Nippers Waiting List and Swim Trial Policy

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Waiting List

The child will only be entered onto the waiting list on the date a completed application form is received by email. Applications will only be accepted in the calendar year that the child turns 5 years old.

The child will be put on the list in the next available space and the parent/carer informed of the place on the list. That place is only for the named child.

The parent/carer will need to contact Nippers, by email, every year by 31 March to keep their child’s place on the waiting list. It is also their responsibility to update contact details.

Call up for Swim Trial

In the year the child turns 7 (by 31 Dec of that year) (or older) and their place has come up on the waiting list, they will be invited for a swim trial to join Nippers.

They can defer once and will remain in their place on the waiting list for the following year.

If they choose to defer for a second time, and wish to stay on the waiting list, they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

They will be contacted once by email, and if no response, once by telephone. If there is no response, they will be removed from the waiting list.

If they are called up one year, but defer without doing a swim trial, they will not automatically get a call up the next year, as others may have come of age above them on the list.

Swim Trial

There will be two forms of swim trial - Indoor pool and Sea Pool.

A 50m swim in an indoor swimming pool. If they fail this, they defer to next year.

In the Sea Pool, 7 & 8yr olds will be required to swim a length (90 metres) and 9 & 10yr olds will be required to swim 2 lengths. They will also have to tread water. Goggles, latex swim hat and a well-fitting wetsuit are recommended.

Both swims will require your child to demonstrate a competent and confident ‘head-in-the-water’, front crawl swimming style for the length of the swim with limited stopping.

If you do not arrive for a swim trial and have no valid reason for not arriving, you will be removed from the list.

2 call ups and no success (Failed or Did Not Arrive or Defer), moved to the bottom of the list.

Reserve list

We invite a few of the next Nippers on the list for a reserve place. Once they have passed their swim trial, they can be called up at any point during the year when a child drops out of Nippers. If they are not called up during the year, they will automatically get a place in Nippers the next season without having to trial again.

If they are called up one year, but defer without doing a swim trial, they will not automatically get a call up the next year, as others may have come of age above them on the list.

If called up and fail swim trial, they go back onto the list in the same place. If they fail the following year, they get moved to the bottom of the list.

Nippers do one call up per year.