

Tadcaster Swim Squad Questionnaire 2016

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

84 responses



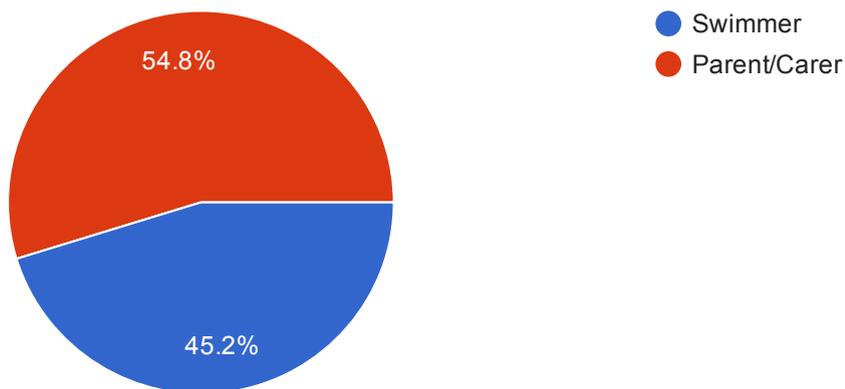
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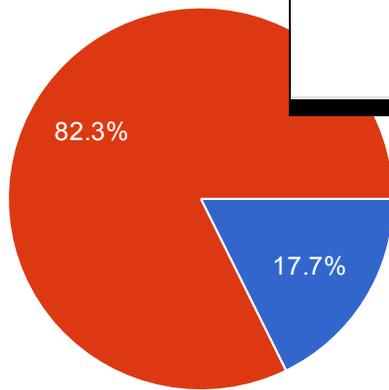
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Main Section

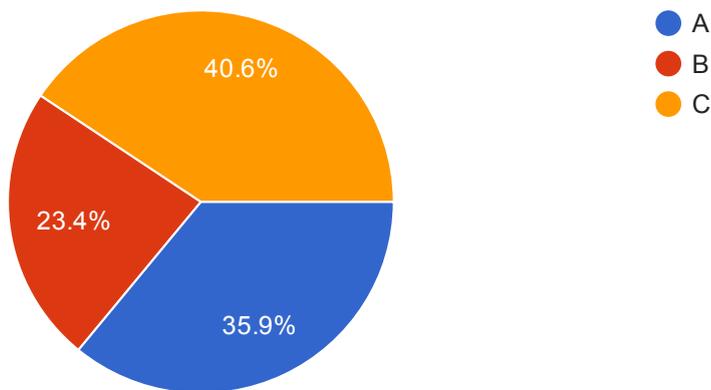
Are you a swimmer or parent/carer? (84 responses)



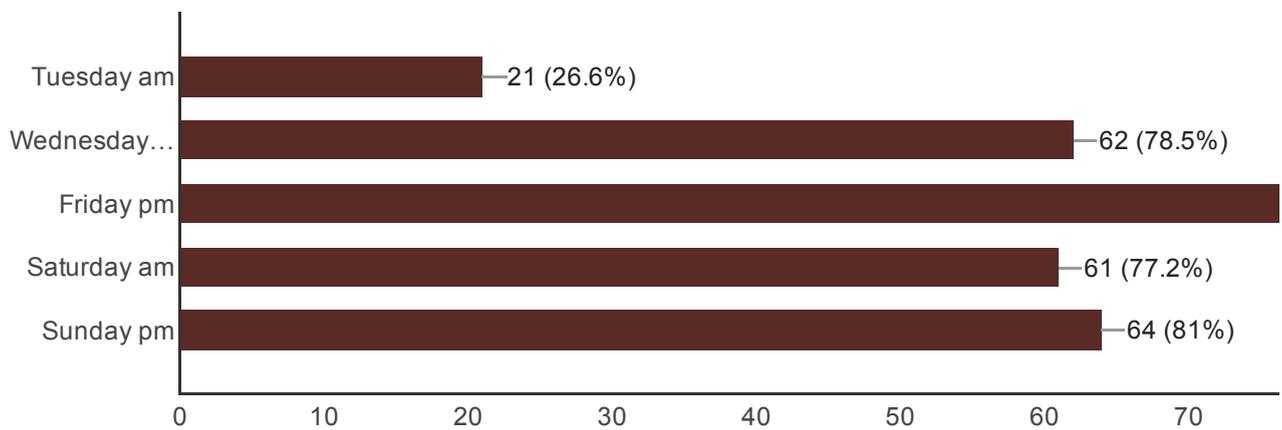
Are you/your swimmer(s) in Main Squad or Foundation Squad?
(79 responses)



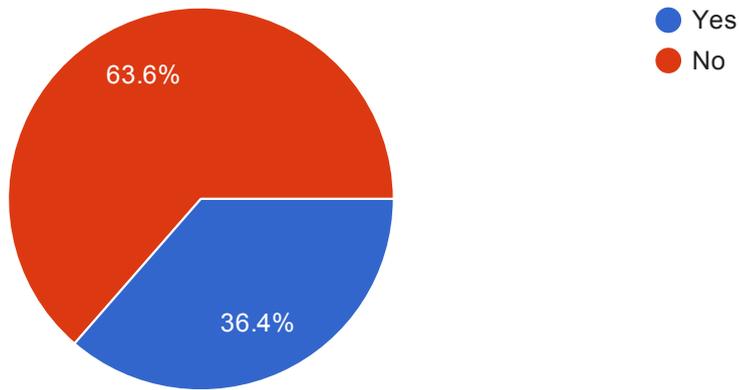
If in Main Squad please indicate your current grouping (64 responses)



