



NEWSLETTER

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Hello COHA members

We hope you have all had a great summer in spite of the weather at times. Now it is time to turn your thoughts to a new season of Hockey. Club registrations are underway now so if you haven't done yours, now is the time to register. All our clubs would warmly welcome any new players in our region, from the littlies in Funsticks and Minis right through to Senior Prems. So if you're keen to play, contact your local club and get into the fun. If you are not sure who to contact, email us on admin@coha.org.nz and we can put you in touch with your nearest club.

At the AGM in February, we farewelled Greer Donovan from the Board and welcomed Hugh Lees as our newest Board member. So the Board members are:

Tania Pringle - Chairperson (Finance)
Nikki Meyer - (Competitions and Development)
Bryce Clapham - (Development)
Shaun Tipson - (Competitions)
Gina Cracroft-Wilson - (Governance)
Hugh Lees - (Officiating)

Our Competitions officer, Sarah Parkinson, is working hard to get things set up for the start of the season in just a few weeks time and our Development officer, Rebecca Todd, is busy organising the trials for the Rep teams to go to National Tournament i.e. U18s in July, Prems in September and U16s in October, as well as other events in the calendar e.g. Finch Rose Bowl and Ian Smith Tournament.

So it's going to be another busy and exciting year!

The next Newsletter will come out once the season underway.

COHA Board

Fresh to the region and looking for Prem hockey or easing back into the game after a few years off? There's a club here excited to have you join this season.

Alexandra Hockey Club

All women's players welcome. You're invited to drop into IDA Bar on Tuesday the 17th at 6:30pm for an informal catch-up, whether you're already planning to join or just considering it. They would love to meet you. alexandrahockeyclub@gmail.com

Matakanui Hockey Club

Women's training sessions are already underway and held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Omakau Turf. Email - matakanuihockey@gmail.com

Central Mavericks Men's

No training, no trials—just pure game-day intensity. Think you can keep up? <https://forms.gle/Ev1ZFuA4s4e8pzug8>

Cromwell Hockey Club

Men's & Women's trials are Monday, March 16th & 23rd March at Pioneer Energy Cromwell. <https://forms.gle/MGDMdCGNw2ouTbCx6>

Upper Clutha Hockey Club

Trials are TBC for the UC Men's & Women's teams, but head along on Tuesdays to the Wanaka Rec Center and meet some of the locals playing Summer Hockey seniorclub@uppercluthahockey.club

Wakatipu Hockey Club

Wakatipu Women invites all women to join them on April 1st at 7pm for a fun, relaxed training evening – a great chance to meet others and get back on the turf.

Trials will follow on April 8th and 15th, with no pre-registration needed. Join them at the Queenstown Event Centre on the outdoor multi-turf.

Wakatipu Men – details coming soon.

[Wakatipu Hockey Club - Wakatipu hockey club](#)

The Premier Competition will commence on 9th May with games held in Cromwell

CALLING ALL U18 PLAYERS - WE NEED YOU!!!

U18 Trials are this Sunday, and there is still time for you to put your name forward, even if you can't make it on the day!

We would love to send a U18 Men's team this year so if you are keen, thinking about it or know someone who should put their name forward, now is the time!

This is your chance to pull on the Central Otago jersey and test yourself against the best in the country at the National Under 18 Tournament this July.

