

MEMBERSHIP FEES

From 1st September 2020, Berkhamsted Swimming Club's membership fee structure is:

	Monthly Fees (£)	Yearly Fees (£)	One-Off Cost
Joining Fee			40.00
Group 1	28.75	345.00	
Group 2	32.25	387.00	
Group 3	37.50	450.00	
Group 4	41.25	495.00	
Group 5	43.00	516.00	
Group 6	46.50	558.00	
Group 7 Fitness	32.25	387.00	
Group 8 Students/Residential	n/a	75.00*	
Masters	32.25	387.00	
Dacroum Triathlon Club Seniors	32.25	387.00	

* Group 8 Fees effective 1st September and paid annually.

Fees levied cover many costs including:

- Swim England membership/registration fees (some clubs charge separately for this);
- Coaching at all the training sessions the swimmer is entitled to attend;
- Pool provision for training;
- A hat, water bottle and T-shirt for new members (not DTC);
- Venue hire for events the Club hosts;
- Training of timekeepers/judges/officials/coaches;
- DBS checks;
- Technical equipment (stopwatches, software licenses, website hosting, computers etc.);
- Annual Awards;
- Team entry at Peanuts, Hertfordshire Major League, Arena League, Daplyn Trophy etc.
- Poolside passes for meets;
- Lifeguards for Knox Johnston during holiday schedule.

By joining you are committing to an annual fee which is payable by monthly instalments for ease of planning, due on the 1st of each month. Cessation of the payment could incur a re-joining fee.

BSC & DTC Membership Discounts

BSC offers the following discounts:

- 25% discount for the third family swimmer
- 50% discount for the fourth family swimmer

Discount(s) are applied to the lowest group(s) fees.

Families eligible for discount(s) to their monthly fees will be contacted directly.

As an inclusive community club, we will consider requests for hardship relief. Please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@berkosc.org.uk) or Club Chair (chair@berkosc.org.uk).

Joining Fee (not for DTC)

An initial joining fee will be levied upon a new member starting and is due along with payment for the respective Group Fees.

A joining fee is also likely to be levied for any previous member re-joining whose membership has lapsed. If a swimmer is returning to the Club longer than 12 months, the full joining fee will be due.

Payment Methods

Please arrange to pay fees in monthly instalments by standing order on the first of each month.

Account Name:	Berkhamsted Swimming Club
Bank:	Unity Trust Bank
Sort Code:	60-83-01
Account Number:	20302445
Reference:	swimmers name (surname Initial)

If you would prefer to pay the annual fee in one payment, rather than in monthly instalments, please contact the Club Treasurer (treasurer@berkosc.org.uk).

If you can only pay by cheque please make cheques payable to - Berkhamsted Swimming Club, we would however much prefer electronic transfers.

Injury/Break in Training

From time to time, swimmers can suffer from long-term injury that will keep them out of the pool for an extended period of time. For any injuries that will keep swimmers from training that is known in advance for six weeks or more, the Committee will consider a reduction in fees once an official request to the Head Coach (headcoach@berkosc.org.uk) from the swimmer or their parent(s)/guardian(s) has been received.

Hardship Fund

The Club wants as many committed swimmers as possible to have the ability to swim, therefore the Club has a hardship fund which will fund 50% of the monthly Club fees. To facilitate this, Dacorum Borough for residents, has a "Dacorum Card" which can be applied for at - <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/benefits/dacorum-card>. For those outside the borough, please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@berkosc.org.uk).

Non-Payment

As per the constitution, the Club is entitled to refuse swimmers access to training and competitions for non-payment. The funds that the Club has are predominantly based on fees being paid, please make every effort to make the correct payments on time. If you have any queries then please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@berkosc.org.uk).

Cancellation

The Club requires one calendar months' notice and payment of a swimmer's intention to stop swimming.

In addition, all outstanding Club Fees and Meet Fees must be paid prior to leaving the Club. As the accounting cycle may not fit with the cancellation, you may receive a request to refund outstanding fees.

Fee Overpayment or Underpayment

It is the responsibility for families to ensure payments made to the Club are correct, on time and to the appropriate fee.

In the event that a family have underpaid, the Club will look to recover the missing fees.

Where a family has overpaid, the Club will only reimburse back to the start of the Club's financial year.