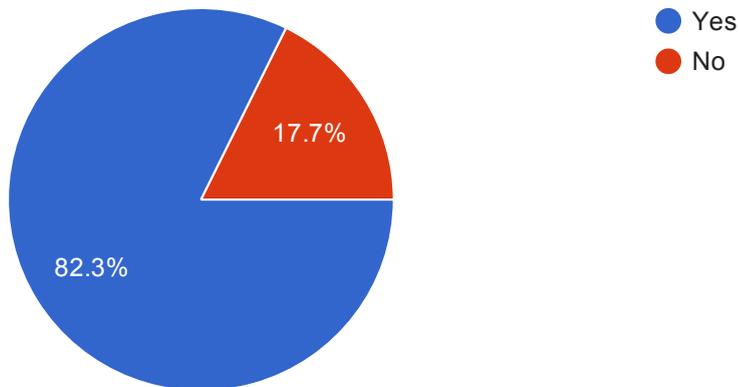
What days do you/they currently train at Tadcaster pool? Please tick all that apply. (79 responses)



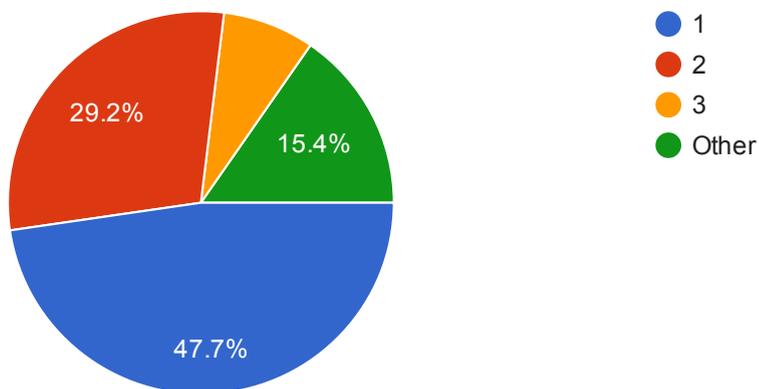
Do you/your swimmer feel this is enough training? (77 responses)



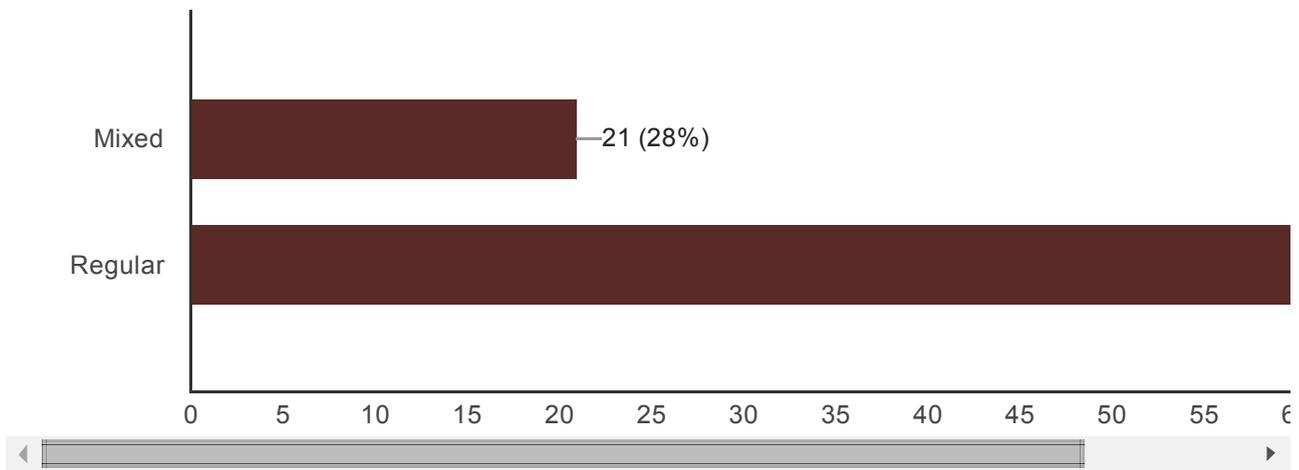
Would you/your swimmer be interested in more training?
(79 responses)



If yes, how many extra sessions? (65 responses)

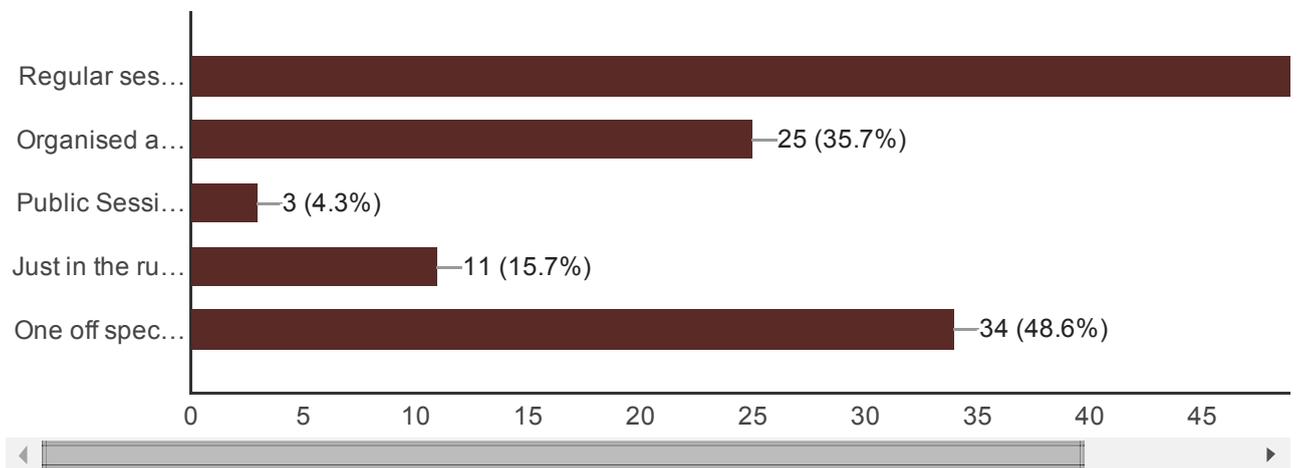


Would you prefer the training to be mixed groups or your/the swimmer's regular group?
(75 responses)