Trial Details

When: Sunday, 29th March

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

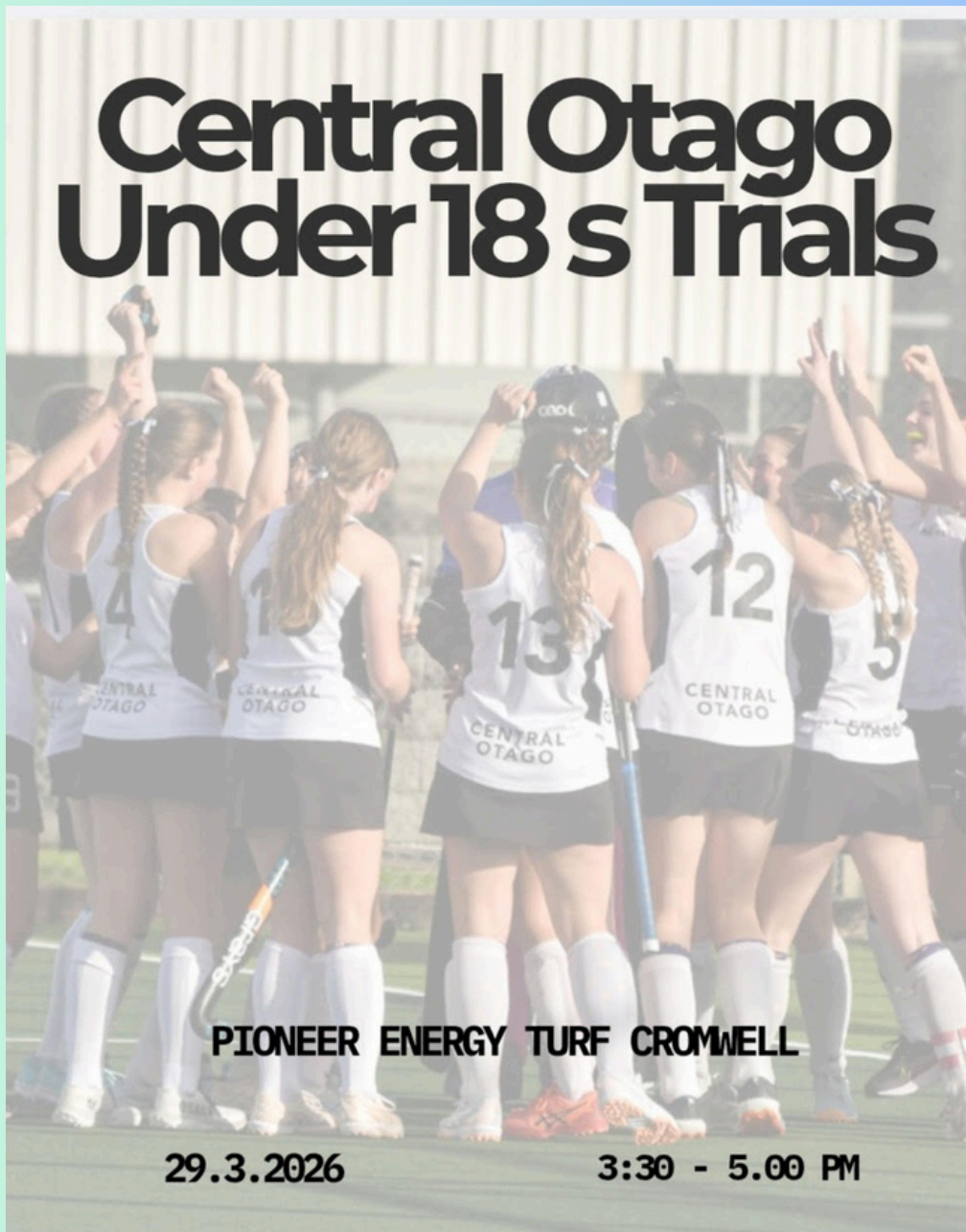
Where: Pioneer Energy Turf, Cromwell

Can't make the date? Don't let that stop you! If you have a conflict but still want to be considered, please complete the registration form.

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/307872>

Coaches Wanted!!

We are looking for dedicated coaches to guide our U18 Men and Women at the National Tournament. If you are passionate about developing our local talent we want to hear from you! Development@coha.org.nz



Sporting Edge

We're excited to announce our Sporting Edge Hockey Camps are back this April, with a new Marlborough camp added

Led by Matt & Atamira De Goldi Ling, owners of Sporting Edge and Fetch Hockey, these camps are built on 22 years of Fetch Hockey development programs and 10 years of delivering camps across New Zealand.

Our focus is simple:

- strong fundamental skills
- game understanding
- confidence on the ball

April Camp Locations & Dates

Southland (Invercargill): 7-8 April

Central Otago (Cromwell): 9-10 April

NEW: Marlborough (Blenheim): 26-27 April

Copy and paste this link into your browser to register: <https://bit.ly/2ELYZHO>

Spots are limited, we'd love to see you there.



The graphic features a background image of a hockey field with players. In the foreground, four young people (three women and one man) are smiling and holding hockey sticks. The text 'SPORTING EDGE HOCKEY CAMP DATES 2026' is prominently displayed. To the right, there is a blue sidebar with white text providing details about the camps, including the focus areas (strong basics, game understanding, confidence), camp locations and dates, and a call to action for registrations.

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- ✓ strong basics
- ✓ game understanding
- ✓ confidence

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN
CLICK ON LINK IN CAPTION

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