

BTC SWIM TEAM FAQs

My swimmer has never done competitive swim team – how do I know if my swimmer is ready? Come to the June 6 Info Session, BTC, 6pm and learn more! You can also try the preseason week June 10-13, 4-5:30pm. Our coaches can determine what might be the best fit for your swimmer, either team or lessons.

How do I know which practice group is best for my swimmer? The coaches will evaluate the swimmers during the first few weeks of the season to determine the best fit. We want your swimmer to be challenged and have fun, not feel overwhelmed.

Are all the swimmers on the BTC team year-round swimmers? We have a mix of swimmers - swimmers trying competitive swimming for the first time this summer, swimmers who only participate in summer swim, and some swimmers who swim year-round. We embrace all skills & ages and that's what makes our team so great!

My swimmer is going away to camp for 3 weeks – is that ok? Many of our swimmers go away for camp – just be sure the coaches know ahead of time so they can plan the meet entries for the weeks your swimmer is away.

We are moving to the area, but won't arrive until July – is it too late to join the team? If your child has swim team experience, great – let us know your arrival date. If your swimmer is new to swim team, you should discuss the exact arrival date and the age & skill of your swimmer with the coaches at swim@burlingtontennis.com.

Do we have to come to five practices a week? We understand that summer swim isn't the only thing on the schedule & we will work with you to find a practice schedule that best allows your swimmer to feel part of the team while able to participate in other activities. Four or five practices per week=great; three practices per week=baseline; one or two practices per week=probably not the best for the swimmer.

Does my swimmer have to participate in any meets/all of the meets? The coaches will work with your swimmer to determine readiness for meets. If the swimmer is ready, please try to compete in as many meets as possible! Swimmers must compete in at least two meets to be eligible for the end of season Champlain Valley Swim League Championship on July 26 & 27.

What gear does my child need? Swimmers can wear any competitive swimsuit & cap for practice, but we strongly encourage you to get a BTC Team Swimsuit & Cap for meets. Towels, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and a change of clothes are also essential swimmer backpack items; you will also need lots of goggles – they seem disappear.

I'm not sure my swimmer will like it – do you have a trial day? Yes! We can offer a one-week trial during the first two weeks of the season. Please contact us at swim@burlingtontennis.com if this is something you would like to discuss with our coaches.

What is included in the registration fee? The registration fee pays for the coaches & competitions, plus you get a BTC Swim Team T-shirt! The extra stuff we do is paid for by our Home Meet Snack Bar, which is why we expect and need every family to participate.

Can I get a refund? If you tried swim team for one-week and it isn't a fit, please contact our coaches swim@burlingtontennis.com. If you tried it for more than one week, please see BTC's refund policy.

The schedule for the swimmers & the families sounds exhausting – how do people manage? Yes, it is action packed with practice drop-offs/pickups, meets, special events, and volunteering, but it's also an amazing adventure filled with fun & friendships for everyone involved!