

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## AGE MANAGERS

I will:

- Be reasonable with my demands on young nipper's time, energy and enthusiasm
- Teach Nippers about surf awareness in a fun environment
- Teach Nippers the rules of competition
- Develop Nipper's respect for other competitors as well as the judgement of officials when in competition
- Make a personal commitment to keep myself informed of the rules of the Club and Association
- Avoid overstating the skills of the top performers remembering that "just average" children need and deserve equal time and encouragement
- Remember children participate in Nippers for fun and enjoyment and competition is only part of their motivation
- Schedule activities on the beach taking into consideration the maturity of the children and the beach conditions.

In this relationship the Age Manager should always be aware of the tremendous influence that they have on the children they supervise. All Age Managers should, through necessity:

- Promote the highest personal interest in the children
- Concentrate on the development of skills
- Strive to ensure that the children become finer people
- Place the safety and welfare of the children above all

In the final analysis the success of the Age Manager can be measured in terms of the respect earned from the children.

## PARENTS

I will:

- Support my child and other Nipper members in a positive manner
- Offer support to the Age Manager on the beach and in the surf to the level of my capability
- Never let my child's performance cause a loss of control in myself
- Never sledge Club Officials of Bilgola or Officials at competitions
- Realise that we don't need to blame anyone for a defeat
- Realise that the most important part of Nippers is about surf awareness and development of each and every child who attends
- Realise that behaviour of adults can reflect to similar behaviour in children
- Be positive with your child after a session on the beach regardless of the level of skill and participation shown. The surf can be a scary environment for the young

## NIPPERS

I will:

- Notify my Age Manager when leaving prior to the official end of Nippers
- Wear my Nipper's cap when on the beach or in the surf and at all competitions
- Treat my Age Manager and other Nippers with respect
- Win without boasting, lose without excuses and never quit
- Only give encouragement to other Nipper members
- Immediately report any injury/illness to my Age Manager
- Always participate to the best of my ability
- Never engage in dissent with a Club Official
- Always remember it is a privilege to be a member of this Surf Club

**My child/children and I have read and agreed with the above statements.**

Parent's Name .....

Signature .....

Date .....