BM). Both SRC & BM courses are run throughout the school holidays as follows: 7-11th July 08, 22-26 Sept 08 & 12-16th Jan 09. 9 week courses are also run: 2hrs Tues night & 2hrs Sun morn, starting 13 th July 08 & 7 Dec 08. For more information contact Lea Cooke.	There are no courses that you need to complete, just need to place your name on the volunteer list.
ANY COSTS?	The club subsidises the Officials course provided you complete all components and help out at selected carnivals.	Surf Life Saving courses are covered in the Junior Associate or Active Senior Memberships.	There are no costs involved.
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?	Officialing is a great way of being actively involved in nippers without having to go into the water. You get the best view of the races, in most instances being on the line when your child finishes. You are also supplied with meals the days you official. At some of the larger carnivals (eg State) you are provided with shirts which you get to keep.	It is a way of being actively involved instead of watching from the beach, plus the satisfaction of making sure the nippers are safe in the water and that you are contributing to their development as Junior Club Members. You also improve personal fitness in the water and gain valuable skills to acquire the awards needed (SRC or Bronze).	There are no courses that you need to compete. Setting up and packing away will be easier with the new trailer that is to be purchased.
CAN I PICK AN AREA / CARNIVAL I CAN ATTEND?	Generally you can nominate for an area if you nominate early for a particular carnival. Carnivals are separated into age groups. U8-10 and U11-14. We do not expect you to help at a U8-10 carnival if your son/daughter is in the U12. There will be a roster created at the start of the season and you will be able to nominate your preferred carnivals on a first come, first in basis.	Generally you can nominate for an area if you nominate early for a particular carnival. Carnivals are separated into age groups. U8-10 and U11-14. We do not expect you to help at a U8-10 carnival if your son/daughter is in the U12. There will be a roster created at the start of the season and you will be able to nominate your preferred carnivals and nipper days on a first come, first in basis.	You can nominate for Nipper days or a particular carnival. Carnivals are separated into age groups. U8-10 and U11-14. We do not expect you to help at a U8-10 carnival if your son/daughter is in the U12. There will be a roster created at the start of the season and you will be able to nominate your preferred days/carnivals on a first come, first in basis.