

THE NEXT WAVE

June 2026

JUNE FOCUS: CELEBRATING THE 2025-2026 SWIM SEASON!

KCS hosted our annual June Classic Invitational from June 5th to 7th, 2026 bringing together 16 clubs and approximately 550 swimmers from across British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. Over the three-day invitational we experienced fast and exciting racing in all age categories. During the June Classic, we offer an eliminator for the top swimmers who competed in the 50m freestyle, starting off with four/five swimmers per gender on Saturday then going down to a final showdown between the two fastest on Sunday. This season KCS was represented by Maci Dixon in the women's category and Ryder Crichton in the men's and both Maci and Ryder were the overall winners! Way to go swimmers! During the invitational and the distance time trial (held the previous weekend), we had three long course club records broken as well we had five new North & Interior Divisional qualifiers!

New Club Records

- Tenley Post (12) – Girls 11-12y/o 1500m Freestyle LCM – 19:27.89 (distance time trial)
Former Record: Keana Smart - 2015 - 19.33.18
- Mia Wittal (13) – Girls 13-14y/o 100m Freestyle LCM – 1:00.80
Former Record: Sarah Koopmans - 2017 - 1.01.29
- Maci Dixon (14) – Girls 13-14y/o 50m Freestyle LCM – 27.66
Former Record: Makena Sutherland - 2013 - 28.14

First-Time Divisional Qualifiers

- Mia Bertram (12) – Girls 12&Under 50m Freestyle LCM – 35.06
- Lily Brunner (11) – Girls 12&Under 100m Breaststroke LCM – 1:41.60
- Zoey Vince (12) – Girls 12&Under 50m Breaststroke LCM – 46.05
- Jonathan Mongeon (12) – Boys 12&Under 50m Freestyle LCM – 34.31
- Charlie Dilling (12) – Boys 12&Under 50m Freestyle LCM – 35.19

All Kamloops swimmers did a fantastic job of representing the club and we would like to say a BIG thank you to all parents, friends and volunteers that helped make the June Classic Invitational possible! Your help and support are greatly appreciated and vital for the club to be able to host such amazing events! THANK YOU!

Photographer Tyler Meade attended all three days of the invitational, taking countless pictures. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to check out Tyler's pictures, which are also available for purchase.

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 swimmer's 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, and training

Group	Coach(es)	Email(s)
Tier 3	Shane Downey	headcoach@swimkamloops.com
Tier 2	Berke Ikican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
Tier 1	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
Age Group	Isabela Goncalves Dias Facci	coachisabela@swimkamloops.com
Junior	Berke Ikican	coachberke@swimkamloops.com
Novice	Abby Bushell	coachabby@swimkamloops.com
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

BC Summer Provincials – Officials Needed

Swim Kamloops is hosting **BC Summer Provincials** in Kamloops **July 16–19**, and we're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success!

Get Involved

- Officials are needed across a variety of roles
- Sign up through the [events section on the website](#) or via the link on our **homepage**

Perks

- Receive a **free red or white Provincials shirt** (depending on your role)
- **Points flexibility:**
 - Can count toward the **2025–2026 season** if you are short
 - Or apply toward **next season's total** if you've already met this year's requirements

Senior Officials Availability

All senior officials are encouraged to also **confirm availability via the [Google Form](#)**

55+ BC Games - Kamloops 2026

Kamloops is hosting the 55+ BC Games September 8-12th! KCS is **supporting** the swimming portion of the games with meet management (Lisa Sears) & coordinating volunteers (Ali Gregory). If you are interested in volunteering please visit <https://55plusbcgames.org/kamloops-2026/> and click on the "Volunteer Registration" tab. This will be a fun event to help out with!

Any questions about the above events please contact: volunteers@swimkamloops.com

Clinic Opportunities

Judge of Stroke Clinic



Date: June 11



Time: 6:00–8:00 PM



Location: TCC Officials Classroom

This clinic is intended for individuals who have completed the *Intro to Swimming* and *Safety Marshal* clinics. If you enjoy staying active and moving around rather than sitting during a swim meet, this role is a great fit for you!



Register online through LMS on Sportlomo:

<https://swimming.canada.sportsmanager.ie/sportlomo/users/login>



KCS Swimmers Become Officials!

Congratulations to Grace Norman, Ellie Brookes, Stephanie Sears, Emma Greenwood, Elizabeth Birungi, Mason Vos, Maci Dixon, Lia Dixon, Quinn Meredith, Aurora Armstrong (missing) and Blake Patterson (missing) for completing their level 1 officiating.

We want to say a sincere thank you to Chris Cameron, Steve Meredith

and Tyrone McCabe for putting on the clinic and Amber Dixon for organizing pizza & drinks for everyone!

Sportlomo Officials Records (REMS)

To access your records:

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




TEAM SPIRIT AND CELEBRATION

KCS Year-End Fun Swim & BBQ

All KCS swimmers are invited to join us for our Year-End Fun Swim and BBQ on **Wednesday, June 17** as we celebrate another fantastic season!

Please RSVP through Events so we can plan food and activities.

