

THE NEXT WAVE

February 2026

FEBRUARY FOCUS: GROWING STRONGER AS A TEAM

KCS started 2026 with a BANG! Getting back into the swing of things, KCS was well represented by 46 competitive swimmers at the 2026 KAJ Snowfest Invitational in Kelowna, BC January 23rd to 25th, 2026.



In total KCS swimmers won 26 individual medals (9 Gold, 10 Silver & 7 Bronze), achieved 272 personal best times, 103 North & Interior Divisional LCM time standards and 13 Provincial Championship time standards!

Provincial history was made when KCS swimmer Mia Wittal (12) became the current Provincial Record holder in the girls 11-12 y/o 50 meter butterfly LCM with a time of 28.67!!! It was an electric moment on the pool deck in which KCS swimmers, coaches and parents rallied behind Mia's achievement! Fantastic swim Mia!

New Time Standards

BC Provincial Championships: Sawyer Nabozniak, Quinn Meredith, Maci Dixon, Élise Percy, Tenley Post & Mia Wittal = 13 new standards

BC Divisionals North & Interior: Dylan Steele, Sawyer Nabozniak, Amri Belomon, Elijah Tayebwa Mukuru, Yan He, Ryder Crichton, Nash McCaleb, Quinn Meredith, Elliette Brookes, Maci Dixon, Misty Hayes, Blake Steele, Isobella Norman, Ali Faddegon, Élise Percy, Molly Brookes, Mylas Canaday, Stephanie Sears, Amy Campbell, Tenley Posts, Stella LePage, Paige Stoudt, Brooklyn McCabe, Lola Cameron, Aurora Armstrong & Kenna Fraser = 103 new standards

New Provincial & Club Records

Provincial Record LCM: Mia Wittal (12) girls 11-12 y/o 50m butterfly 28.67

KCS Club Records LCM: Mia Wittal (12) girls 11-12 y/o 50m butterfly 28.67, 100m freestyle 1:03.34, 100m butterfly 1:06.83 & 50 breast 36.63

FANTASTIC RACING SWIMMERS! KEEP IT UP!!!

As we move into the 2026 portion of the season, we would like to focus on growing stronger as a team and being the best representation of Kamloops Classic Swimming we can possibly be (swimmers, coaches and parents). There is already a great foundation of sportsmanship and comradery and we need to continue to enhance and grow these values through supporting one another and positive communication. Our goal is to be a club that raises our swimmers up to become the best they can be! Part of this is also taking pride in being part of Kamloops Classic Swimming and the importance of wearing KCS gear (caps, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.) at team functions and swim meets to have clear and visible club representation.

COACHING AND PROGRAMMING UPDATES

Please see below for the updated contact information. We have added a new main contact for general inquiries (office@swimkamloops.com) that can be used for things like looking into member billing, questions regarding accounts, etc. Please continue to reach out to your swimmers coach directly to communicate absences and if you have any questions or concerns regarding training or swim meets.

Reminder of who to contact for questions about schedules, meets, training

Group	Coach(es)	Email(s)
Tier 3	Shane Downey	headcoach@swimkamloops.com
Tier 2	Berke Ilican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
Tier 1	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
Age Group	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	coachisabela@swimkamloops.com
Junior	Berke Ilican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
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Swim X	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
Masters	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	coachisabela@swimkamloops.com
Swim Skills	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	lessons@swimkamloops.com
KCS Office	KCS Staff (general inquiries)	office@swimkamloops.com

BEHIND THE BLOCKS: VOLUNTEER & OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT

Are you a new parent to KCS?

Calling all new parents in our Competitive Program! Join Club Officials Coordinator, Jessica Greenwood, for an introduction to being a swim club parent, an overview of volunteer credit requirements, and how to get started on your officials pathway.

 **Location:** Kitchen at the bottom of the stairs, TCC

 **Date:** Friday, February 13

 **Time:** 3:30 PM

You will receive support to set up an Officials account. Please bring a phone or device with internet access.

There are two short e-clinics to complete that take roughly one hour total, at your own pace. Once completed, you are eligible to receive an official name pin and Level 1 badge, which can be worn at our next swim meet on April 25, 2026.

Sportlomo Officials Records (REMS)

All evaluations from our December swim meet have now been entered into your Sportlomo account. Please review your record and email Jessica Greenwood at officials@swimkamloops.com, if you notice any errors.

To access your records:

1. Log into [Sportlomo](#)
2. Click the RED Certifications button (not Qualifications)

Upcoming Officials Clinics

Stay tuned for upcoming clinics...

TEAM SPIRIT AND CELEBRATION

We heard your requests, and we're following through! Keep an eye out for an **additional clothing order coming soon**. This new, simplified process is through **Hansport**, who will handle ordering, payment, and personalization directly through their online store—stay tuned for the link!

