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How To Register Your Swimmer

Welcome to the Hamilton Area YMCA Aquatics Department! We are excited for you to start your swim journey with us! Swimming is a lifetime skill for all ages. Our approach differs because we use skill-based instruction that maximizes physical activity, emphasizes safety, and elevates character development to engage families in our community.

This “how to” will help you registering, whether you are new or a returning swimmer. We are excited to share this journey with you. Before we start, are you a new swimmer, current swimmer, or returning swimmer (have taken a session or more off)? This will help you choose which information you need. Visit the Aquatics page of our website for all swim lesson FAQs!

New and Returning Swimmers

- We highly encourage getting a swim evaluation prior to registering for a session. The swimmer being assessed needs a bathing suit and evaluations take about 10 – 15 minutes. Once completed, you will receive a stage to register for. Evaluations are offered during the following times, with no appointment prior needed:
Monday – Friday from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Current Swimmers

- Swimmers enrolled in swim lessons will be evaluated during that session for the appropriate stage placement.

Registering New Swimmers

- We offer lessons year round in a “session” at the JKR Facility and seasonal summer lessons at the Sawmill Branch. There are 5 sessions during the academic calendar run 8 weeks, with holidays included. The summer session is the longest running 10 weeks.
- Prices are based on the amount of time, the amount of classes in the session, and the membership type of the participant. For example, an “Acclimation A” class will run for 8 weeks for 45 minutes. The member participating will have a fee based off of their membership type.
- All participants must have a membership to take an instructional class. What type of membership do you need? There are three options Program, Facility, and Facility Plus.
- Program memberships entitle members to take classes they have been registered for at that branch. Individual Program memberships are \$60.00 for the annual rate. Family Program memberships are \$110.00 for the annual rate.
- Facility and Facility Plus Memberships give the member access to the amenities of the facility, along with a discounted instructional fee. You can request a tour with our Membership Staff to see what we have to offer!
- Once you decide which membership type you will be choosing, you will need to come in person to either branch to complete the membership application. This application is also available on our website, if you want to complete before coming. Please make sure to provide a working phone number and email The Aquatics Department does communicate through these.
- After creating a membership with the Membership Desk, you will be able to register in-person based on your membership type. Priority Registration begins two weeks prior to the start of a session, and Open Registration begins one week prior to the session. Aquatic offerings are open for registration for two weeks into the session, and then close due to the progression in the classes.
- Please note we do have a minimum of 3 students to run a class.
- Registration fees will be shown online and in our brochure under three categories: Prog/Fac/Fac+. This again is for the membership types listed above. This fee is for the entirety of the 8 week session.
- If you continue for another program or session, you will be able to register online, as long as the swimmer’s level is accurate in the system. If there is no swim level, you will not be able to register.

Registering Current Swimmers

- Now that your child has completed a session, how do you know which stage or when to register for? We provide evaluation slips, mid-way through the session. These stages are also inputted into their account for membership to allow for registration. Please make sure to hold onto your swimmer's slip!
- If your membership is current, you would register based on their membership type. Priority Registration begins two weeks prior to the start of a session, and Open Registration begins one week prior to the session. Aquatic offerings are open for registration for two weeks into the session, and then close due to the progression in the classes.
- If your swimmer's membership has been expired for more than 6 months, you will need to renew in person prior to registering. If your swimmer's membership has not been expired for more than 6 months, you can renew over the phone with the Membership Desk.
- Then, you will register on the week, based off the membership.

Registering Returning Swimmers

- If you have taken a few sessions off or are returning to us, welcome back!
- You will want to get your child evaluated prior to registering, see our times at the beginning of this document. Since muscle memory is a continuous process, their skills may have changed, and that is okay!
- If your swimmer's membership is current, you would register based on their membership type. Priority Registration begins two weeks prior to the start of a session, and Open Registration begins one week prior to the session. Aquatic offerings are open for registration for two weeks into the session, and then close due to the progression in the classes.
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