









Swim For Life Comparison Chart

Before you make your swim class selection, please check out the details below.

IF YOUR CHILD...	PREVIOUSLY IN RED CROSS SWIM	PREVIOUSLY IN YMCA	REGISTER IN LIFESAVING SOCIETY
Is 4 to 12 months old and ready to learn to enjoy the water with parent...	 Starfish	Splashers	Parent & Tot 1
Is 12 to 24 months old and ready to learn to enjoy the water with parent...	 Duck	Bubblers	Parent & Tot 2
Is 2 to 3 years old and ready to learn to enjoy the water with a parent...	 Sea Turtle	Bobbers	Parent & Tot 3
Is 3 to 5 years and just starting out on his or her own... If 5 years+...	 Sea Otter	Bobbers	Preschool 1 Swimmer 1
Can get in and out and jump into chest-deep water assisted; float and glide on front and back; blow bubbles and get face wet... If 5 years+...	 Salamander	Floaters	Preschool 2 Swimmer 1
Can jump into chest-deep water; submerge and exhale underwater; float on front and back assisted for 3 sec... If 5 years+...	 Sunfish	Gliders Divers	Preschool 3 Swimmer 1
Can jump into deep water wearing a lifejacket; recover objects from the bottom; hold breath underwater; float, glide and kick on front and back... If 5 years+...	 Crocodile	Surfers	Preschool 4 Swimmer 1
Can do solo jumps into deep water; swim front crawl 5 m wearing a lifejacket and flutter kick on front, back and side... If 5 years+...	 Whale	Dippers	Preschool 5 Swimmer 2

IF YOUR CHILD...	PREVIOUSLY IN RED CROSS SWIM	PREVIOUSLY IN YMCA	REGISTER IN LIFESAVING SOCIETY
Is 5 to 12 years and just starting out...	Swim Kids 1	Otter	Swimmer 1
Can jump into chest-deep water by themselves and into deep-water wearing a lifejacket; open eyes, hold breath, and exhale underwater; float, kick and glide on front and back...	Swim Kids 2	Seal	Swimmer 2
Can jump into deep water and do a sideways entry wearing a lifejacket; support self at the surface for 15 sec.; do whip kick in vertical position; and swim 10 m on front and back...	Swim Kids 3	Dolphin Swimmer	Swimmer 3
Can tread for 30 sec.; do kneeling dives and front somersaults; 10 m whip kick on back; and swim 15 m front crawl and back crawl...	Swim Kids 4 Swim Kids 5	Star 1	Swimmer 4
Can complete the Canadian Swim to Survive Standard: Roll – Tread (1 min.) – Swim (50 m); dive; swim underwater; 15 m whip kick on front; breaststroke arms with breathing; and swim front and back crawl 25 m...	Swim Kids 6	Star 2	Swimmer 5
Can do shallow dives and cannonballs; eggbeater and scissor kick; swim 50 m front and back crawl; breaststroke for 25 m; sprint 25 m; interval training 4 x 50 m...	Swim Kids 7	Star 3	Swimmer 6
Can do stride entries and compact jumps; legs-only surface support for 45 sec.; sprint 25 m breaststroke; swim 100 m of front crawl and back crawl and 300 m workout...	Swim Kids 8	Star 4	Swimmer 7 / Rookie Patrol
Preferred successful completion – Swimmer 7 / Rookie Patrol	Swim Kids 9	Star 5	Swimmer 8 / Ranger Patrol
Preferred successful completion – Swimmer 8 / Ranger Patrol	Swim Kids 10	Star 6	Swimmer 9 / Star Patrol
Preferred successful completion – Swimmer 9 / Star Patrol		Master Swimmer	Bronze Star

PARENT & TOT 1, 2, 3 for parents and children 4 months – 3 years
PRESCHOOL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for children 3 – 5 years
SWIMMER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 for children 6 – 15 years
ROOKIE, RANGER, STAR for children 12 – 15 years
ADULT SWIMMER 1, 2, 3 for people 16 years+