

Coogee Minnows Notice

Correct Age Group participation

Effective season 2011-2012, **ALL** families will be required to make the necessary adjustments to return children to the correct age group.

The Minnows committee will consider exceptional circumstances (e.g medical), however these requests will need to be put in writing **prior to registration day** for consideration. Social preferences and the fact that some children have had informal arrangements in years past will **NOT** be considered acceptable justification.

There are very few sports (if any) where kids get to nominate what age group they participate in. The fact that we have allowed this to happen over a number of years creates many issues for our club and facilitates confusion and inconsistency, not to mention issues surrounding insurance, selection of representative teams and unnecessary additional work for Age Managers and our committee administrators.

Minimum Participation requirements for the U14's and SRC

Children in the U14's completing the Surf Rescue Certificate, will at a minimum have to have completed the u13's in the previous season (preferably at Coogee).

There have been an increasing number of kids who have joined the club in the u14's simply to attain their SRC.

Some of these kids have had very little (in some case none) experience in the surf and take training resources away from children who have put in a consistent effort over a number of years. Others come from neighbouring clubs for varying reasons, get the certificate and simply return to patrol at and resume membership of those clubs.

A huge amount of resources goes into the SRC year and to train kids from other clubs who have no intention of staying on at Coogee is just not fair.

In essence, this simply means no **new** registrations for children wishing to join our club in the u14's. Written applications for transfers from other clubs will be considered case by case by a membership panel who will take into account future commitment to Coogee Surf Club.