



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2025

Hello COHA members

As another successful season of Hockey comes to a close, we wish to pass on our thanks and appreciation to all the coaches, team managers, umpires, players and their families. You have all worked together to make this 2025 season another great one. From the opening games of the season right through to Finals week, we have seen some exhilarating hockey and team camaraderie.

We have been very lucky to have received generous grants for our Development programmes and rep teams:

Otago Community Trust - Development

PubCharity for the U18s

New Zealand Community Trust for the Seniors

Aotearoa Gaming Trust for the U15s

Without this support, it would be very difficult for our players to experience Hockey at a National level.

We also wish to acknowledge our hardworking staff who toil away in the background to make sure things run smoothly;

Sarah Parkinson - Competitions

Rebecca Todd - Development

Sally Davies - Administration

Good luck to the Senior Men's and Women's teams and the U15 Girls and Boys who are all heading away to their respective tournaments in the next couple of weeks. We know you will do us proud.

We hope you all have a great summer and come back refreshed and ready for another great season in 2026.

**COHA Board**

# Finals Week

## Monday night -

the Senior Reserve Div 2 Boys .  
Wakatipu won against Dunstan 3-2.



**Tuesday night** - Kwiksticks Girls  
Alexandra Blaze beat Cromwell 2 -1



## Wednesday Night

Kwiksticks Boys. Maniototo won 1  
- 0 vs Alexandra



## Thursday night

Congratulations to Dunstan High  
School First XI Girls for securing a  
4-1 win over Wakatipu High First XI  
Girls.





## Friday night

Congratulations to Dunstan High School First XI Boys for securing a 2-1 win over Upper Clutha Hockey Club for 2025 Senior Reserve Boys grade.



## Prem Finals wrap up - what a weekend!

Cromwell Women took out the Women's Premier grade in a thrilling and nail biting final that went all the way to shootouts. Huge congratulations to both teams for an incredible game. In the battle for 3rd & 4th Alexandra Womens faced a determined Upper Clutha side in a competitive showdown with UC winning 2-1

Matakanui Vs Cromwell Braves - Before their match both teams took to the turf and held a touching one minute of silence for Pete Ashton. Matakanui went on to take the win 3-0.

Wakatipu Men claimed the Men's competition title after a strong performance against Upper Clutha, securing the win 5-3

Central Mavericks, a newly established team ended their season with a 1 all draw against Cromwell Men. Cromwell Men didn't go away empty handed and claimed the Covid Cup.

Thanks to all the Players, Coaches, Managers, Umpires and Supporters. We couldn't do this without you all!





## Development Hockey - Season Recap

What a season for our Development and Representative Hockey crews across Central Otago.

We kicked things off with our U15 & U18 Development program building skills and team work in the lead up to to our U18s heading away to Tournament.

We hosted a fantastic clinic with Mezzy Surridge giving our players a chance to learn from one of the best

Our U18s Rep Girls traveled to North Harbour representing our region with pride and determination.

U15s Development - Our Boys and Girls are preparing for the Alpiners U15 tournament in Christchurch with Brooke Webb and Olivia Clapham selected to go for further development as Umpires - Exciting times ahead.!

For the first time we are sending both a Men's team and a Women's team to the National Hockey Championships in Christchurch, starting 15th September- both teams have had warm up games against Southland over the last few weeks with the Men coming away with a 3-0 win on Sunday . And massive congratulations to Hugh Lees who has been appointed to Umpire at NHC.

Our Years 5 and 6 and Year 7 and 8 Development Programmes are underway and will finish up with festivals celebrating the progress they have made over the last few weeks, along with lots of fun.

Here's to more milestones ahead.!





## SISS Tournament Highlights

What an incredible week of Hockey across the South Island! A huge congratulations to Waitaki Boys, who took home the Coaches Cup in Cromwell — a fantastic achievement!

Tier 4 Coaches Cup – Cromwell - Wakatipu High School Boys and Cromwell College Boys competed with pride, with Wakatipu securing a strong 3rd place and Cromwell College finishing 11th. Great effort from both teams!

**Jenny McDonald Tournament Tier 4– Invercargill** The girls from Wakatipu High School and Cromwell College headed south, showing incredible skill and sportsmanship. Wakatipu came away with a strong win in the finals over West Coast Combined 2-0 while Cromwell College earned a solid 5th place. A special shoutout to Brooke Webb, who was appointed to umpire the finals — an outstanding achievement and a proud moment for our hockey community!