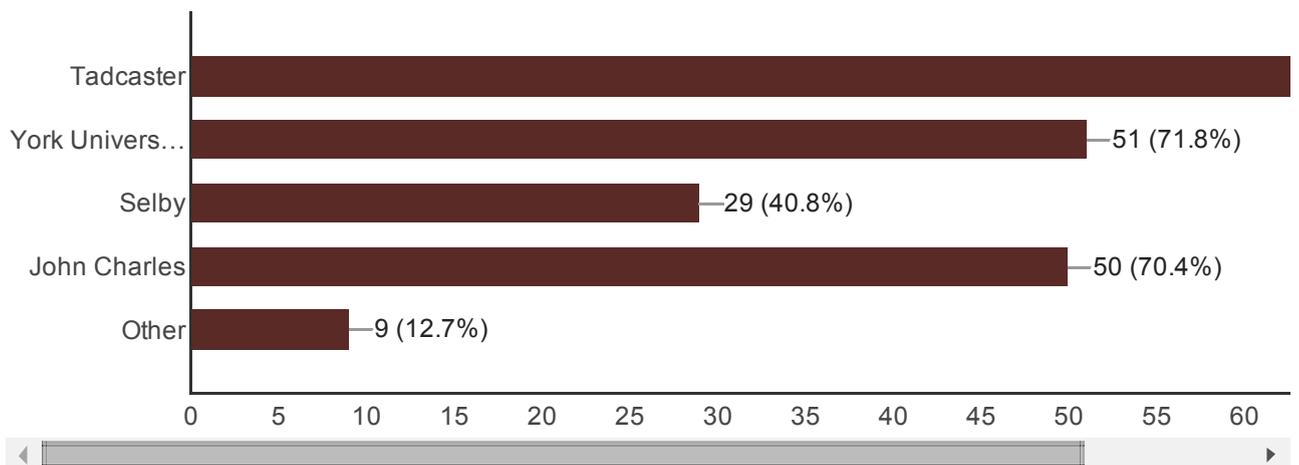
If you/your swimmer would like more training, would you/they prefer it to be:

(70 responses)



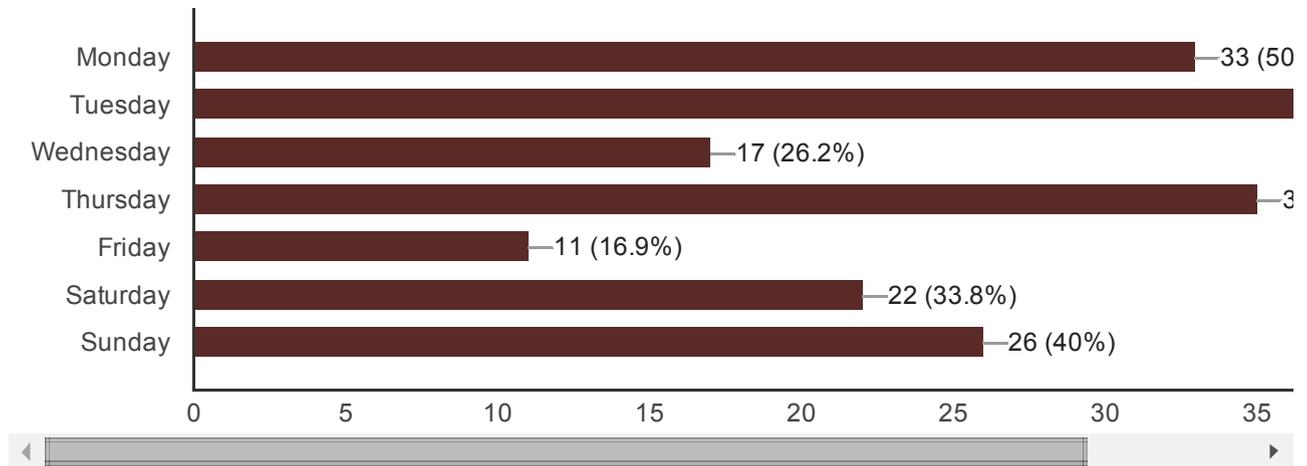
It may not be possible to get additional pool time at Tadcaster pool so please indicate where you/your swimmer would be willing to travel to for training. (Tick all you would consider).

(71 responses)



