



Barracuda Swimming is a family run swimming school in Bath. Established in January 2010 and run by owner and head swimming teacher Gordon Lye, our aim is to teach all ages and all abilities to swim confidently, establish and maintain correct technique and build stamina. We are an Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) accredited swim school and we run small friendly swimming classes using the ASA Learn to Swim Pathway, recommended by British Swimming. This is an all-inclusive programme which takes a non-swimmer from his or her first splash to developing confidence and competence in the water.

We all know that the ability to swim is a crucial life skill, both for safety near water and for the fantastic health benefits. Barracuda Swimming teaches everybody, from the nervous non-swimmers to those wanting to fine tune their skills and technique.

With very small classes for the new swimmers and larger for stroke improvement and lengths classes, whatever your ability we pride ourselves in a friendly atmosphere, enthusiastic teachers and happy swimmers!

The Learn to Swim Pathway follows Stages 1-7 and then for those that want to develop their swimming further, the Aquatic Skills Framework Stages 8-10.

<http://www.swimming.org/learntoswim/asa-learn-to-swim-pathway/>

Please see our ASA Stages Descriptors page.

The emphasis in the early stages is on fun and water confidence, leading to independent swimming and technique lessons in all four strokes: frontcrawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Our swimmers start in half-hour lessons across the width of the pool and full hour lessons swimming lengths for the later stages.

Our classes are run by ASA qualified swimming teachers and in-pool assistants to support the teachers for the lower level classes. Our small classes allow swimmers to receive individual attention and achieve their maximum potential.

Assessment is on-going and continual, teachers take the swimmers through all the competencies required for the ASA Stage they are working to and advise our administration team when a swimmer has progressed to the next Stage. At all times we strive to ensure that the swimmers are in the most appropriate class for their ability and swimmers are able to move groups at any time, where there is available space at a suitable level.

The swimmers to teacher ratios shown below are the usual maximums, but we are often able to offer smaller classes where numbers allow.

Beginners, working to ASA Stage 1

Lessons are 30 minutes long and are aimed at complete beginners. The teacher will be in the water with the children for these lessons. The maximum swimmer to teacher ratio for these lessons is usually 4:1 and at most times there will be an in-pool assistant to bring the ratio to 2:1.

ASA Stages 2-3

Lessons are 30 minutes long and are aimed at swimmers that are learning to swim unaided, without the use of buoyancy aids, or teacher support. The teacher will be in the water with the children for

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these lessons. The maximum swimmer to teacher ratio for these lessons is 6:1, but we are often able to offer smaller classes where numbers allow. At most times there will be an in-pool assistant.

ASA Stages 4-5

Lessons are 30 minutes long and are aimed at swimmers that can swim unaided and are beginning to learn the technique of the four strokes. By the end of Stage 5 swimmers will be able to swim 10 metres in all four strokes. The teacher may be in the water with the children for some of these lessons. The maximum swimmer to teacher ratio for these lessons is 6:1. Some of these classes will have an in-pool assistant.

ASA Stages 6-7

At this level swimmers will be swimming high level widths and moving on to swimming lengths. For widths classes, the maximum swimmer to teacher ratio is usually 6:1, when the swimmers move in to a lengths lane the ratio is 8:1.

Classes are £7.00 per half hour and £10 for the full hour.

ASA Stages 8-10

These lessons are for the more experienced swimmers and are for 1 hour. They are aimed at swimmers who are looking to improve their technique or speed and focus on Aquatic Skills. The maximum swimmer to teacher ratio for these lessons is 8:1.

Classes are £10.00 per hour.

Post Stage 10 swimmers

When a swimmer has passed Stage 10, they usually finish swimming with us. Some swimmers pass all 10 Stages, but wish to continue swimming, under guidance, for an hour a week. For these swimmers we offer an hour class on a Thursday where we build up stamina and improve technique. These classes are very popular and are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Weekday after School Classes at Prior Park College

We run after-school classes 3 evenings a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please see the **Classes** document for further information.

Saturday Classes at Prior Park College

We run Saturday lunchtime classes from 12:00 – 14:30.

Please see **Classes** document for further information.

Booking Classes

Please e-mail us on barracudaswimming.bath@gmail.com or send us your contact details via 'Get in touch'. We will send you information and a booking form, where possible we will invite your child to have a free trial lesson to assess their level, this is dependent on space being available.

Re-booking Classes

Priority will be given to swimmers already attending; places will then be allocated on a first-come first-served basis from the waiting list.

If you are interested in any of our classes, please contact us, if we cannot offer you an immediate place we will add your name to the waiting list, we will then contact you as places become available.

Technique Workshops and Holiday Courses

We also run occasional intensive technique workshops and holiday courses, swimmers on our contact lists will be notified by e-mail or if you require any further information please contact us.

Discount Policy – Details

We have a Discount Policy of £2 on some classes for the third child or more from one family. This only applies when booking a full term for all children.

Refund Policy

Barracuda Swimming will refund the cost of a lesson or offer a suitable replacement where a swimmer has been unable to attend his/her lesson due to either Barracuda Swimming cancelling a lesson or the pool being closed.

Lessons cancelled, disrupted or ended early due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g. fire, accident, extreme weather etc.) will not be refundable, but we will aim to offer replacement lessons where practicable.

We do not offer refunds or replacement lessons when the lesson is running, but the swimmer is unable to attend. We will very occasionally be able to offer alternative lessons where there is a suitable space available, however this may not be possible if suitable classes are full.

Refunds for whole or part-terms

It is not our policy to refund for whole or part-term lessons less than two weeks before the start of a term, late cancellation of lessons does not usually allow us to make replacements from our waiting list. Where replacements can be found, or where there are exceptional circumstances leading to a refund request, we will issue a refund; this is at the discretion of Barracuda Swimming.

If whole or part-term lessons are being cancelled by Barracuda Swimming, we will issue an immediate refund.

Health & Safety

Please see our Health & Safety policy document.