**Kate Trolove Tournament Tier 4 – Dunedin** Mount Aspiring College (MAC) and Maniototo represented their schools with determination. MAC triumphed in the finals against Garin College 2-0, while Maniototo finished in 14th place, showing resilience and team spirit.

**Johnson Cup & Audrey Timlin Memorial** Dunstan High School Boys traveled to the top of the South Island for the Johnson Cup (Tier 3), playing off for 7th & 8th against Burnside. Meanwhile, the DHS Girls competed in Nelson at the Audrey Timlin Memorial, finishing a commendable 6th. A massive Thank You to everyone who made these tournaments possible — coaches, managers, parents, and umpires — your dedication, support, and behind-the-scenes efforts are the heartbeat of these teams. From early mornings to late nights, your commitment ensures our players have the opportunity to shine, grow and create lifelong memories.

A very special thank you to Robin Pimm, our incredible Tournament Director who made the tournament run ever so smoothly. And to Michelle Pimm and Sue Falconer, whose work behind the scenes helped bring it all together for the Coaches Cup. Your work, time and effort is deeply appreciated.





# National Under 18s Tournament - June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>

The U18 crew returned exhausted but proud of how we improved as the week progressed:

Sunday 5-0 loss to Northland Kauri

Monday 3-1 loss to Wellington Gold

Tuesday 9-0 loss to Auckland Blue (A team)

Thursday 3-1 win vs North Harbour Hawks Maroon 2

Friday - Wairarapa took the win 2-1, but we are so proud of the way Central composed themselves on the field - we played good, clean hockey but were just a bit unlucky on the day. In true Auckland style the heavens opened after the game and we all got drenched - again!

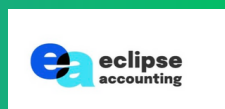
Saturday's early game vs Counties Manukau was our last, it could have been anyone's game with a 2-2 draw at the final whistle - meaning a penalty shoot out! The shoot out was going one-for-one initially until 2-2... then Zara kept the next two out - we didn't need to go the full five as we reached 4-2 thanks to Brooke, Annie, Tanyan and Chelsea out-skilling their goalie. It was elating to finish on a win!

We learned a lot, made new friends and gave it all we had - finishing 19<sup>th</sup> overall out of 24 teams. We impressed many teams and officials with our sportsmanship, camaraderie, resilience and overall conduct.

Once again, a massive thanks to our sponsors, families and friends (James - your sign was inspiring!) Also a shout out to the wonderful team at North Harbour Hockey and Hockey New Zealand who were always there when we needed anything. The team at Ramada Albany were accommodating, patient and helpful.

Thank you.

Lucille, Bryce and the team.



# Ford National Hockey Championships 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September- Christchurch

Meet the Civil Construction Ltd – Central Otago Women's Team!

This incredible team of Wāhine toa are heading to Christchurch to represent Central Otago at the National Hockey Championship where they will bring spirit, strength, and determination to the national stage!

Huge thanks to our naming rights sponsor Civil Construction Ltd, New Zealand Community Trust and Bayley's Property Management for your incredible support!!

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**WOMEN**

ABBIEY RAGG *	HOLLY MCDIARMID
BRIDGET AIREY	JAIMEE MURPHY
CARLA TUCKER	JORDON MILLER *
ERIN DOLEMAN *	KIRSTY COLE
ESTHER CHAN	RACHEL STANTON
FAIRVEN WILLIAMS	RILEY CHANDLER
FENAGH SMITH	SOPHIA KERSTEN
FRANCES PENNY **	TANIA MANN **
HANNAH MARSHALL	ZOE SMAIL **

COACH : KIRSTY COLE  
MANAGER : RACHEL PRENDERGAST

ASSOCIATION OF ORIGIN \*

GUEST PLAYER \*\*



Partner Venues  
The Grand Tavern, Roxburgh  
The Gate, Cromwell



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# Funsticks, Ministicks and Kiwisticks

A massive shoutout to all our Funsticks, Ministicks and Kiwis for an incredible Hockey season. It's been such a joy seeing your energy, smiles and growing skills out on the turf. We hope you had a blast and made some great memories along the way.

A special shout out to Sport Central for the use of their equipment on our Festival Day; your support made it extra special.

And of course, a massive thank you to all the Coaches, Parents, Managers, Umpires and supporters who make it all happen. We loved having you around the turf.

Can't wait to see you all back next season