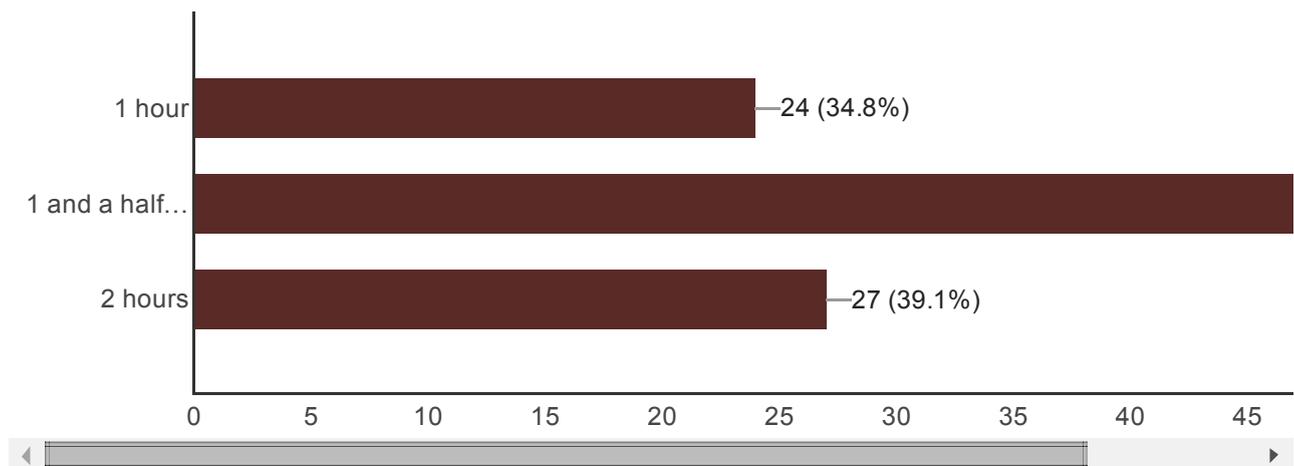
What day(s) would you/your swimmer like additional training to be on? Please tick all you would consider.

(65 responses)



How long would you/your swimmer like additional sessions to be?

(69 responses)

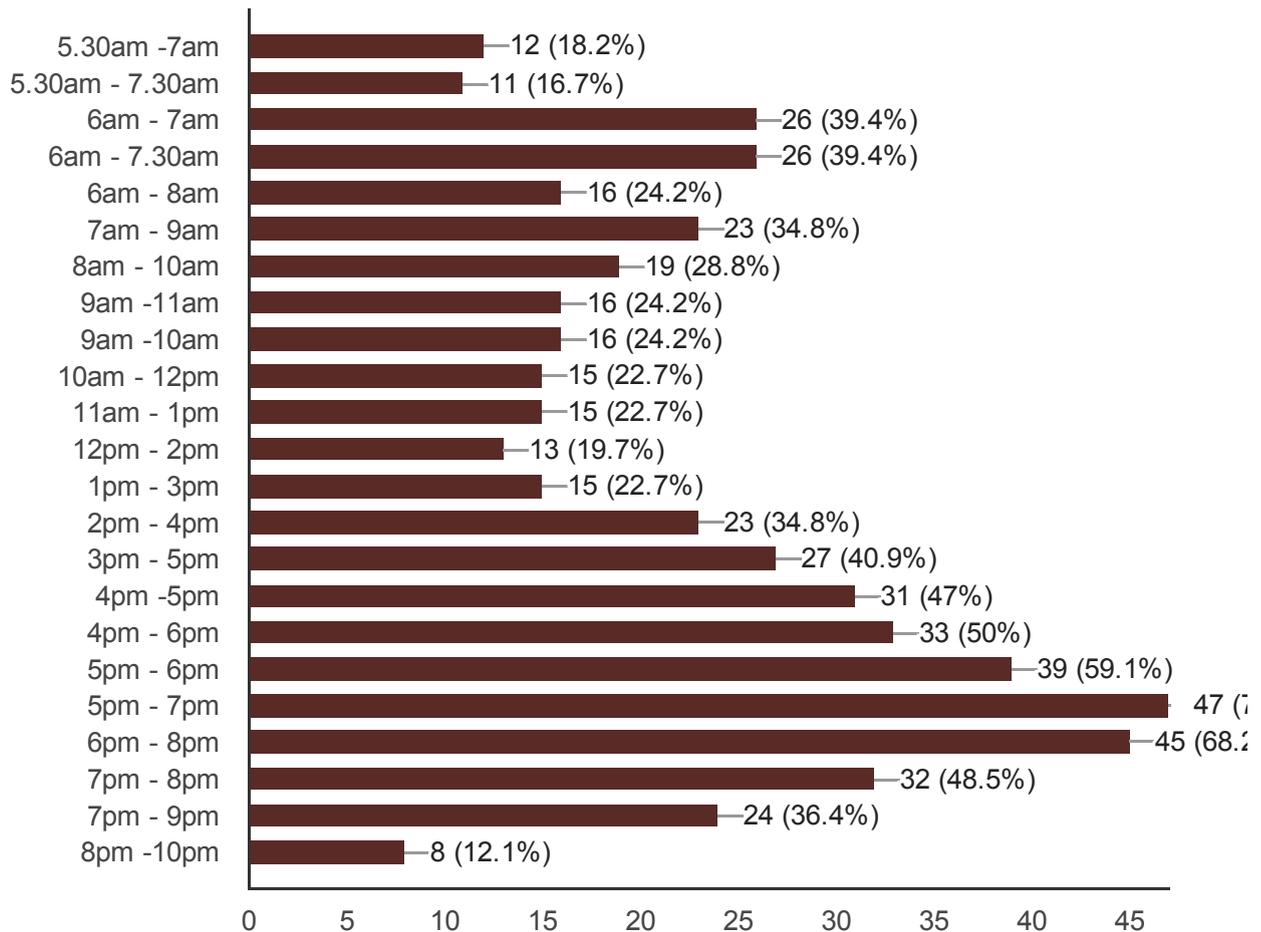


Would you/your swimmer be willing to do 2 training sessions in the same day?

(75 responses)

What times would you/your swimmer consider for the training sessions? Please tick all you would consider.(Please note these are just time suggestions not actual sessions.)

(66 responses)



Does the venue/day affect the times you/they would be able to do, if so please explain further:

(39 responses)

Would like extra Sunday training in 50m pool

Yes, will depend if a school morning and other activities which they currently do on an evening / weekend, same applies to two sessions in a day question, as would like them to keep an interest in all their activities. Again haven't ticked the days we already do training on for which days would like additional training.

