

NIPPERS OCEAN SAFE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

This program is designed to increase the safety of our Te Arawa children in and around the water and waterways.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

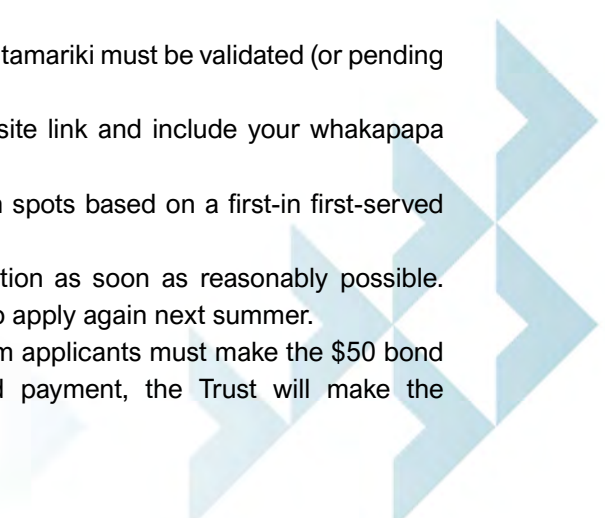
- (1) Build confidence and skills in and around water, waterways and swimming pools in our Te Arawa children.
- (2) Learn age and ability appropriate technical swimming skills.
- (3) Strengthen knowledge, skills and attitudes that can enable tamariki to thrive in future water-based career and passions.

3. FUNDING SCOPE AND ELIGIBILITY

- This program offers funding of up to \$3,000 each fisheries financial year, with a maximum of \$150 in total costs sponsored per eligible child.
- Eligible children are between the ages of 5-14 years of age, whakapapa to one of our 10 constituted iwi (via parent/guardian) and restricted to the Te Arawa rohe area.
- Parents/guardians applying for the child must be a validated Registered Member of the Te Kotahitanga o Te Arawa Waka Fisheries Trust.
- The trust recognises whangai and adopted children whose parents are validated Registered Members.
- Successful applicants are required to pay a **\$50 full-refundable bond** which will be returned upon completion of the swim program, if a minimum 80% attendance is maintained throughout the summer program, the bond will be returned upon completion.

4. PROGRAMME PROCESS

The process for applying to and participating in the Nippers Ocean Safe Sponsorship Program includes the following stages:

- (1) **Check registration status:** Parents/guardians applying for tamariki must be validated (or pending validation) Registered Members to be considered.
 - (2) **Apply:** Applications must be submitted through our website link and include your whakapapa sheet before the closing date of applications.
 - (3) **Review and Consideration:** All applications will be given spots based on a first-in first-served basis providing all criteria are met.
 - (4) **Notification:** Successful applicants will receive confirmation as soon as reasonably possible. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified and encouraged to apply again next summer.
 - (5) **Bond payment:** Upon enrolment with the Nippers program applicants must make the \$50 bond payment according to invoice instructions. Upon bond payment, the Trust will make the sponsorship payment to the Nippers coordinators.
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5. GENERAL TERMS

- (1) To qualify for sponsorship, tamariki must maintain a minimum of 80% attendance for the full program. Failure to complete the minimum attendance requirement will result in bonds being retained by the Trust and ineligibility to enrol in the following 12 months.
- (2) Sponsorship concludes when the tamariki completes the full program or reaches 15 years of age, whichever occurs first.
- (3) A maximum of 20 spots will be available for sponsorship each fisheries financial year (1 October – 30 September).
- (4) Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service will provide the organisation with an end of term report for each child which includes attendance and progression reports. These reports will not be shared outside the organisation.
- (5) Any footage (includes photos, names or likeness of tamariki) will not be shared publicly without prior consent from the parent/guardian and tamariki.
- (6) Sponsorship per child covers; 1x seasonal membership fees, 1x parent/caregiver associate membership fees, 1x rash shirt purchase and 1x surf carnival fees.

6. DISCLOSURE

- Any information collected may be used for statistical and internal reporting purposes of the trust.
- General statistical information regarding successful applications may be used by the Trust at the AGM, for the annual report, social media or other promotional purposes.
- The Trust's decision on any applications are final.

7. REVIEW AND UPDATE

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in supporting the goals of the Trust and the needs of Te Arawa iwi members. Any amendments to the policy require senior management approval.

Version	Date Effective	Approved By	Amendment
1	1 October 2025	CEO	Initial Policy

