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Season
2024**



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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Hello and welcome to the 2024 Hockey Season. Let's work together to make it as exciting and successful as ever!

COHA is starting the season with some new staff and Board members. At the AGM in February, we farewelled our two Co-Presidents, Sally Mullally and Craig Paterson and welcomed Paula Shortall to the President's role. We also welcomed two new Board members, Tania Pringle and Chris Galbraith, who will join existing Board members, Nikki Heckler and Sarah Fairmaid.

We have a new staff member, Sally Davies who has joined us as our Administration Officer. At present we are advertising the Development Officer role to replace the fabulous Berber, who has sadly returned home to the Netherlands. Please see the ad on Page 3 if you think you could fill this position.

Have a great season!

FUNKEY HOCKEY

FUNKEY HOCKEY is back! Due to the availability of coaches and some great club support we are able to offer 3 sessions of Funkey Hockey this term in 3 central locations. This is open to anyone Year 1 - 8 who wants to do some pre-season training, who are wondering if they should play hockey this year or those that just want to give it a go!

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration link - [Funkey Hockey pre season 2024](#)

It's Back!

FUN KEY

**3 Weeks
\$25**



HOCKEY

Limited
spaces so get
in quick!

Open to everyone who wants to get some pre season
training OR wants to give Hockey a go!
No gear? = No problem!

CROMWELL - Tuesday

26th March, 2nd & 9th April

Time: 3.30-4.15 = Year 1-4 & Year 5-8

Location: Central Otago Sports Turf

WANAKA - Wednesday

27th March, 3rd & 10th April

Time: 3.30-4.15: Year 1-4

4:30-5:15 Years 5-8

Location: Wanaka Primary School

ALEXANDRA - Thursday

28th March, 4th & 11th April

Time: 3.30-4.15: Year 1-4

4:30-5:15 Years 5-8

More info? Email admin@coha.org.nz



Sign up here!
or visit
coha.org.nz



Under 15/Under18 Programme

All 2024 U18 players and those that played in the 2023 CO U15 team are encouraged to register for this exciting 5 week programme. Sessions with Black Stick Joey Morrison and Sporting Edge are included.

Registrations close Friday 5th April

Registration link: [U15 accelerator / U18 development program](#)



U18 DEVELOPMENT & U15 ACCELERATOR 2024 PROGRAMME

Get ready to kick start your 2024 hockey journey!

All 2024 U18 players and those that played in the 2023 CO U15 team are encouraged to register for this exciting programme with a mixture of local and invited coaches including:

JOE MORRISON & SPORTING EDGE

5 action packed training sessions:

Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th April & 5th May

Registration
Fee:

\$80

REGISTER NOW!



Any questions please email
development@coha.org.nz



Development Officer

Central Otago Hockey Association has an opportunity for a person with a passion for hockey to join our team as a Development Officer. This person will be responsible for the planning, implementing and delivery of hockey programmes in our community.

There is a good remuneration package including the use of the Association's vehicle.

Approximately 20 hours per week until November 2024.

For more information and a full job description please email Sally Davies
admin@coha.org.nz

Applications close Friday, April 5th 2024.

Team Entries and the 2024 Fee Structure

Team Entries are due **11th April** (please note the change of date due to the Funkey Hockey Programme).

Players allocated to teams - this **MUST** be completed (including coaches and managers) by **29th April**.

This year COHA are trialling a new fee structure with 1 team entry cost which includes the affiliation fees to HNZ and COHA, game turf fees, competition entry fee, Pavilion fee and umpire fee (Premier teams only). We hope this makes it easier for clubs to plan for the season and less admin all around.

2024 fee structure per team:

The Fun sticks will remain at \$10 per player

Mini Sticks \$350

Kiwi Sticks \$550

Kwik Sticks \$600

Senior Reserve \$2,100

Premier \$3000

**Watch this space!!
Coming to a town near
you!
HOLIDAY HOCKEY
PROGRAMME
Keep an eye on our
Facebook page for details**

Summary of Calendar Dates

Detailed competition information for each grade can be found in the [Handbook](#) or from your local club. All junior grades will again start with a **Festival Week** in Cromwell similar to last year with mini games to kick start the season. All managers/coaches will be required to attend a meeting during this week on the day that your team is playing.

