

TRAINING GROUPS – EFFECTIVE 26th July 2021

Swimmers are divided into six groups based on age, physical development, speed and ability, in line with the British Swimming Optimal Athlete Development Framework programme (OADF). Two further practise groups exist for experienced swimmers wishing to maintain their membership as Masters and/or Fitness (Group 7, by invitation) and whilst at college/university for existing club members during holiday periods (Group 8).

Swimmers are encouraged to attend **as many as possible** of the sessions to which they are entitled, in order to benefit from all the different aspects of the varied training plans (different coaching targets and objectives for different sessions), and to build their stamina and stroke development. A beneficial by-product of the swimming programme is that it has a pronounced effect on levels of general health and fitness, as well as appearance and well-being. For children who enjoy other sports, whether with schools or clubs, their swimming training and competition experience will have a direct crossover benefit.

In conjunction with Tring Swimming Club, a Wednesday & Sunday evening sessions at Tring are used to our Masters swimmers.

Berkhamsted Swimming Club swims at four pools: The Knox Johnston Sports Centre (KJ), Everyone Active Berkhamsted (BLC) and Tring School (TR) and Abbots Hill School (ABS).

The only times there is **no training or adjusted training times** are: Bank Holidays; the August two week shutdown; pool issues (maintenance/fault); Berkhamsted School galas, or if there are coach availability issues. All training sessions continue as normal on dates when competitions are taking place, except where a BLC event is scheduled during the normal training session(s). **All members will be advised of any changes via email and News page on our website www.berkosc.org.uk.**

	GROUP 1*	GROUP 2**	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	Masters & DTC
Monday	18.20–19.30 (ABS)	19.20–20.30 (ABS)	18.35–19.45 (KJ)	18.35–19.45 (KJ)	18.35–20.15 (BLC)	18.35–20.15 (BLC)	
Tuesday						19.05-20.45 (KJ)	
Wednesday	17.20-18.30 (KJ)	17.20-18.30 (KJ)		19:20-20:45 (BLC)	19.20-20.45 (BLC)	18:20-20:00 (KJ)	18:30-20:30 (TR) ***
Thursday				17.20-19.00 (KJ)	17.20-19.00 (KJ)	18:50-20:30 (KJ)	
Friday							
Friday	05:50 – 07:00 (BLC) Open to swimmers by prior agreement Group 3 & above Inc. Masters or by Head Coach invitation						
Saturday			15:20-17:00 (BLC)		07.35-08.45 (KJ)	16:50-18:00 (BLC)	06:35-07:45 (KJ)
Sunday	08:50-10:00 (ABS)	09:50-11:00 (ABS) 15.20-16.30 (BLC)	15.20-16.30 (BLC)	16.20-17.30 (BLC)	16.20-17.30 (BLC)	17.20-19.00 (BLC)	20.00-21.00 (TR) ***

* Swimmers in **Group 1** are entitled to choose 2 of the 3 available sessions.

** Swimmers in **Group 2** are entitled to choose 3 of the 4 available sessions. Please do not all turn up at KJ & BLC, there will not be enough space and we may have to turn swimmers away.

*** Swimmers can only attend with prior agreement due to it being a shared session with Tring Masters and limited spaces.

Addresses:

- KJ - Knox Johnston Sports Centre, Kings Road, Berkhamsted, HP4 3BG
- BLC - Everyone Active Berkhamsted, Lagley Meadow, Douglas Gardens, Berkhamsted, HP4 3QQ
- TR - Tring School, Mortimer Hill, Tring, HP23 5JU
- ABS – Abbots Hill School, Bunkers Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8RP