

**Who are we?**

We are a competitive summer swim team for swimmers ages 5-18. Our season typically begins at the end of the April and runs through the end of June.

**When can I register?**

Registration for **returning families generally begins in late winter**. The Breakers guarantee the spots of all swimmers who swam the following season, as well as eligible siblings who may want to join.

Following return swimmer registration, we open **registration to new swimmers in early March**. Due to limited pool availability, the Breakers generally have more swimmers who want to register than we can admit. Per Parks and Recreation guidelines, swimmers who are Tega Cay residents are given preference over non Tega Cay swimmers. Additionally, our online registration process is time stamped and swimmers are admitted on a first-registered, first-admitted basis.

**Does my child need to be able to swim to join the swim team?**

After the registration process is complete, we invite the swimmers who were first to register to an evaluation. The process will be outlined post registration. **For safety purposes, your child must demonstrate that they can swim the full length of the pool (25 meters) without being assisted**. It is not necessary to demonstrate a perfect stroke.

**When do the Breakers practice?**

Practices are generally offered Monday-Thursday during the season. The first week of practice is dry-land, the following weeks are in the outdoor pool. When FMSD is in session, you can assume practice will be in the afternoon. Once school ends, practices are in the mornings. A practice schedule for the current season will be posted on the our team unify site before the season starts.

Swimmers are expected to attend 2 practices a week during the school year, and then every day (Monday-Thursday), once school has ended.

**Volunteering is mandatory!**

The swim team is run by a board of parent volunteers and relies upon the parents of swimmers to run all meets and complete other tasks necessary to make the season run smoothly. **Parents of swimmers MUST be available to volunteer during the team's swim meets**, which are generally held on Monday and Thursday evenings. Families who do not volunteer to help at the meets risk losing their child's protected swim status for the following season.