Bude SLSC Juniors Application Form

Bude Juniors is part of Bude Surf Life Saving Club and is open to children between the ages of 12 and 18. The club aims to build upon the children’s knowledge of basic surf awareness and beach safety, leading to membership of the senior section of the club. We also aim to support our junior members to gain first aid and lifeguarding qualifications and provide a pathway into lifeguarding (qualifications are competency based and not guaranteed). While the aim of the club is very serious, the approach is to make the sessions great fun for the members.

From October to May, Juniors meet at Splash on Wednesday evenings; these sessions are aimed at improving the members’ swimming confidence. From May to September the Club meets on Wednesday evenings at Bude Surf Life Saving Club (at Crooklets Beach) to train on the sand, in the surf and in Bude Sea Pool. Please note that it is a requirement of the club that parents/carers remain on the beach in case their child needs them. Wetsuits are strongly recommended for the summer season; advice on the type of wetsuit and information about second-hand suits is available from the club coaches.

Safety is the club’s number one priority, and the members are always supervised by qualified coaches in the water and only go into the surf if it is safe. All the adult coaches are members of the club with many years of experience on Bude’s beaches and as a minimum, all lead coaches are level 2 surf lifesaving coaches.

The Club is not here to teach children to swim, and all children must pass a yearly swimming test before becoming a member. This will involve a 100m swim in an indoor pool, and a Bude Sea Pool swim showing a proper front crawl stroke with their head in the water. It is the expectation of the club that children continue swimming lessons if they aren’t confident swimmers while in Juniors as they will require a high competency level and swimming strength for sea swimming. Parents will be informed when their child reaches the top of the waiting list and if the child is unable to complete the test, they will be given one more chance later.

There is a limit to the number of children the club can accommodate and there is a long waiting list. With so many children waiting to join Juniors, existing members are expected to attend 75% of the winter and summer sessions. The club reserves the right to cease the membership of any child who does not meet the 75% attendance requirement and/or does not have an acceptable reason for non-attendance.

To put your child on the waiting list for Juniors please email us the details below. Membership to the club is strictly on a “first come first served” basis. New member intakes occur at least once a year, depending on the number of existing members; children at the top of the list will be contacted by email. It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the club of any changes of email address, address, or phone numbers. All parents are also responsible for contacting the club each year, by email, before the 31st of March to let us know you are still interested in staying on the list. If the club cannot contact a child, then that child will lose their place in the queue. If you are contacted and wish to defer your child, this can be done only once. Your child will then go to the bottom of the list if they wish to try again.

Please complete the information on the application form and email a copy to the Juniors secretary ([budeslsc.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:budeslsc.juniors@gmail.com)) - You will then receive email confirmation of your child's place on the waiting list.

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| Parent / Guardian(s) Name |  |
| Child’s name |  |
| Child’s date of Birth |  |
| School year |  |
| Address |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email addresses |  |