We're also **planning the end-of-year banquet**. If you have access to a venue at a reduced cost for our not-for-profit swim club, please reach out to **adixon@swimkamloops.com**. Additionally, if you or your family are connected to a food truck or catering service, we'd love to hear from you—KCS wants to support our swim team family businesses.

Finally, watch for **many exciting team spirit activities coming this spring**—we can't wait to celebrate with all of you!

DIVE IN. GIVE BACK. SHINE ON!

Welcome Misaki Bertram, Jenna McCabe and Anna Steele to the Sponsorship and Fundraising committee. We welcome more, if you have an interest in Fundraising and Sponsorship. Come and join the fun, extra hands are always helpful and needed.

We're looking to launch new KCS team fundraisers this Spring. If you have great ideas or would like to be part of the planning, we'd love to hear from you.

We are actively seeking a sponsor for our June Meet. This meet brings in over 600+ athletes and families from across BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. If you know of a business or organization interested in supporting KCS, we'd love to connect. Please reach out to fundraising@swimkamloops.com to explore sponsorship opportunities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 6th - 8th - [2026 Askew's Shuswap Splash Meet](#) - KCS entry deadline has passed

Feb. 16th - Family Day - Regular practices cancelled - We hope you have a happy Family Day!

Feb. 20-22nd - [Winter Divisionals in Penticton](#) - KCS entry deadline Feb 6th, 2026

Mar. 5-8th - [Winter Provincial Championships in Victoria](#) - KCS entry deadline Feb 16th, 2026

Apr. 15th - School District Swim Meet @ home for Grade 4-7 students attending with their school teams

Apr. 25th - [Pratt's Spring Fling Meet \(home\)](#) - KCS entry deadline Apr 6th, 2026

OPPORTUNITIES WITH KCS

Senior Swimmers Interested in Swim Skills Coaching or Volunteering?

Swim BC has introduced updated requirements for anyone coaching or volunteering on deck. If your senior swimmer is interested in coaching in the future—whether for Summer Camps or our Swim Skills program—please review the steps and qualifications.

How to Find the Information:

1. Visit the [Swim Kamloops](#) website.
2. Click **Our Club** → **Opportunities with KCS**.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select:
“[Want to become a Swim Skills/Novice/Junior Coach with KCS?](#)”

[Community Sport Coach Course](#) 15yrs+

Course #1 - March 7, 2026 @ 12pm-4pm; March 8, 2026 @ 9am-1pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #2 - April 15, 16, 17, 2026 @ 6-9pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

Course #3 - May 7, 2026 @ 7:30-9pm, May 8, 2026 @ 7:30-9pm, May 9, 2026 @ 12-5pm, virtual, cost - \$125.00

[Swimming 101 Course](#) 16yrs+

Course #1 - March 26, 2026 @ 6-9pm; March 27, 2026 @ 6-9pm; March 28, 2026 @ 12-6pm, virtual - cost \$350.00

Course #2 - May 21, 2026 @ 6-9pm, May 22, 2026 @ 6-9pm, May 23, 2026 @ 12-6pm, virtual - cost \$350.00

[Making Ethical Decisions \(Home study Course\)](#) 16yrs+ - cost \$73.50

Interested in receiving High School Credit for your swimmer’s role as an official, athlete or coach?

Click the link to check out what you need to do:

<https://swimbc.ca/swimmers/high-school-credit-letter/>

OUR CLUB CULTURE IN ACTION

A quick reminder to parents to please not come on the pool deck and interrupt during KCS practices. We understand that families may need to come on deck to walk between the upper level spectating area and the changerooms/ lower spectating area, but it is important that you do not approach groups (coaches and swimmers) during practices as it is a disruption to the group.

Should you need to communicate a unique request (leaving early/arriving late) please send your swimmers coach an email/communication. If you have a question or concern regarding your swimmer, please contact your swimmers coach and they would be happy to arrange a time to speak with you. Parents collecting their swimmers from Swim Skills lessons following their practice is totally acceptable.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - PACIFICSport INTERIOR BC

PacificSport Interior BC invites you to **The Female Athlete: Unlocking Peak Performance and Wellbeing in Sport** — a community workshop designed for **female athletes ages 12+**, and a great opportunity for **mothers and daughters to attend side by side**.

This workshop explores what female athletes need to thrive, covering:

- Understanding the **female body and performance**
- **Mental health, confidence, and managing pressure**
- **Fueling for performance and recovery**

It's a welcoming, supportive space to learn, reflect, and start meaningful conversations — with **lunch included**.

 **March 8 (International Women's Day)**

 **10:30am–1:45pm**

 **Thompson Rivers University (TCC), Kamloops**

 **\$25 (lunch included)**

 **Register here: <https://pacificsportinteriorbc.com/events/>**

LET'S GO KCS!!!



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