

Junior Surf 2024/25 Season

Frequently asked Questions

Local Sessions:

Q: *Can I still register for the local sessions if my child is 12-14 years old?*

A: Yes, please do register your interest. While our primary focus is on younger age groups, if there is sufficient interest and availability of coaches and helpers, we'll do our best to accommodate the older age group.

Q: *If I want to participate in Junior Surf during the peak season (Dec-Jan), do I still need to register as a Junior Surf member?*

A: Yes. When you join Junior Surf with Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Club, you also become a member of Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ), receiving a membership number that stays with you throughout your lifeguarding journey, no matter which club you belong to. This number helps SLSNZ track your training, awards, and gives you access to online courses.

Q: *Do I have to pay the additional \$65 membership fee if I've already paid \$30 for the local taster sessions?*

A: Yes. The \$30 fee only covers the 6-week local taster sessions.

Q: *If we sign up for both the Junior Surf membership and the local taster sessions, and my child decides they don't want to continue after the taster sessions, can I get a refund for the Junior Surf membership?*

A: Yes, we will refund your Junior Surf membership if you choose not to continue into the peak season after the local taster sessions. However, the \$30 fee for the local sessions is non-refundable, even if your child withdraws partway through.

Q: We aren't local but are keen to come to a couple of sessions.

A: Great, this isn't exclusive to locals. Please register with us.

Peak Season:

Q: *My child already has a skull cap and vest from last year. Do I still need to pay the full \$65?*

A: Yes. The \$65 is a fixed fee for the sessions, regardless of whether you already have the uniform.


Q: *We're only visiting for a few days over Christmas, but we'd like our child to participate. Do we still need to pay the full \$65 and purchase a vest?*

A: For safety reasons, all participants are required to wear a skull cap and hi-vis vest. However, if you're only attending for a few days, we have spare skull caps and vests that can be borrowed. You can also talk to our head coach about trying out a "Have a Go" session to see if your child enjoys the program before committing fully.

Q: *Do we have to come to every session over the peak season to be involved?*

A: No, you can attend as many or as few sessions as suits you.

Q: *How do we find out about the day to day details for the sessions?*

A: Information will be communicated via the Team Reach app  - Joining code: juniorsurf25

Q: *My child sat their 200m Safety badge last year. Do they have to do it again this year?*

A: Yes this needs to be refreshed every year. This is a SLSNZ requirement. There will be multiple opportunities over the season to do this. Details of testing times will be posted on Team Reach.

Q: *My child wants to use the club kneeboards during the sessions. Are they able to do this?*

A: You must hold a 200m Safety badge to use the club kneeboards and/or participate in swimming beyond waist depth.

Q. *I can't find Pathways on the Junior Surf page. Is this happening this season?*

A. Yes, Pathways has been renamed Oceans Development for the season. A separate information sheet for those joining in to the Oceans Development is available on our website.