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NEWSLETTER

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**GREAT TURNOUT
U18 DEVELOPMENT
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PROGRAM!**

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FRESH CHOICE HOCKEY HERO'S FESTIVAL WEEK

It's almost time for the festival week! All teams will get their first hit out in a fun and exciting format, with a couple of shortened games. We are really turning it into a festival. With Mr. Whippy Ice cream, the Shot for coffee, teamwork/sport games from Sport Otago, second-hand hockey sale, skill games and thanks to Freshchoice Cromwell, every player receives free sausage in bread. It would be great to see the teams really get into the festival and dress up.

General information: The festival week is the first week of Term 2 (starting 24th April).

- Monday 24th April - Kiwi Sticks (3.30-6pm).
- Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day.
- Wednesday 26th April - All Kwik sticks (Girls 3.30-5pm and Boys 5-6.30pm).
- Thursday 27th April - Senior reserve Div 2 (4-7pm).
- Friday 28th April - Senior reserve Div 1 (4-7pm).
- Saturday 29th April - (1-6pm).
- Sunday 30th April - Mini Sticks (10.30-12.30) and Fun Sticks (1-2.45pm).

All coaches / manager and umpires are required to attend meetings/clinics on the day. See calender on the next page for the times.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS @FESTIVAL WEEK!

We have the following volunteer tasks:

- **Fun zone:** This role is for everyone (parents, players, coaches, brothers/sisters). Here you just have to check if everything is going well, it's a free play zone where children can play games other than hockey.
- **Skill zone:** This is a role for coaches, it would be nice if we could have some coaches willing to teach hockey skills to the kids here.
- **Sausages:** We need some people who can cook the sausages for us. Many thanks to the Fresh Choice in Cromwell, every participant gets free sausages!

We need volunteers on the following dates/times:

- Monday 24th: 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 26th: 3.30-6.30pm
- Thursday 27th: 4-7pm *No fun zone volunteer needed
- Friday 28th: 4-7pm *No fun zone volunteer needed
- Saturday 29th: 4-6.30pm *No skill zone volunteer needed
- Sunday 30th: 10.00am - 2.30pm

So are you a coach, a parent, a brother or sister, a player who can help at 1 of the moments? Then email Berber quickly: development@coha.org.nz. Even if you can only do it for an hour on one of the days. Any help is welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE FESTIVAL WEEK!

24-30 APRIL!



HELP US NOW!

DEVELOPMENT@COHA.ORG.NZ

CALENDER

View this season's [calendar here!](#) Here you will find all important dates, tournaments and matchdays!

IAN SMITH TOURNAMENT COACHES & PLAYERS

We are still on the look out for a Senior Men's Coach for the Ian Smith Tournament that is just around the corner.

Currently the team does not have a coach or any players!

If you, or you know of someone interested please complete the links otherwise we will not be sending a team to this tournament.

COACHES:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/24234f>

PLAYERS:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/ad4596>

CANTEEN FUNDRAISING FOR CLUBS AND TEAMS!

Do you need funds for a tournament, new gear or general club/team costs? Now is your chance to run the canteen from the bottom kitchen - the opportunities are endless!

Choose a day that suits you. Maybe some parents would like to do a pancake day and make/sell pancakes for the club? Dates will be offered first to the U18 teams to help with their cost of attending National Tournament - but there will be plenty of other times available!

Check the [canteen calendar](#) for a time that is free, send Berber an email development@coha.org.nz and she can reserve the canteen for you and promote your day!



U18 DEVELOPMENT/ U15 ACCELERATOR UPDATE

The first U18 Development/U15 Accelerator training was a success thanks to Sporting Edge. We look forward to the upcoming training sessions!

Please note, some times have changed:

Training Dates:

~~Sunday 2th April- 1.00-3pm (Sporting Edge)~~

Sunday 16th April- **1:30-3pm** (CO Hockey Coaches)

Sunday 23th April- 1:30-3pm (CO Hockey Coaches + **JBS***)

Sunday 30 April- **3:00-4.30pm** (CO Hockey Coaches)

Sunday 7 May- TBC (CO Hockey Coaches) + trial practice for our U18 players.

*Unfortunately, Junior Black Sticks are not confirmed yet. The 23rd was looking promising, but HNZ are looking at having the JBS players playing a game on that weekend in CHCH now as a possibility. The session will in any case continue that day with trainers from COHA. We will keep you informed about the JBS. If they do come, we would like to do that session from 1-3.



U18 TRIAL - SUNDAY 7 MAY FROM 3-4PM

After the last session of the development program we will hold the first trial to select players for our u18 representative team. There are a number of players who could not participate in the u18 program but want to try to make it to the u18 team, these players can email Berber: development@coha.org.nz and can join the u18 selection process. The players in the u18 development program who want to go for the team are also expected to participate in this practice.

From here COHA is going to send teams to the Un18 National Tournaments. More information about this can be found on [the website](#).

HANDBOOK

Our Handbook is available for all clubs, coaches and players [here](#). Your number one stop to find information before asking.

SPONSOR CALL

This season COHA has a new car! Berber would like to drive all over Central Otago to visit every school with free hockey lessons. In this way we can get more children active and enthusiastic about hockey!

We are looking for a business to sponsor the fuel to develop hockey in every corner of our district. How would your business logo look on it?

Your logo can be placed on the car and this car drives every day throughout Central Otago!

Why should every company engage in sports sponsorship? It increases your brand awareness in a positive way! Don't you also want to contribute as a company to a healthy and sporty life of our children?

Contact Sally and Craig
admin@coha.org.nz if you would like to discuss sponsorship options.



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PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



SPORTING EDGE SESSION



SCHOOL VISIT MILLERS FLAT



FIRST SESSION U18/U15 PROGRAM



CENTRAL OTAGO

SENIOR MEN AND WOMEN



Our senior players to attend various tournaments each year including Ian Smith (Men) and the National Hockey Championship.

If you wish to trial for either of these fantastic teams please register now!

Scan QR Code and register directly.

[Find more information here](#) or

Contact Berber: development@coha.co.nz