

MEMBERSHIP FEES

From 1st January 2024, Berkhamsted Swimming Club's membership fee structure is:

	Monthly Fees (£)	Yearly Fees (£)	One-Off Cost
Joining Fee			49.00
Academy 1	38.75	465.00	
Academy 2	43.25	519.00	
Group 3	50.50	606.00	
Group 4	55.25	663.00	
Group 5	57.75	693.00	
Group 6	62.50	750.00	
Group 7 Fitness **	43.25	519.00	
Group 8 Students/Residential *	n/a	99.75	
Masters	43.25	519.00	
Masters One ***	21.50	258.00	
Additional session cost	5.56		

Note – all monthly fees are due for the full 12-month period, see Cancellation for details on final payments.

* Annual payment of fees and Group 8 Fees effective 1st September and paid annually.

** Group 7 can only swim twice a week.

*** Masters One do not attract Membership Discount. Please also note, Masters One can only swim once a week, additional sessions can be paid for.

Fees levied cover many costs including, some of these that are paid annually by the club:

- Swim England annual 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
- Land Training, currently once a week for an hour open to every member
- A hat, water bottle and T-shirt for new members
- Venue hires for events the Club hosts
- Training of timekeepers/judges/officials/coaches
- Courses for a number of roles within the Club
- DBS checks
- Technical equipment (stopwatches, software licenses, website hosting, computers etc.)
- Annual Awards
- Team entry at Peanuts, Hertfordshire Major League, Arena League etc
- Poolside passes for meets
- Additional lifeguard coverage at pools
- Support costs for swimmers attending Open Meets.

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 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).

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)

The Club has two accounts, please make sure you are paying to the right one.

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). Please note, if fees change during the year, the additional annual amount will need to be paid.

Injury/Illness Break in Training

From time to time, swimmers can suffer from long-term injury or illness that will keep them out of the pool for an extended period of time. For any of these circumstances 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) and Membership Secretary (membership@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

All Club organised sessions (swimming and Land Training) require an email notification and 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.

DTC Senior Two also includes the one-month cancellation period during the payment period, up to and including April. Beyond April there will not be a cancellation payment. Failure to follow this process may result in additional fees being incurred.

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.