If Tuesday / Thursday would need to be am. But I am open to discuss / look at anything you thing is beneficial.

Currently feel that I could support Sarah in occasional 50m swims before galas or a once monthly

session in a 50m pool but don't think a mid-week travel to Leeds is possible on a regular basis.

Weekday mornings are difficult due to school being in harrogate

Yes depending on the day and venue will depend on the time. Weekends are more flexible, evenings again depend on the day.

Monday - morning or evening Tuesday - morning Thursday-morning

We would do any on a weekend and any that would fit in with school during the week (latest finish time 7.30am) - so all of the above would apply over the course of the week.

Yes , Tuesday's and Thursday's immediately after school would be difficult unless at tad pool

2-4pm only at john Charles ad hoc run up to 50m galas

Due to a hectic after school schedule and other children we may not always be able to attend extra sessions offered. Sessions offered away from Tadcaster pool could be more difficult to attend.

Travel to and from can be difficult

The venue and day affects the time able to attend. Evenings and weekends are best.

Yes as some of it could be during school

Yes - (a) currently it would be tricky to do early sessions at anything other than Tadcaster without regularly relying on other people. Extra sessions locally at Tadcaster would be preferable, as we have several commitments most days that already require considerable organisation (b) Tuesdays could be early morning or evening, Thursday, early mornings.

If it was too far away from Tadcaster and was before school would struggle to get to school on time. If was too early in the evening Mon - Fri (4-5) would struggle to be back from work to transport swimmer to pool.

To a certain extent. The more local, the easier it is to fit around activities for other family members. Early morning sessions would be easier at Tadcaster. Easier to link land-training with an existing session. John Charles would be the hardest to get to for regular training, but possible for one-off sessions

Not during school time weekdays

Early morning school days only. Other times weekends only. Not JC on school day.

To fit in with schedule

Early mornings are more difficult if the venue is not in tadcaster and on a week day as my swimmer needs to be at school for 8.30 in tadcaster. Early morning venues at the weekend at other pools are ok as no rush to get home.

I would be un-able to get to school on time if I had a morning training session at Tadcaster.

Weekends can do daytime sessions but can't do them on school days

Yes, school days can only train to before 8 and from 3.30PM.

It its the regular Friday session we wouldn't be able to get to Tadcaster earlier than 5 because of school.

If at Tadcaster we can be more flexible with times. Additional travel times to Selby, York or Leeds makes the early/late sessions less accessible.

Weekdays we are restricted to after school times

Couldn't do all of these times on Saturday/Sunday

Obviously not able to attend during school hours. Venues other than Tadcaster are harder on some days but usually workable. Wouldn't be keen on them doing late night followed by early morning followed by school!

Yes

travel time, school start time, activities that my swimmers sibling attends

IF I TRAVELED DOWN TO JOHN CHARLES IT WOULD NEED TO BE A WEEKEND.

Already have after school activities & other children to consider so may not be able to attend offered sessions especially if they involve travelling to pools other than Tadcaster

Tues & Thurs KiiKii does athletics

No

Yes because early morning weekdays aren't possible as I go to school in Harrogate

We have other activities on certain days which would have to be worked around. Also it's fine to swim late into evenings and earlier in the mornings at weekends but if we had a distance to travel to do these sessions it might be difficult in the week due to school and school transport.

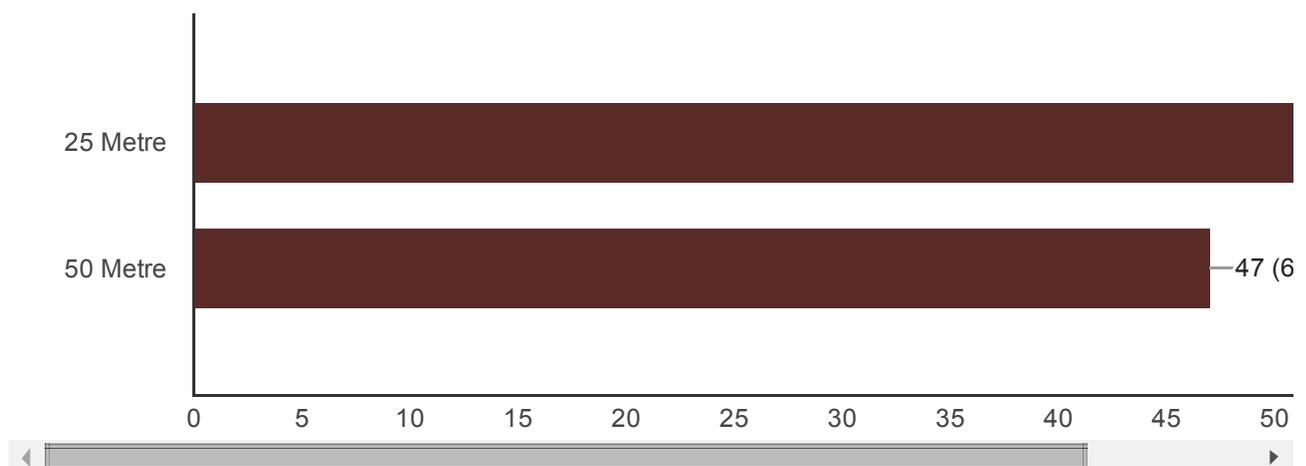
Can only swim between 8am-4pm at weekends as at school during the week.

if the venue is too far, hard to get to because of bridge/school times

no - also 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. not on list of options