- Kiwi Sticks Monday 29th April
- Kwik Stick Girls Tuesday 30th April
- Kwik Stick Boys Wednesday 1st May
- Fun and Mini Sticks Sunday 5th May

Senior Reserve Div 2 Boys (Monday 29th April), Senior Reserve Div 2 Girls (Thursday 2nd May), Senior Reserve Div 1 (Friday 3rd May), Premier Men & Women (Saturday 4th May) will all start their competition games this week.

- Fun & Mini sticks finish 30th June = 8 weeks in Term 2
- Kiwi sticks finish 5th August = 12 weeks
- Kwik Sticks finish 6th/7th August = 13 weeks
- Senior Reserve grades finish 12th/15th/16th = 13 weeks (14 for Girls div 2)
- Premier Finals Day = 17th August = 13 weeks

Other important dates

- 5th April - Registrations for U15 accelerator/U18 Development Program close
- 14th April - Joey Morrison coaching clinic (yr 7 and above) (TBC)
- 22/23rd April - Sporting Edge camp and pop up shop in Cromwell
- 3rd May - U18 representative team registration due
- 5th May - U18 representative campaign starts
- 12th May - Wakatipu Shield (U18 teams)
- 17th May - Senior Men representative registration due.
- 1-3rd June - Mainland cup (U18 teams), Ian Smith tournament (Senior Men)

Hockey NZ National Coaching Ticket

COHA is encouraging all coaches of all levels to complete this course, even if you have coached for years. It is online, quick and easy, and best of all **FREE!**

The interactive online course takes approximately 30 mins and covers:

- Critical information for coaching young people
- Important practical Health and Safety for Coaches and their play
- Information about how to access all the current coaching resources
- Opportunity to share personalized coaching insights to shape the future of coaching

Once the course is completed, Coaches receive a National Coaching Ticket Certificate valid for 2 years. This is nationally recognised, and can be shared with clubs, schools, associations, and anyone involved in appointing coaches.