Event Schedule

-  3:45 – 4:00 pm: Activation
-  4:00 – 5:30 pm: Fun Swim
-  5:30 – 6:30 pm: BBQ

We look forward to seeing all of our swimmers for an afternoon of fun, food, and celebration!

Volunteers Needed

To make this event a success, we are looking for a few volunteers to help with the BBQ.

Volunteer job sign-up will be available in KCS Events

Grill Masters


- Help cook hamburgers and hot dogs during the BBQ.

Food Prep Volunteers

- Assist with organizing food, condiments, serving items, and keeping things stocked.

Setup & Take-Down Volunteers


- Help set up tables, canopies, and supplies before the event and assist with cleanup afterward.

Thank you for helping us celebrate another great year of swimming! 





Swim Club End of Season Banquet

We're excited to celebrate another amazing season together at our End of Season Banquet!

 **Date:** June 24

 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 **Location:** Shark Club - 285 Lorne St, Kamloops

 **Cost:** \$10 per person

Registration/payment can be found in Pool Q under Events.

Food and drinks can be purchased on site with a special KCS Shark Club Menu.

 **Registration Cut-Off:** June 12

At this time, registration is open to immediate family members. Depending on numbers, we may open additional spots later. We will use the final week to assess if additional spots can be made available.

✨ What to Expect:

- Team awards and trophy presentations
- End-of-season slideshow featuring swimmer memories from throughout the year
- Photo booth and dancing fun
- Great food and team celebration atmosphere

We can't wait to celebrate a fantastic season with all of you!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your swimmer/family online today!



🏆 Trophy Returns- 1366 Hugh Allan Dr #101

If your swimmer received a trophy last year, please return it to Terry's Trophies during the week of June 1–5. Don't forget to cross your swimmer's name off the list posted on the wall in the shop.

📷 Slideshow Photos

Stay tuned for details on how to submit your photos for the end-of-season slideshow! We'd love to include memories from throughout the year. Parents of graduates we will be in touch for those amazing baby photos.

DIVE IN. GIVE BACK. SHINE ON!

Return-It Fundraiser:

**Got empty beverage containers at home?
Donate them to our cause with the Return-It App**



Return-It App makes donations easy. To get started:

1. Log in to your account through the Return-It App (found on Google Play Store or the iOS App Store) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>.
Don't have an account? Sign up for a free Return-It account at <https://app.return-it.ca>
2. Donate to our organization using the following link:
<https://app.return-it.ca/kamloopsaquaticsclub>
You'll have the option to set auto-donations or a one-time donation.
3. Return all your empty beverage containers to a Return-It Express location; every container counts!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!


- Year-end fun swim & BBQ - Wednesday June 17th, 2026 - TCC Kamloops
- Last day of practice (non divisional and provincial qualifiers) - Friday June 19th, 2026
- Summer NI Divisionals - June 19th to 21st, 2026 - Vernon BC
- [KCS End of Season Banquet](#) - Wednesday June 24th, 2026 - Kamloops Shark Club
- Summer BC Provincials - July 16th to 19th, 2026 - Kamloops Hosting
[Volunteers Needed!](#)

OPPORTUNITIES WITH KCS

Senior Swimmers: Coaching & Leadership Opportunities

Interested in giving back to the club or building your coaching skills?

Learn how to get involved:

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

Upcoming Coaching & Certification Courses

[Community Sport Coach Course \(Age 15+\)](#)

A great entry point for swimmers interested in coaching and leadership. Usually works with swim skills.

- **June 27–28, 2026** (Virtual) — \$125
 - June 27: 12:00–4:00 PM
 - June 28: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- **August 10–11, 2026** (Virtual) — \$125
 - 4:00–8:00 PM (both days)
- **August 17–18, 2026** (Virtual) — \$125
 - 3:00–7:00 PM (both days)

[Swimming 101 Course \(Age 16+\)](#)

Next level after Community Sport Coach. Can work with the competitive portion of the club.

- **June 9–14, 2026** (Virtual) — \$350
- **July 10–12, 2026** (Virtual) — \$350
- **July 22–25, 2026** (Virtual) — \$350
- **August 31–September 2, 2026** (Virtual) — \$350

[Making Ethical Decisions \(Age 16+\)](#)


Required to become a coach in any capacity.

- Self-paced home study course — \$73.50

Senior Swimmers: Coaching, Volunteering & School Credit Opportunities

Interested in **coaching or volunteering** with our younger swimmers? It's a great way to build leadership skills, stay connected to the sport, and give back to our club.

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Earn High School Credit Through Swimming

Did you know your involvement as an **athlete, coach, or official** may count toward high school credit?

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

MESSAGE FROM THE KAMLOOPS AQUATIC CLUB BOARD

The Kamloops Aquatic Club is pleased to welcome Nicole Crichton to the Board of Directors. Nicole brings a wealth of experience from her many roles within the club, along with a strong background in finance. She will continue to support the Finance Committee as well as play an important role in securing funding for the club through her grant writing. We are excited to have her leadership and expertise at the board table. Welcome, Nicole!

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.

LET'S GO KCS!!!



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