

AWARD SUMMARY

The SLSA Age Managers course has been developed to assist members in their role as an age manager. It will allow them to develop a greater knowledge about how SLS operates, and provide them with the skills and knowledge to assist them in the successful coordination and delivery of the Nippers' program.

COURSE OUTCOMES

By the end of this course participants should be able to:

- understand the roles and responsibilities of the age manager, age manager presenter and the age manager mentor
- develop strategies to work with children, parents and guardians, coaches, officials and club administrators
- manage risks in the beach environment
- cater for the physical, emotional and social development of Nippers in their care
- safely deliver lesson plans
- emphasise fun and participation through educational games and engaging activities
- utilise a range of communication, teaching and behaviour management strategies to help Nippers learn basic skills.

SLSA AWARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants must meet ALL the following conditions to commence training:

- be a minimum of 18 years old (Vic Requirement)
- have completed the relevant state/territory legislation check(s) for working with children
- be a financial member of a club.
- have completed the Safeguarding Children and Young People Awareness Course (also available on eLearning Sports and Nippers).

NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- Age Managers Learner Guide
- Age Managers Assessment Portfolio
- Age Managers Delivery and Assessment Guide
- Age Managers PowerPoint
- SLSA online learning platform if you are undertaking the blended version of this course
- National, state/branch and club policies

WHO CAN TRAIN?

- Age manager presenters who present the face-to-face course, must be deemed competent by Life Saving Victoria. (Vic Requirement)
- Age manager mentors—an age manager with a minimum of 3 years' experience who has been active in the role of age manager within the last five (5) years can assist with completing the on the beach mentoring components.

WHO CAN ENDORSE?

- Age manager presenters deemed competent by Life Saving Victoria, can sign off the final third party endorsement.
- Age manager mentors—an age manager with a minimum of 3 years' experience who has been active in the role of age manager within the last five (5) years can endorse the on the beach mentoring sessions.

ASSESSMENT

Participants will be required to undertake a minimum of two (2) on-the-beach mentoring sessions with an age manager mentor to complete a required third-party form. Age manager mentoring sessions will continue to be scheduled until the participant is deemed competent by a third-party age manager presenter.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE

It is recommended that age manager award holders take part in an annual update session prior to the start of each Nipper season. The annual update session is a club level discussion lead by their club's Junior Activities Committee to cover the following topics:

- updates (club, LSV, SLSA, Nipper Education Resource)
- age manager responsibilities
- best practice sharing
- signals.

The information contained within each discussion topic may be distributed via email, face to face or various other online communication tools.

An Age Manager Award lasts for a 5 year period. After this period the club's Junior Coordinator or Age Manager Presenter must endorse a re-licence of the award

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