

Newport County YMCA

FAQ's Aquatics

1. How long is the pool?

25 yards

2. How many laps equal a mile?

33 laps equal a mile, 1650 yards

3. What is the water temperature?

The average water temperature is 85-86 degrees.

4. Can we bring our own floats, toys etc. to family swim?

Yes, please keep in mind that the pool can get busy so the lifeguard may restrict some toys depending on how busy it is.

5. Can we use YMCA equipment during family swim?

The only equipment available during this time are the foam swim bubbles.

6. What equipment is available during lap swim?

Lap swimmers may use the kickboards, pull buoys, hand paddles and fins located in the equipment room.

7. If there is no time shown on the pool schedule, can I come in to swim?

No, if a time is not shown on the schedule, there is another activity taking place such as swimming lessons, swim team, etc..

8. How many children can I expect in my child's swim lesson?

For the Parent/child class the parent is required to go in the water with the child. The Preschool generally has one instructor to 4 or 5 students, Youth lessons there is generally 5 to 6 students to one instructor. For the upper youth levels and youth II 7 or 8 to 1 instructor.

9. What are the ages for Parent/Child class?

6 months to 36 months of age. The child must be 6 months old at the start of the class.

10. Can I register my almost 3 year old for Preschool lessons?

The National YMCA requires that participants be 3 years of age at the start of the class session.

11. Can I register my almost 6 year old for Youth Swim Lessons?

In most cases we require that the child be 6 at the start of the session.

12. What are the prerequisites for Youth II?

Participants must be able to complete 50 yards of the front crawl with correct rotary breathing and 50 yards of the backstroke.

13. Does the YMCA use floatation devices to teach swimming?

Yes, the YMCA uses "Bubbles" as a teaching tool for mainly the kids in the Preschool swim lesson. This is a teaching tool, not a floatation device. As the child progresses, the bubble can be deflated to adjust for the child's ability.

14. Why is my child not progressing to the next level?

Each child will progress at his or her own rate. Just like walking, each child develops in the water differently.

15. What are the requirements for swim team?

Participants must be 6 years of age and be able to complete 100 yards of the front crawl with rotary breathing and 100 yards of the backstroke.

16. How long is the season?

The season runs from October through March of the next year.

17. Do they have to participate in the meets?

Yes, swim team members are required to participate in swim meets.

18. What is available after the season to keep my swimmer in the water?

There is a stroke development clinic in the spring and a summer swim team program.