

Aspendale Lifesaving Club



Policy Ref#003 – Carnival Entry Policy

Policy Purpose

As a member of the Aspendale Life Saving Club (ALSC) it is a requirement at all times with no exception for members to conduct themselves with,

- Respectfulness
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Trustworthiness
- Sustainability

As a member of the ALSC you accept the responsibilities of this policy and the ALSC Code of Conduct to which includes accountability for the benefit and enjoyment of the club and fellow members. The ALSC Competition Entry Policy has been developed and implemented to ensure everybody enjoys a safe, friendly, inclusive, and sustainable process.

Policy Description

The details within this Competition Entry Policy are for the purpose of all members who undertake competition.

All members have an obligation to report any incidents that could be considered a breach of this Policy as soon as they occur to an [Authorised Officer](#) so that any potential breach can follow the [Investigation Process](#), to which potential [Disciplinary Action](#) can/may be taken.

Carnivals/Competitions

Lifesaving Carnivals are vibrant, competitive events that bring together lifesaving clubs and their members across various age groups. They are organized into different formats depending on the season and the nature of the competition.

Carnival Types

1. Summer Series Carnivals

- **Beach Events:** Competitions that take place on the beach, including sprint races, flag races, and other sand-based activities.
- **Water Events:** These include swimming, surf ski, and board paddling races held in the ocean.

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2. Winter Carnivals

- **IRB Racing:** Inflatable Rescue Boat racing, focusing on speed and rescue techniques using IRBs. These races test the skills and coordination of the lifesavers in challenging conditions.

3. Pool Carnivals

- **Summer and Winter:** Held in swimming pools, these carnivals include events like rescue simulations, swim races, and obstacle swims. Pool carnivals ensure year-round engagement and skill development.

Age Groups

1. Junior Carnival (Under 9's – Under 13's)

- Focuses on younger participants, helping them develop basic lifesaving skills and a love for the disciplines they learn on Sunday morning Nippers.

2. Youth/Senior (Under 14/15's – Open)

- **Under 14's and Under 15's:** Transition phase where participants move from junior to more competitive, skill-intensive events.
- **Open:** The most competitive category, featuring the top athletes from each club.

3. Masters 30+

- Competitions for older participants, categorised into age brackets of five-year intervals (e.g., 30-35, 36-41, 41-45, etc.). These events allow experienced lifesavers to continue competing and stay active within the lifesaving community.

Lifesaving Carnivals are structured to cater to different age groups and skill levels, promoting lifesaving skills, fitness, and camaraderie among participants. Whether it's on the beach, in the ocean, or in the pool, these events are integral to the lifesaving community, offering opportunities for competition, skill development, and fun.

Carnivals are run by volunteers from the hosting and competing clubs. There are various opportunities for parents to be involved from assisting with set up, officiating, water safety and age group managing. Carnivals are a very rewarding team experience for both parents and Nippers.

Youth, senior and masters require SRC or bronze medallion qualification with Minimum 16 patrol hrs completed by end of each Calander year.

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Events

Each carnival is different to the next some more challenging than others with some located at a Bay club or others at a Surf beach club, nippers gather into their age group and compete in multiple events. Prior to attending their first carnival of the season each nipper is required to undertake a swim competency evaluation prior to attending. This will be conducted by your Age Manager and the club's Sports Coordinator during a nippers session. This is an additional way we ensure the highest level of safety for all competitors.

Events include:

Individual Events

- Beach sprint
- Beach flags
- Long run 500m
- Wade race (running in water)
- Surf Swim
- Flags
- Board race

Team Events

- Board relay
- Board rescue
- Belt and reel
- Swim teams
- Wade relay
- Aqua Cam
- Beach relay

Do you have to compete at carnivals?

Carnivals are not for everyone, however, if you would like to give one a go, please speak to your Age managers who will explain in more detail how you can get involved.

Participation and Guidance

Age Managers and Assistants

Our dedicated Age Managers and Assistants will guide your Nipper throughout these Carnivals, ensuring they have support and encouragement in every step of the way.

Encouragement to Participate

We strongly encourage you to enter your Nipper into at least one carnival so they can:

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- **Experience the Fun Atmosphere:** Carnivals provide a lively and engaging environment that can be both thrilling and enjoyable for participants.
- **Develop Their Skills:** Competing helps nippers apply and refine the skills they have learned during their regular Sunday morning nippers sessions.
- **Enjoy Being Part of the Team:** Being part of a team fosters camaraderie and a sense of belonging, making the experience even more rewarding.

Focus on Enjoyment and Improvement

- **Building Confidence:** The primary focus of these carnivals is to help your Nipper build confidence in their abilities.
- **Testing Skills:** It provides an excellent opportunity for nippers to test the skills they've learned throughout the year in a competitive but supportive setting.
- **Having Fun:** Above all, carnivals are about having fun with teammates, making new friends, and enjoying the sport.

Carnivals are designed to be a positive and enriching experience for all participants. Whether it's through the thrill of competition, the joy of team spirit, or the satisfaction of skill development, these events play a crucial role in the overall growth and enjoyment of nippers. Your Nipper's involvement, guided by our dedicated Age Managers and Assistants, will undoubtedly lead to memorable and valuable experiences.

Aspendale LSC offers additional development training for nippers to further develop their skills and fitness for competition for further details on these extra training sessions please speak with your Age Manager.

How many Carnivals are there in a season?

There are usually 5-6 carnivals between Nov and Late February with the State Life Saving Champions run over 3 days at the end of the season for U9 - U13's.

As mentioned carnivals are held at various locations, with this in mind some families prefer to stay the night before in these locations and make this a fun weekend.

Aspendale LSC aim to identify all carnivals we will be attending at the start of the season so families are able to plan ahead.

State Championships

If you wish to enter the State Carnival a child must compete in a minimum of 1 carnival in order to qualify for the State Championship competition.

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Cost

Carnivals are charged separately to membership fees and fees are set by Life Saving Victoria for the cost of running each carnival. Only financial members of Aspendale LSC can register for a carnival.

Standard Carnival - \$35 entry fee

State Carnival - \$65 entry fee

(Please note these prices are susceptible to change)

Competition fees must be paid prior to registration being processed.

Deadlines for payment and registration are as follows,

- Standard Carnivals – prior to 5.00pm 7 days prior to carnival
- State Carnivals – prior to 5.00pm 10 days prior to carnival

Life Saving Victoria will not accept any late entries.

Payment is to be made by eft to:

Aspendale Life Saving Club

BSB: 633000

Account No: 142119296

Reference: *Surname and which carnival*

Please no longer pay for competitions via the member's portal.

Email payment receipt to Carnival Team Manager: carnivals@aspendalelsc.org

Related Documents

ALSC abide by policies set by both SLSA and LSV – these relate to member protection and management of complaints and grievances.

Documents - ALSC Code of Conduct [ALSC Code of Conduct](#)

Link's to ALSC & LSV policies can be found below,

[LSV Policies](#)

[ALSC Policies](#)

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