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## Swim Lesson Level Information

### Preschool (ages 3-5 year olds)

There are four levels within the preschool age group, each works at the child's own level.

Beginner	"Pike"	No water experience. This level teaches the basic fundamentals of swimming while the instructors ensure a positive learning experience.
Beginner/Intermediate	"Eels"	Beginners who are swimming at least 5 feet without assistance on front and back.
Intermediate/Advanced	"Rays"	Intermediate who can swim 15 feet on front, back, and side & beginning more advanced swimming techniques.
Advanced	"Starfish"	For advanced preschoolers, who can swim at least 30 feet without assistance on front, back, side, beginning breaststroke, elementary backstroke and diving.

Classes may be grouped together depending on participation. The goals of the preschool classes include the four values, learning water safety skills and practicing supported and unsupported swimming movements. This class is ideal for any child. Children under 5 years of age who are participating in swim lessons, must be supervised by an adult.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Can I pick my child's instructor?**
  - Only if you sign up for private or semi-private swim lessons. Instructors for group lessons are chosen by the Aquatics Director.
- **What certifications do the instructors have?**
  - All swim instructors have current YMCA Swim Lessons Instructor certifications. Some instructors also have additional YMCA certifications in parent/child, stroke/conditioning, and special needs. To find the correct instructor for your child, contact the Aquatics Director.
- **Do I need to be in the pool with my child?**
  - Only if you are enrolled in the Parent/Child class. For all other classes, the parent/guardian must remain in the YMCA facility. For preschool lessons, we ask parents/guardians to remain close to the pool deck in case a child needs to use the restroom during lessons.
- **How many sessions does it take to pass from one level to the next?**
  - YMCA Swim Lessons are designed to take 3 sessions to progress from one level to another. Some children will require more or less time in a level. We expect each child to learn and progress at his or her own rate. A child is advanced to the next level only when he or she can proficiently and safely perform the skills within his or her level.
- **Do you make up lessons if my child has to miss?**
  - For group lessons, we do not make up classes for an individual child. If the entire class is cancelled because of weather the class will be made up on a Friday. If something does keep your child out of group lessons for over 3 lessons, they can be made up in the next session of the same class. Please call the Aquatics Director to set those up.

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