

Summer Swim 2021 FAQs

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Summer swim runs from June 1 - July 31.

**Please note, the summer swim schedule and season is subject to HOA approval and the current COVID restrictions.*

Practice times vary--see below for the complete schedule.

Cost: \$175 per Blaster (includes swimsuit, silicone cap, and team t-shirt);

\$110 per MicroBlaster (includes team t-shirt)

Location: Both Braemar community pools:

Rob Roy (RR)--12751 Rob Roy Way

Iona Sound (Iona)--12300 Iona Sound Drive

Registration Info:

Registration can be found on our website: www.braemarblasters.com. Register your swimmer(s) by selecting the Summer Registration button on the right side of our home page. You will be required to mail your check in within 7 days, if you choose to not pay by credit card. Please do not drop off any payments to the HOA Office. When registering, please ensure you are registering your swimmer based on the age they will be at as of **June 1, 2021**.

Registration Dates:

Returning Blaster families and Braemar residents: March 7, 2021 at 8 pm

Open registration to all families: March 21, 2021 at 8 pm

Registration Closes: once all spaces have been filled or July 1, 2021--whichever comes first.

NOTES: (1) A returning member is defined as an individual or family that swam the summer season prior to current registration. (2) A Braemar resident is defined as someone/family that resides in Braemar either as a homeowner, renter or landlord (meaning they own a home in Braemar, but live outside the community).

ALL payments (including returning families and new families) can be made via check or credit card. If paying by credit card, there is a 2.95% charge plus a \$.28 service fee. All checks **MUST** be **postmarked** within **7 days** after submitting the on-line registration. Please mail checks to: **PO Box 638 Bristow, VA 20136**--do not drop them off at the Iona Sound clubhouse. (Sundays will not count as one of your days). Returning families will have **7 days** after submitting their on-line registration to select a volunteer position, which will be on a first come/first serve basis.

New families will have **7 days** after receiving their account activation email to select a volunteer position, which will be on a first come/first serve basis. Team Administrator has up to 72 hours to activate any new accounts.

Families who do not adhere to the above deadlines will be moved to the waitlist. Please see our waitlist policy (below) in regard to how we fill available spots on the team.

ONLY committee heads will be guaranteed their volunteer position. Please make sure you have read the Volunteer Commitment Agreement and understand the expectations prior to signing up for that position by reading the Volunteer Position Descriptions document.

Swimmers will not be approved and considered registered until payment has been received and the family has signed up for their volunteer position.

The team administrator will have 72 hours from the receipt of both requirements to email out the official Welcome to the Team email. The Welcome email signifies that all registration requirements have been met and your swimmers will be on the team.

Registration will be by age group. Each age group has a pre-set capped amount. Once the capped amount has been reached for a particular age group, families can continue to register swimmers on the age group waitlist. Spots will then be filled according to our waitlist policy (below).

Practice Schedule:

Dates	Days	Pool	Times
School in Session 6/1/21 - 6/11/21	Monday Wednesday Friday	Iona Sound Pool	● 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – 8 & Under ● 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – 9/10
	Tuesday Thursday	Rob Roy Pool	● 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – 11/12 ● 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM – 13 & Over
Summer Morning Practices 6/14/21 - 7/30/21	Monday Wednesday Friday	Iona Sound Pool	● 7:00 AM to 8:15 AM – 13 & Over ● 8:15 AM to 9:15 AM – 11/12
	Tuesday Thursday	Rob Roy Pool	● 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM – 9/10 ● 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM – 8 & Under
Summer Evening Practices 6/15/21 - 7/29/21	Tuesday	Rob Roy Pool	● 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – 10 & Under
	Thursday	Iona Sound Pool	● 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Stroke Clinic ● 8:00 to 9:00 PM – 11 & Over
MicroBlasters 6/14/21 – 7/31/21	Monday Wednesday	Iona Sound Pool	● 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM ● No Practices on Fridays
	Tuesday Thursday	Rob Roy Pool	

Note: Practice times and locations are subject to change. Clinics are also offered during the evening practices and will be announced in advance. The clinics focus on a specific stroke or turn. The evening practices are intended to be make-up sessions for swimmers who cannot attend in the mornings.

Refund Policy:

Refunds will occur for one of two reasons: (1) a family chooses to cancel their registration for any reason or (2) the season is impacted by the current pandemic.

