



*Where Swimmers Love to Grow!*

## Lesson Assessments

### Why is an assessment important?

Assessments help us to form classes in which the learning environment is best suited for each individual swimmer.

### Who should be assessed?

All students who have never attended Aqua Culture Swim School and are three years old or older.

Swimmers who were previously enrolled at Aqua Culture but have not been enrolled for the past six months. Children often change with time, some will acquire new skills that are consistent with current form and some will acquire skills that are not compatible with current skills on the world stage of swimming. We have even found that a class that your child has previously attended may have advanced well beyond your child's level in their absence.

Occasionally, Aqua Culture has a previous student who has only been away from the swim school for a short period, less than six months, but the caregiver has been able to take the swimmer to another aquatic facility. In that time the swimmer applied previously learned skills and may need to be promoted above the level that the swimmer was placed when they left the swim school. We are pleased to complete an assessment in these situations.

If your swimmer will be registering for a Pearl class, a class that will require a caregiver to be in the water with the swimmer, then an assessment is not completed. These young swimmers will first be placed by age and then promoted only by instructor referral.

If the new student is a month or two from his/her third birthday, please consider whether it be more appropriate to complete an assessment and help to identify if the student would be better served by placing them in a class without a caregiver. The transition from a class with a caregiver to a class without a caregiver is sometimes difficult based on common developmental patterns of preschoolers. We have taught thousands of swimmers and can offer our suggestions for the most successful placement but we do welcome a caregiver's experience with and knowledge of the new student's social behavior as it relates to an organized learning environment.

### When can an assessment be completed?

Walk-ins are welcome, however it is helpful to make an appointment, but 15 minutes prior to the assessment time is plenty for us to be prepared. We offer assessments at the following times:

Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays 12 pm and 3 pm

Wednesday 6 pm

Saturdays 12 pm

Friday at 6 pm

## Training Center & Swim School

### Swim School

- Learn to Swim
- Baby Swimming
- Stroke Mechanics
- Birthday Parties
- Pro shop

### Professional Training

- Lifeguard Training
- WSI
- CPR
- Pool Operators

**What should I bring to the assessment?**

The following will make your visit a pleasant one: Bathing suit, fluffy towel, quality goggles, shampoo and an appropriate change of clothing.

Showers and blow dryers are available.

If the weather is cold we suggest a knit hat for the ride home.

Swimmers under the age of 5 are required to wear a pair of “swim underwear” or a lined suit. This policy is intended to reduce the risk of pathogen transmission in a case of a misunderstanding of a need to use the bathroom or an unidentified illness beginning to affect the swimmer. Fecal accidents are quite rare at Aqua Culture by a swimmer who is not “potty trained”. Most accidents that happen have been a result of the two events, mentioned above, by a student who has mastered using the bathroom. Some swim suit manufacturers design suits with a solid lining, this will suffice. If you do not own such, we do have “swim underwear” for sale at the swim school. We are not flexible with this policy.

**What is the cost of an assessment?**

There is no fee for this service.

**What happens after the assessment?**

The assessment only takes a few minutes and the students are welcome to stay and play in the water for the duration of the Practice Time, which is 50 minutes after the beginning of the scheduled assessment time. If your child is a non-swimmer, you should be prepared to get in the water with them, if they are going to stay and play in the pool.

Caregivers will be given paperwork to complete during the assessment and will be told what class time are currently available once the assessment and a class search is completed. Classes fill on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to secure the class for your swimmer, you should have your schedule with you and be prepared to pay tuition via check, Visa, Mastercard or cash. Aqua Culture offers a discount for tuition paid for by auto debit checking account. If you may be interested in this option, please bring a voided check for your swimmers file.