National Coaching Ticket link



A few
memories
from previous
seasons



COHA Strategic Plan 2023-2025

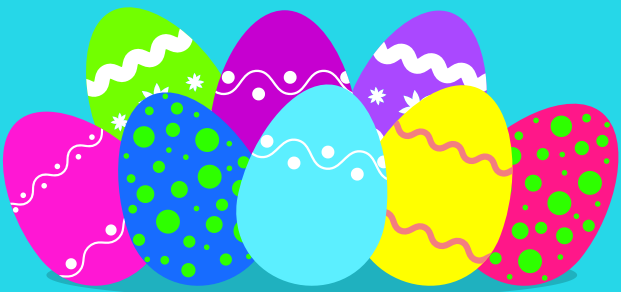
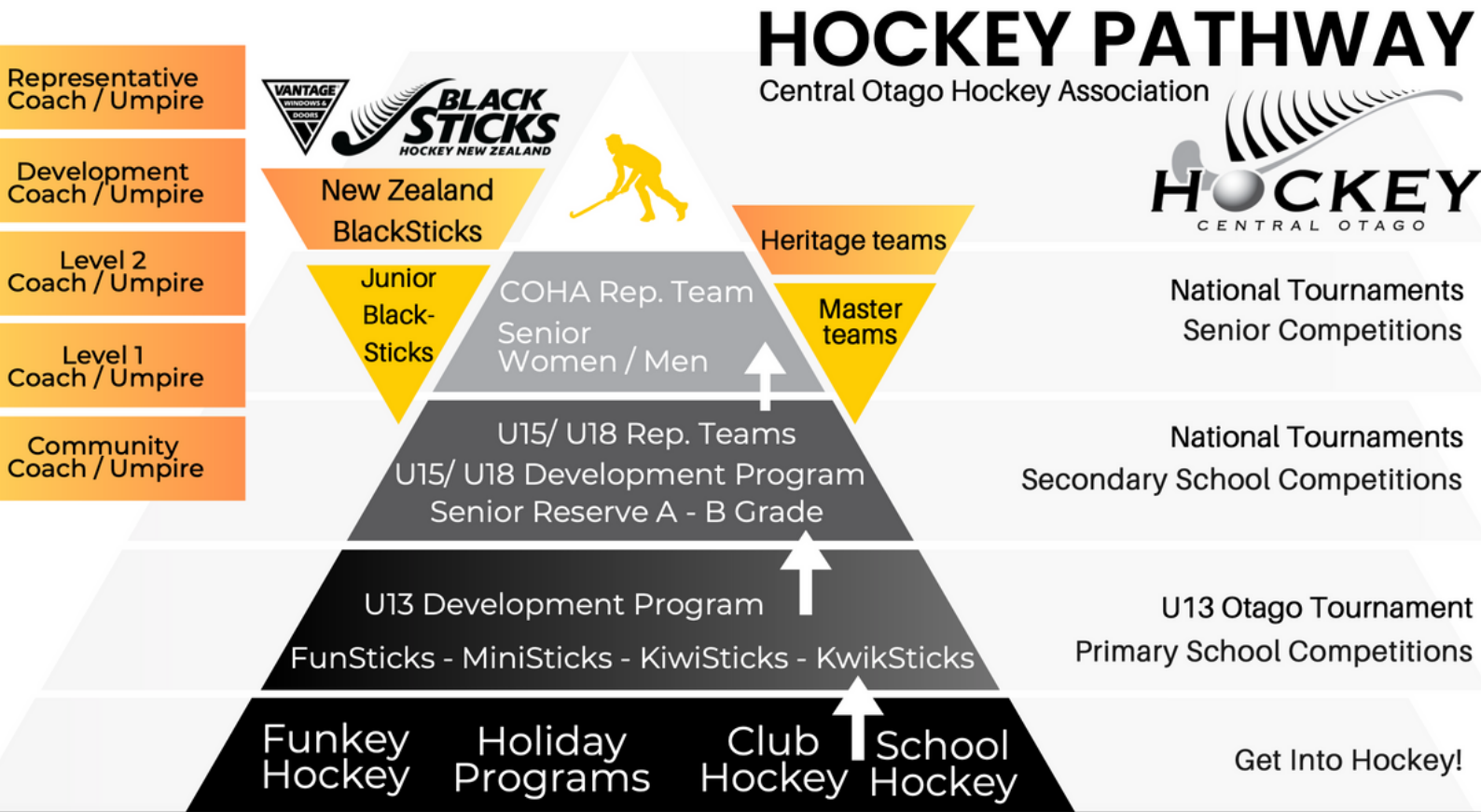


Vision: A progressive and positive hockey experience for all.

Purpose: To facilitate a successful and enjoyable hockey experience.

Values: Pride, Inclusion, Respect and Enjoyment.

Key Result Areas	Enable	Experience	Sustain	Engage
	Creating opportunities to participate, grow & excel.	Providing a well organised hockey programme & excellent facilities.	Setting organisational conditions to ensure the continuous improvements & future sustainability of COHA & it's Clubs.	Creating a positive, inclusive & engaging environment where everyone is valued & respected.
Goals	Provide meaningful development opportunities for players that enable them to reach their potential.	Deliver comprehensive & meaningful coaching & umpiring experiences for all ages & levels of experience.	Deliver an inclusive hockey experience catering for all ages & abilities.	Develop & maintain high quality hockey facilities that meet the need of our hockey community & allow for future growth.
	Create an efficient & financially sustainable hockey community.	Develop a governance framework with clear roles & responsibilities	Implement policies & processes that foster cohesion & collaboration within COHA.	Major stakeholders are engaged, informed and connected.
	Develop a positive relationship between COHA, Clubs & key Stakeholders.	Offer support to clubs around policies and procedures.	Support members to foster cohesion & collaboration within COHA.	Create an inclusive atmosphere that volunteers, players & supporters want to be involved in.
2023 Annual Plan Objectives	Provide future pathways that cater for all ages & abilities.	Provide future pathways for coaches and umpires.	Deliver a well organised hockey competition with early notification of the search's format.	Develop a volunteer attraction & retention strategy.
	Provide player development for all ages & abilities.	Upskill, support and resource coaches and umpires during the season.	Create a facilities development plan & provide clubs with appropriate information about turf setup.	Develop a communication strategy that uses a variety of mediums to allow effective communication between & within COHA & the Clubs.
			Develop robust policies & procedures.	Celebrate & acknowledge our volunteers & supporters.



Have a great Easter!