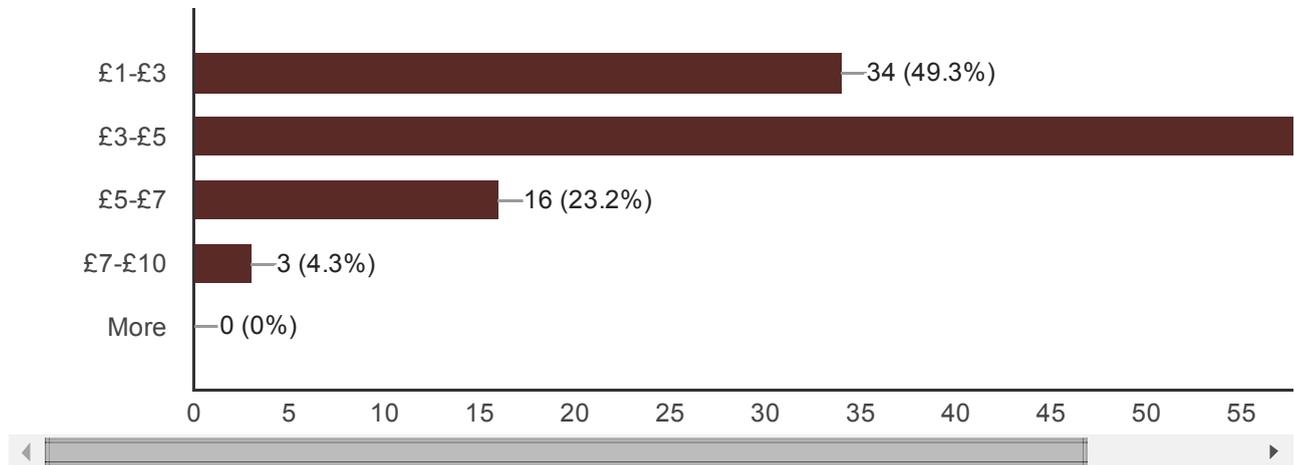
Would you/your swimmer prefer additional sessions to be:

(68 responses)



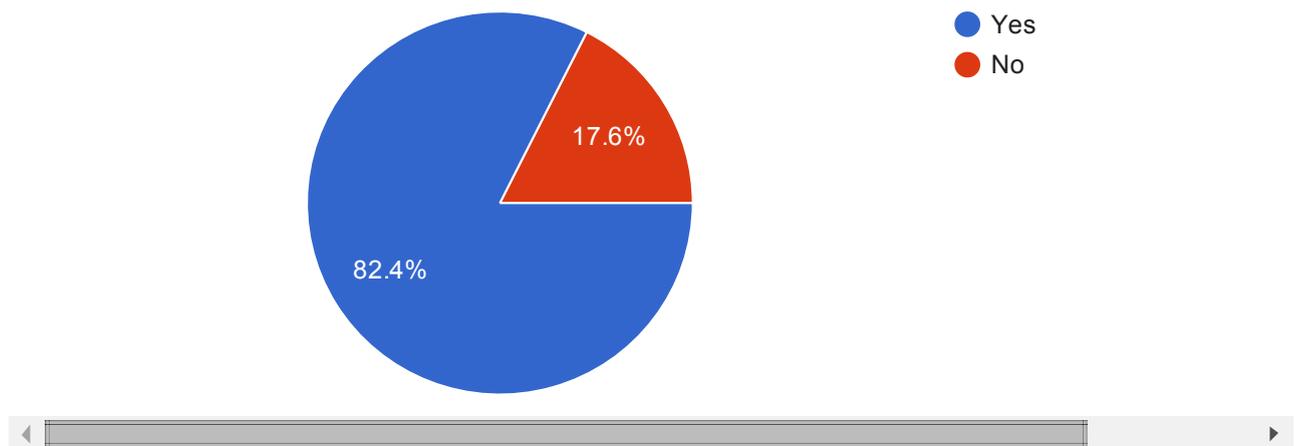
Please indicate how much would you be willing to pay per additional session?

(69 responses)

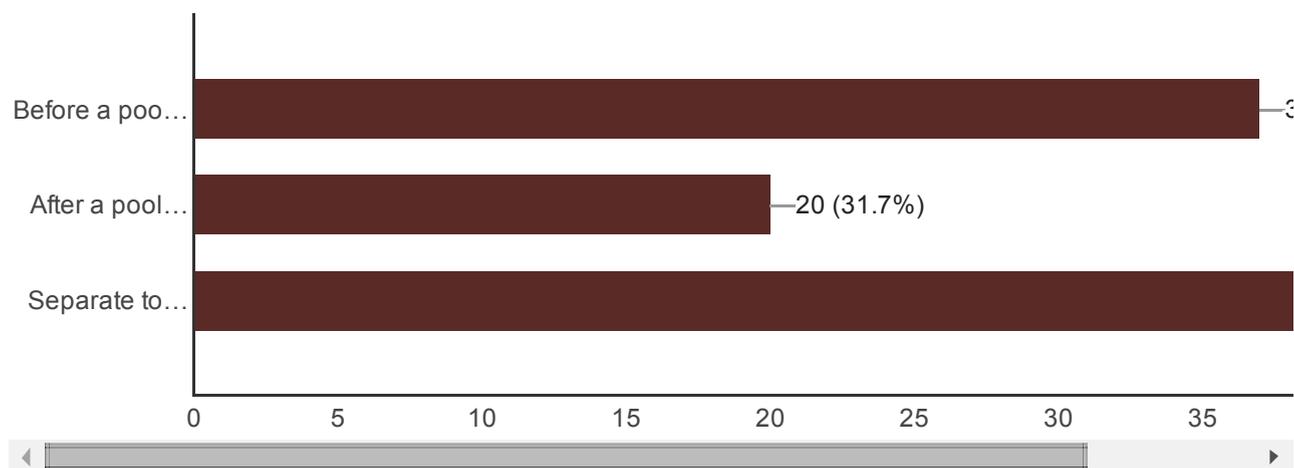


Would you/your swimmer be interested in land training?