If a family chooses to cancel their registration for any reason, the refund policy is as follows:

- Between 3/7 – 4/11, families will be refunded their payment amount less a \$25.00 administrative fee per swimmer.
- Between 4/12 – 5/31, families will be refunded half of the registration fee per swimmer.
- After June 1, no refunds will be given unless the season is cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Blasters Board understands the uncertainty of the 2021 summer season and while we hope to hold a season, we are putting processes in place should the season be cancelled. With that said, should the season be cancelled due to the current pandemic:

- Between 3/7 – 5/31, we will refund each swimmer their registration fee minus any costs already incurred (such as payments for swimsuits, swim caps, team t-shirt, and other miscellaneous equipment).
- After June 1, the Board will consider refunds based on the amount of costs incurred and how long the season has occurred.
- Similar to last year, families will be given the option to donate a portion of their registration fee for the senior gifts, scholarship fund, and the like. More information will be made available if we need to process refunds due to the pandemic.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time.

COVID-19 Policy:

We continually assess the current COVID guidelines and best practices, and will make the appropriate adjustments to all requirements including the number of swimmers per lane, spectators, and mask wearing. We hope to have more information by the parent meeting on May 10, but should the guidelines change, we will update accordingly.

COVID Clause:

In consideration for being able to participate in the Braemar Blasters Summer Swim program, I release from liability the Braemar Blasters Swim Team, their employees, officers, and volunteers from any and all claims of economic loss I may suffer due to unforeseen or mitigating circumstances which may result in a loss of practice sessions or cancellation of the

season. These circumstances can include, but are not limited to, closure of the facility for: extreme weather events, power outages, holiday(s) or cleaning and/or quarantine restrictions due to pandemic (COVID 19). I understand that I/my swimmer is participating voluntarily, and will not hold the Braemar Blasters Swim Team responsible for refunding or remittance of any part of registration dues in the event of season practice interruption.

Waitlist Policy:

Swimmers will be taken from the waitlist on an as needed basis in order to fill age groups and to round out our team. The Board will review the team needs on a frequent basis after March 21. Swimmers on the waitlist will be contacted by the team administrator via email if a spot for a particular swimmer opens up. Families will have 48 hours to respond to the email. If they decide they want to join the team. Payment must be postmarked within 7 days (Sundays will not be included in the count).

Individuals on the waitlist will be assigned a volunteer position.

Non-compliance to the payment deadline will result in the spot being given to the next family on the waitlist and removal from the registration database. At that time, the swimmer will no longer be considered for the 2021 season. Families who were placed on the waitlist due to non-compliance with sign-up deadlines will be expected to follow these same guidelines.

QUESTIONS:

**Will be updated should more questions arise.*

Will we be able to stay and watch practice? What will swimmeets look like this summer?

These are great questions to ask and unfortunately we do not have the answers yet. We are moving forward with summer swim registration with the hope that we can hold a season in some form. Please note that our schedule has been conditionally approved by the HOA pending the current COVID guidelines. We imagine there will be changes to how summer swim was run in the past, but we hope to provide a wonderful season yet again. Once any additional information is available, we will make sure to let all families know via email, on our website, and social media. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Is this considered swim lessons?

This is NOT swim lessons! All Blaster swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters unassisted. The Braemar Coaching staff reserves the right to revoke registration if a swimmer is unable to swim unassisted. While MicroBlasters practice is still NOT swim lessons, the Micros are NOT required to swim 25 meters unassisted. During Micros, the swimmers will learn the basics of swimming.

Can I leave my child during practice?

Only registered swimmers are allowed in the pool during swim practice. In the past, the Braemar HOA has required parents to remain on premises for all swimmers under the age of 12. We anticipate that rule remaining in place again this summer. We will send out more specific information about practices and spectators as we get closer to the season and plans are

set in place.

Can I bring my non-BBST kids to play in the pool during practice?

Only registered swimmers are allowed in the pool during swim practice. Some evenings, team practices will run concurrent to the community pool's open swim times. During these times, Braemar residents are able to use the pool and baby pool and are never available for non-community members. Swimmers participating in open swim are under the supervision of the community lifeguards (NOT Blaster coaches) and they should not interfere with the team practice in any way.

What should we bring to practice?

Please bring goggles and fins.

I signed up for a youth small t-shirt during registration, but actually need a youth medium.

Can I change my size?

All T-shirt sizes listed during registration are final. There will be no exchanges from the team, but feel free to ask others if they are able to switch. Additional shirts may be available for purchase at a later date.

Will there be a MicroBlaster practice in the evening?

At this time, we are not able to accommodate a MicroBlasters practice in the evening, but should things change, we will let the MicroBlasters know.