

Frequently Asked Questions about Registration....

I swam with the Kigoos last summer and/or Tsunami this winter – when is the last date I can submit my registration?

To guarantee your spot, your registration must be submitted by April 6. After that time, we will start accepting new swimmers, if there is room available, and we will not be able to guarantee you a spot.

We are a new family to the Swim Club. Can we submit our registration before April 6?

Yes, you may. Registrations are dated as they are received by the Registrar. However, we do not process your cheque until your child has passed the swim assessment, there is room in the appropriate training group, and we have accepted your new swimmer(s).

How well does my child need to swim to join the Kigoos?

Your child must be able to swim 25 metres (the length of Steveston Pool, and approximate length of Minoru pools) unassisted – any stroke. However, it remains at the discretion of the Head Coach if the child is ready for a competitive swim program.

If my child is unable to swim 25 metres, do you have a “learn to swim” program?

Given the short season of Summer Swimming, we do not offer a “learn to swim” program for new swimmers. During the month of July, we try to offer a limited, in-house program for young siblings of existing swimmers, called Tater Tots. This program is dependent upon coach and volunteer availability.

My child has swim in the past with another swim club. Does he/she still need to come to the swim assessment?

Yes, he/she does need to be assessed by our coaches, as each swim club organizes their training groups differently. However, if your child has official best times in any of the competitive swim strokes, please bring those with you to the assessment.

I am new to the club. How do I know which training group my child will be in?

The Head Coach will place each child in the appropriate training group based on the results of the swim assessment, and past performance, if applicable. Training groups are based on age and swim ability.

Can I request that my child be in the same group as a friend or family member?

No. Children are placed by the Head Coach in groups that are appropriate for their swim ability, age level, and work ethic.

Exactly what time are the practices?

On the weekday mornings, practices are scheduled anytime between 5:45-8:00 am. Depending on the training group, your swimmer may have from 0-3 practices in the morning. In the evenings, practices are scheduled between 3:30 and 9:00 pm. Most training groups have evening practices 4-5 times per week. On Saturdays in May, practices are only scheduled in the morning. Our pool availability changes each month of our season, so the practice times for each group will also change each month. Our aim is to have the April practice schedule available no later than the last week of April.

How long are practices?

Practices are generally one hour in the pool, and 15-30 minutes of warm-up or dry land practice, prior to the pool time. Warm-up and dry land times are set by the coaches according to the age and training ability of each group.

What is the best way to find out information about practice times?

Consult our website on a regular basis to find out about practice times, special events, swim meets, and all other important information. Once the swim season starts, we also post information on a board outside Steveston Pool.

How can I get my parent participation hours? Who can I talk to about parent participation?

Please refer to the Parent Participation Opportunities document posted here. If you feel you may not be able to fulfill your hours by signing up for the jobs listed, please contact a member of the Executive and we will help you find jobs that might work with your family commitments.