(74 responses)



If yes, would you prefer it: (63 responses)



Are there any sessions you/your swimmer have done whilst Tadcaster Pool has been closed that you would be willing and able to attend if they continued. Please specify all venues, days and times if more than one.

(43 responses)

John Charles the 1 1/2 hr session, 2 hrs there is too cold for them, but the 50m pool is great practice on an ad hoc basis.

Tues early session at Selby

Tuesday 7-8 Selby, Saturday 4-6 Beckett Park

York uni, John Charles, Leeds Beckett

York uni sessions, morning and night

York university Tuesday 6-8, Selby 8-10 Friday

Thursday mornings

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Thurs am at York Uni.

York University. Week day evenings.

Leeds Beckett on Saturday's and John Charles on Sundays.

Thursday or tues eve at York, sundays at Leeds as above

York & John Charles pm sessions

Thursday evening at York University

The thursday and tuesday mornings at the York University pool. Also the evenings(tuesday/thursday) we had prior to the pool flooding.

Thursday at York, Sunday at JC

John Charles & York Uni

Leeds Beckett on Saturdays and John Charles on Sundays, were great times. Can make either venue on these days. John Charles was really great due to being 50m. Selby pool was nice, however Tuesday's were a bit difficult. It was fine short term and a great opportunity for Ben to swim

Sunday - JC, York Uni - evenings and mornings (probably only one morning per week though), Selby

York- Tuesday(6:15-8:15)&Thursday(6-8)
John Charles-

Selby Tues eve, 7-8

The John Charles sessions have been particularly useful on a Sunday.

Selby 8-10pm

Beckett pool Saturday 2 hr session

John Charles on Sunday afternoon

Selby Tuesday 7-8pm

Selby on a Friday night 8pm-10pm and John Charles on a Sunday afternoon 2-4pm/ 3-4pm

John did an organised session at Selbythis is not too far from where we live .If it was organised and he couldn't get in on the Tadcaster session on a Saturday morning he would consider it.

York Uni - Tues/Thurs mornings and the evenings at York Uni.

York and John Charles

York uni Thursday morning

York morning and evenings (over Xmas) and John Charles. Less keen on selby and Beckett but would go if that's all that was available.

Selby Tues 7-8pm

John Charles

Sarah has enjoyed the opportunity to swim in a 50m pool and I feel this would be of benefit to her in either a regular (once a month?)extra session or in the run up to galas. However - she currently trains a couple of half sessions at Tadcaster and it would probably be better to look at training for full sessions in Tadcaster before she starts booking to do other sessions elsewhere!

Tuesday 7-8pm at Selby or York, Thursday early mornings (but cannot commit to travelling further than Tadcaster on a regular basis at the moment)

No

Tuesday / Thursday mornings at York Uni. John Charles Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 2.15 at Wetherby

Mornings at York and Sunday at John Charles long course

York Uni, John Charles, Leeds Beckett

John Charles at Leeds Sunday afternoon and York University pool Tuesday morning and Thursday morning. Would consider Saturday pm at either of these venues.

John charles

Would you be willing to help the committee organise additional pool sessions? If yes, please add a name and contact number below or email us at, tadswimsquad@hotmail.co.uk, if you wish to

keep your questionnaire anonymous.

(15 responses)

Tracy Holbrook

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Caroline Digby 07788-414059

Yes if I am available

Already do ;-)

Charlie Heard

Yes.

Yes if required

I am happy to help doing something! Probably slightly more interested in doing gala entries or helping with the website but happy to give some time in someway

Yes

sorry no time to help

No

Victoria

Yes. I will email details

Sorry, already over-committed and needing to cut down! Will try to help where I can on an ad-hoc basis.

Please add any further comments or information about training sessions below:

(35 responses)

I would like to see the coaches giving more 1-1 training to swimmers and to maybe teach the swimmers how to stretch before and after. I think there's a lack of feedback given from the coaches to the swimmers regarding their own levels and a lack of advice on how they can improve and better their technique etc.

Thank you for all your help during this difficult time

Teams should be picked fairly and the coaches should look at average times, committee favouritism should not influence choices.

People who choose to miss one part of a set have to get out for the rest of it, they can not pick and choose when they feel like swimming.

If they can't keep up with the set in a certain lane then they can move to a slower lane.

I would prefer my swimmer to have training sessions with swimmers of a similar ability and would like more long course training on a regular basis if possible.

There needs to be more focus on individual technique improvement and not just reps up and down the pool. This is especially important, I feel, to the younger members of the squad who can use the coaches feedback to improve their technique and see the benefits of doing this by improved times.

Sarah currently does half sessions on a Friday, Sunday and Wednesday so I think it would be more appropriate for her to progress to full sessions with the squad as and when the coaches feel this is appropriate, rather than adding in lots of other sessions. Extra sessions on starts/turns would be good - she has attended a clinic elsewhere and it would be great if we could get some of these in Tadcaster perhaps during school holidays? A 12 month timetable of when coaches make assessments would be really useful so that we can get a sense of when she might be likely to progress and some feedback on her progress would be really useful too.

All the sessions arranged when the pool was closed were 2 hours long which I think put off younger Foundation swimmers from attending. If these continued could they be split into 2 x 1 hour sessions for younger swimmers - would allow more to take part

The lanes are always too crowded. I think that Friday night team relays are important and a good idea to keep on.

