



Learn to Swim Program Frequently Asked Questions

What do I bring to swim lessons?

Please bring a towel and swim suit. Infants and non-potty trained toddlers, must wear a swim diaper under their swim suits. You do not need a swim cap or goggles, but they are recommended for level 2 and above.

How many classes are in a group class session?

Each session of swim lessons is 8 classes, unless otherwise noted.

How long is each class?

Levels 1 - 6 and Adult group classes are all 40 minutes in duration. Parent & Tot and Preschool group classes range from 30-40 minutes depending on the child's tolerance for class. Private and semi-private lessons are 30 minutes in duration.

Can I use the facility/pool before, during, and/or after my child's swim lesson?

Only RecWell members are permitted to use the pool outside of swim lesson times. Practice before or after your swim lesson is not permitted without a RecWell membership.

Can I drop my child off for swim lessons?

No, children under 16 years of age must be accompanied, and directly supervised by an adult parent/guardian over the age of 18 at all times on the pool deck or in the water.

Do you offer make-ups for missed swim lessons?

There are NO make-ups or refunds for missed group classes.

What happens if the pool is closed?

If we experience an unexpected pool closure, we will notify you via email. Please be sure to check your email prior to coming to swim lessons. Also, ensure that you have provided the best email for you to be reached at.

Why must I wear a regulation bathing suit rather than a t-shirt and shorts?

Regulation bathing suits must be worn when using the facilities. This adheres to the Maryland Health Code, helps with facility upkeep, and is for your safety.

What is the difference between private and semi-private lessons?

Private lessons are one-on-one, while semi-private lessons are two or three (no more) on one.

How many lessons will it take until my child can swim?

There is no definite time in which your child will learn how to swim. It will depend on the child's desire, attitude and confidence. Some kids take to the water right away and pick things up very quickly. Others are very hesitant, but with patience will learn the same skills in a slightly longer period of time. The most important thing to remember is to never compare your child's progress to another child. All children are different and we need to let them learn at their own comfort level.

Can you pair me with a co-participant for semi-private lessons?

No, we do not pair you with a co-participant. You are required to provide your own co-participant.

Do parents get in the water during Preschool classes?

No, parents are required to sit on the bleachers on the pool deck and we ask that you do not interact with class unless permitted by the instructor.

Can I take pictures during classes/lessons?

*You may take pictures, however, for the safety of all our participants you may **only take pictures of your child**. No other child/person should be in the picture. This includes the instructor.*