

<b>Purpose:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clearly communicate selection criteria for competitors to represent Coogee Minnows</li> <li>• To define roles and resources needed to fulfil team management, coaching and provisions of officials and water safety for carnivals</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition related information will be regularly maintained on the Minnows website</li> <li>• Age Group Competition Coordinators are the first point of contact for competitors and families</li> <li>• Competition Manager and Minnows Captain will deal with any escalated issues and have final decision authority</li> </ul>
<b>Carnival Participation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coogee Minnows participate in the following 4 carnivals each season. Individuals can attend additional carnivals elsewhere (e.g. Sydney Water series):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Randwick Shield</li> <li>○ South Maroubra</li> <li>○ Sydney Branch</li> <li>○ NSW Age Championships</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All Minnows interested in competing for the club must meet the following requirements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Competition proficiency</li> <li>○ Active participation in events held on Sunday mornings</li> <li>○ Commitment to attend training sessions where possible</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boards general session Sundays 11am</li> <li>▪ Competition boards training by invitation</li> <li>▪ Swim-to be included as part of comp boards session</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sand             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By invitation from Age Manager/Age Group Competition Coordinator</li> <li>○ U8 and U9 – 8am community running session on Sunday mornings at Coogee Oval</li> <li>○ U10, U11, U12 – one mid-week session</li> <li>○ U13, U14 – two mid-week sessions with senior club</li> <li>○ Separate beach relay training session</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commitment to attend training is essential</li> <li>• Consideration given to those who have other scheduled training which clashes with Minnows training.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Could charge a “commitment fee” depending on numbers and cost to Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Selection</b>
Selection criteria for each carnival will be as follows.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Carnivals             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All interested Minnows are encouraged to attend</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NSW Age Championships             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals are encouraged to compete at Randwick Shield, South Maroubra and Sydney Branch carnivals, or provide good reason to the Competition Manager why they’re unable to attend</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b><i>Selection of team members is made by each Age manager &amp; Competition Co-ordinator. The following criteria should be used as a guide for selection of competitors:</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals should be selected who are capable of qualifying for a quarter-final at State</li> <li>○ Teams should be selected who are capable of qualifying for a final at State</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals competing in sand events must place in top 6 at either Randwick Shield, South Maroubra, or another competitive carnival before Christmas</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals competing in water events must place in top 32 (ie qualify for the final) at either Randwick Shield, South Maroubra, or another competitive carnival before February</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beach (sand) Relay Teams must place in top 3 at South Maroubra or another competitive carnival before February Note: Sydney Branch carnival is too late in season to be relied upon for selection, except for exceptional performance (i.e. large winning margin) of an individual competitor not previously selected.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Water Relay teams must place in the top 10 at any carnival</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Competitors must regularly attend training sessions, or advise the competition manager of alternative external sessions they're involved in.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Special circumstances will be reviewed on a case by case basis should the need arise. The onus will be on the competitor to advise their comp coordinator where they cannot attend Club Championship Days, carnivals and/or training sessions and still wish to be considered for selection at Branch &amp; State Carnivals. Review will be conducted by the Competition Coordinator, Competition Manager and Age Manager and their decision will be final</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Competition Manager and Minnows Captain may introduce a cap on numbers if required to limit the size of the team</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Age managers and Comp Co-ordinators are encouraged to keep weekly written records of results to assist them in the selection process and provide justification for selection.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age Group Competition Coordinators</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with Age Manager to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inform parents about competition and training</li> <li>▪ Select teams</li> <li>▪ Record performances</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Team Managers and Age Assistants</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coordinate competitors at carnivals</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Officials</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need adequate number of officials to meet carnival quotas</li> <li>○ Coogee Minnows will run Junior Level Officials training course before Randwick Carnival</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water Safety</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need adequate number of water safety to meet carnival quotas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Finances</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Funding will not be provided for accommodation or transport for any carnivals</li> <li>● Funding will be provided for carnival entry fees</li> <li>● NSW Age Championships competitors will receive club uniform and bag</li> </ul>