As a foundation squad member with a Yorkshire time, more swim training is important. Currently my swimmer is organising their own extra pool time

I would like the lanes in the extra training session to be based on time

I have two swimmers the other is in C group, wouldn't let me include both!
Just to Thank the committee for everything they organise.

Are the coaches going to look at lanes and reshuffle groups as some swimmers in C have as good, if not better, times than swimmers of the same age who are in C+ or B. Also some swimmers keep their place in a higher lane but don't attend training regularly or any galas.

Respect to other swimmers should be reinforced, and lanes be based of times only, not whether they are good for their age.

Thanks for sorting all done so far

The 45 minute sessions for C group are not long enough- sessions should be a minimum of 1 hour

Chloe would be really interested to swim whatever sessions are available which fit in with her current out of school activities. The way swimming training fits in at the moment is perfect and she would be really pleased if and when she is able to do the full sessions on wednesday, friday and sunday. She is also very keen on the idea of any extra sessions out of the usual squad sessions. We just wanted to say thankyou to whoever arranged the additional training at the various venues whilst the pool was closed. Chloe did however enjoy being back in the pool at Tadcaster last night.

I would like some technique feedback. The middle lane swimmers seem to get missed a bit with this.

See above other pools in York were New Earswick David Lloyd and Energise. Wetherby had nothing, nor did Knaresborough or GSAL. I think Ashville may be willing.

My main request would be to scrap the half training session (C early/late)

No more half sessions please

John has been with the foundation squad since before the last changes in 2014 and has attended every Friday since then[excluding a couple of short illnesses and a two week holiday] At the time of the reorganisation John decided he didn't want to swim competitively as he wanted to settle into his new high school. Last year he felt ready and wanted to commit more to swimming and become more competitive. He joined the ASA towards the end of last year and since then is waiting to do his first suitable Gala. He has also been waiting for at least 8 months for a space to become available on a Saturday morning when other foundation members train. I believe that since the changes in 2014 we have been paying the same as other foundation members [£23 pounds per month at present] John is very keen to have an extra training session that his friends in foundation already have the benefit of. We would be really appreciative that if Saturday morning training sessions are to continue John be considered for a place.

It would be really good to see the odd extra session focus purely on technique. Currently my children spend a lot of time swimming - but I don't see them perfecting their stroke. The triathlon club have recently started a 6 week coaching course which focuses on all aspects of technique and even for advanced swimmers - the feedback has been very positive - something like this where the swimmers really get to think about all aspects of their stroke would really help.

Lane/groupings reviews done more regularly. More fluidity between lanes during training to allow movement as necessary i.e. due to weaker strokes etc.

I don't think there is enough focus on younger swimmers. There are swimmers in foundation and c groups who have very good times for their ages but due to lack of movement in main squad are unable to progress yet these younger swimmers have the potential to much better if they had the right coaching. There are older swimmers who have slower times and rarely attend a gala yet they keep their place in b or c+ groups meaning little or no movement for young swimmers with high potential.

Useful to have ad-hoc training sessions in run up to galas, especially 50m LC training. Also useful for younger swimmers in development squad to gain 50m pool experience, plus experience of swimming at other venues in preparation for galas.

I would like to see sessions offered in a fair way (as they were while the pool has been shut) rather than reserving any for swimmers that are there because 'they always go to that session'. I would also like to know that swimmers are in groups and lanes purely by merit rather than selecting their own lane or any other reason

We understand that there has been some extra pool time already found at York University - before the pool closed. Has this been allocated to Main Squad swimmers with no consultation? Could this be looked at again - The Squad has a responsibility to give all swimmers the same opportunities and we feel that any pool time that could be found should consider the Foundation group first. Should younger swimmers also get some priority over Tadcaster pool time as they are younger and have less hours in their day - need earlier nights etc. get more tired

I have no problem if additional training sessions are organised, but it should be on the clear basis that they are optional and there should be no consequences for those that don't attend and no favouritism for those that do.

The fantastic things for the swimmers in the Tadcaster Swim Squad are the friendliness, team ethos and inclusive culture. These must be maintained.

The current training levels mean that the swimmers are able to do other activities and keep on top of school work. Compulsory additional training will hinder both of these.

Have two swimmers, one of them currently only has one session available; Friday evening.

Allocation of swimmers to lanes should be primarily based on recent gala performances and lane allocations should be regularly reviewed (e.g. quarterly or after major galas) to reflect the different rate at which the swimmers progress.

perhaps the term 'Danny's disciples' is not appropriate. Swimmers poor behaviour to other swimmers needs to be addressed.

Foundation swimmers probably need one extra session but following on a Saturday morning from a Friday night may not be appropriate.

Just a huge thank you to all whose endeavours have enabled our swimmers to train despite the unexpected closure of Tad pool. Thanks to the coaches for being flexible and generous with their time. We greatly appreciate also the time and effort undertaken in training organisation by the committee parent volunteers. It is a great shame that the tone of some of the comments is surprisingly negative given how much work must have been undertaken behind the scenes from predominantly volunteers.

More sessions would be great, it would then enable all swimmers to improve. Ben swam with a lot of the main squad during the adhoc sessions and it has really brought him on so much further.

Name - optional (23 responses)

Tracy Holbrook

Glenn Armstrong

Andrea Johnson

Julie Battye

M Richardson

Dan Hunter

Godfrey Brown

E Reeve

Deborah Welch

Sarah Moss 07712598412

Fiona Veerasamy

Benjamin

Caroline Digby

Jake Lee

Alex Heard

Have you guessed?

Claire Santer. George Browns mum.

sarah welch

Ellie Heard

Alison Lee

Charlotte H

Helen

Helen

Thank you for completing this questionnaire
