

Swim level prerequisites

Every Preschool and Swimmer lesson has two entry requirements: the swimmer's age, and the level they have already completed.

Our registration system checks both when you register. If a completed level is not recorded on the swimmer's account, the registration will not go through — so it is worth checking the account before registration day.

Level pathways

Find your swimmer's next level below. The left column of each table shows what is needed before registering for the level in the right column.

Parent and Tot

4 months to 3 years

An adult gets in the water with the child — any parent, grandparent, guardian or caregiver is welcome. These levels are set by age only, so no completed level is required.

CHILD'S AGE	LEVEL TO REGISTER FOR
4 to 12 months	Parent and Tot 1 Jellyfish
12 to 24 months	Parent and Tot 2 Goldfish
24 to 36 months	Parent and Tot 3 Seahorse

Preschool

3 years to 5 years 11 months

Swimmers move through these levels in order. Each level builds on the one before it.

NEEDED FIRST	REGISTER FOR
Age 3 to 5 years No level required	Preschool 1
Preschool 1 complete	Preschool 2
Preschool 2 complete	Preschool 3
Preschool 3 complete	Preschool 4
Preschool 4 complete	Preschool 5

Swimmer

5 years to 12 years 11 months

Swimmers coming from Preschool 5 can start at Swimmer 2.

NEEDED FIRST	REGISTER FOR
Age 5 to 12 years No level required	Swimmer 1
Swimmer 1 or Preschool 5 complete	Swimmer 2
Swimmer 2 complete	Swimmer 3
Swimmer 3 complete	Swimmer 4
Swimmer 4 complete	Swimmer 5
Swimmer 5 complete	Swimmer 6

Private and semi-private lessons have no prerequisites

They also work differently from group lessons — a swimmer can move through more than one level in a single session. See the next page.

Private and semi-private lessons

These run on their own terms. They are a good fit if you are unsure where your swimmer belongs, or if one-to-one instruction suits your swimmer better.

No prerequisites

Register at any level, at any age.
Nothing needs to be on the account first.

More than one level per session

Instruction moves at your swimmer's pace rather than the group's, so a swimmer can complete several levels in one session instead of waiting for the next one to start.

Levels are recorded

The instructor adds each completed level to the account, so your swimmer can move into a group class at the right level whenever you want.

New to swim lessons with us?

There are two straightforward routes in, depending on where your swimmer is starting from.

Starting at the beginning

Preschool 1 and Swimmer 1 need age only. You can register right away, with nothing to send us first.

Coming from another swim school

Send us proof of the last level completed, or book a free skills assessment, and we will add it to the account.

Prerequisites describe which skills have been taught so far. They are not a judgement of how capable a swimmer is. Many swimmers take more than one session at the same level, and repeating a level is a normal part of learning to swim.

Levels on your swimmer's account

Each time a swimmer finishes a lesson with us, the instructor records whether that level is complete. This record is called an **Activity Outcome** and it sits on the swimmer's account. When you register, our software reads it to confirm the level below has been completed.

Lessons with us

Levels are recorded for you after each session. Swimmers currently in lessons are updated before the next registration opens.

Lessons somewhere else

Levels earned at another swim school are not on the account until you send us a record of them.

Not sure of the level

Book a free skills assessment. An instructor confirms the level and we record it for you.

How to check the account

- 1 Go to panoramarecreation.ca and log in.
- 2 Open the profile of the swimmer you want to check.
- 3 Scroll down to **Activity Outcomes**.
- 4 Select the dropdown arrow to see every level completed with us.

Add or correct a level

If a level is missing, out of date, or looks wrong, please have it corrected before registration opens. It cannot be fixed partway through a registration.

Email your proof

Send it to
swim.proof@panoramarec.bc.ca
with the swimmer's full name and date of birth.

Bring it in person

Show your proof at any Panorama Recreation reception desk and staff will update the account while you wait.

No proof to show

Book a free skills assessment. An instructor confirms the level in the water and we add it to the account.

What counts as proof

Printed or digital copies are both accepted:

- A report card or level certificate
- An email or letter from another swim lesson provider
- Any dated record naming the swimmer and the level completed

If you are not sure whether what you have is enough, send it in anyway and we will let you know.

Why we use prerequisites

Matching swimmers to the right level is what makes a lesson work. Prerequisites let us:

- Group swimmers by age and by the skills they have already learned
- Keep lessons safe, and keep instruction at the right pace for the group
- Take the guesswork out of registration and reduce registrations in the wrong level
- Keep waitlists accurate, so they reflect what families actually need
- Plan future schedules around the levels in real demand

Common questions

Registration is open and the level still is not showing.

The system will block the registration, so contact us right away at info@panoramarec.bc.ca or at any reception desk. Spaces are not held while a record is being corrected, so it is best to check the account ahead of registration day.

Can my swimmer move up more than one level?

Not through online registration, because the system requires the level directly below. If you think your swimmer is ready for something higher, book a free skills assessment. If the instructor confirms the higher level, we record it and registration opens up.

What happens if a level is not completed?

The swimmer takes that level again. Progress is based on skills rather than time. Instructors talk with families at the end of each session about what comes next.

My children are at different levels but I would like them in one class.

Each swimmer needs to meet the prerequisite for the level they are registered in, so siblings at different levels cannot share a group class. Private and semi-private lessons have no prerequisites and often suit families in this situation.

My swimmer is close to aging out of their level group.

Age ranges overlap on purpose. A five year old can be in either Preschool or Swimmer levels, so a swimmer partway through Preschool can finish that pathway or move across to Swimmer 2 once Preschool 5 is complete.

Where do I find lesson dates and registration times?

Session dates, when schedules go online, and registration opening times are all listed at panoramarecreation.ca. This page covers prerequisites only.

Questions about a level?

Email info@panoramarec.bc.ca, call 250.656.7271, or ask staff at any reception desk. To send proof of a completed level, email swim.proof@panoramarec.bc.ca.