

# OTAGO

## HOCKEY

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## TWO New Turfs



**TWO brand new Polytan Paris turfs to start the year here at Otago Hockey.**

**It's very exciting to have both the Te Pukenga and the Lion Foundation Turfs replaced and now up and running for our 2025 season.**

**A huge thank you to the Dunedin City Council for all of their support in getting these 2 turfs installed and operational.**

# TOAST CUP



## TOAST CUP TOURNAMENT 21-23 MARCH 2025

**A fantastic weekend of hockey on our 2 new turfs with Kings United Premier Women taking out the title for the first time in many, many years.**

**Hornby Men from Christchurch took out the Men's title.**

**Open Women was won by Cambridge Women and the Men was OUHC Dugongs**

**It was fabulous to see some highly skilled, fast flowing hockey over the weekend.**

**2 contrasting days with the weather, but all pulled together with an amazing shared meal on the Saturday night.**

**We look forward to the season ahead.**



# JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

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**OTAGO PLAYERS**

 **MEN**  
BAXTER MEDER  
HUGH NIXON  
JACK COTTON  
THOMAS MEDER

 **MEN**  
GORDY CHATFIELD  
MICHAEL LOBB

 **WOMEN**  
ELLA BOOTH  
ADIMATIA BROWN  
MADISON LOBB  
ANNA MCLEAN

 **MEN**  
ISAAC HALLAM

 **WOMEN**  
ABBY REID  
AVA BEENS  
BILLIE CROWE  
EVE SWAIN  
MILLIE WHITE  
NINA MURPHY  
RUBY PEDERSEN  
SARRELL SHAND





**NON-TRAVELLING RESERVES**  
AKASH NARI  
NICK CASEY  
OLIVER BATTRICK  
SAM GRADWELL  
HANNAH CORMACK  
LOUISA KOTKAMP

All the very best to our Otago players and coaches who are heading to Auckland for the Junior Hockey League next week.

JHL is an exciting pathway step for all of our top U21 players, coaches and Officials.



Blair Tarrant -Men's Head Coach  
Hymie Gill - Men's Assistant Coach



Jolene Casey - Women's Assistant Coach

# OHA U16 TEAMS

OHA is rolling out an U16 team in 2025. We held trials on Sunday the 6th April to select an U16 team that will go to the Mainland Cup held, this year in Christchurch, over Kings Birthday weekend. 31st May - 2nd July

We will play a 3 match series against an equivalent Canterbury team over this weekend.

We are looking to upskill Otago's players who are U16 as of the 01/01/2025. This is also another opportunity for our youth players.

This is all in preparation for Hockey New Zealand's planned 2026 U16 National Tournament.



For any queries please contact Hymie Gill  
[hockey@oha.org.nz](mailto:hockey@oha.org.nz)



# Start Up Holiday Programme



## HOCKEY STARTUP

McMILLAN HOCKEY CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL

YEARS 5-8: 10AM-12:30PM

YEARS 9-11: 12:30PM-3PM

WHETHER YOU HAVE PICKED UP A STICK BEFORE OR NOT, COME  
BRUSH UP ON YOUR SKILLS BEFORE THE SCHOOL HOCKEY SEASON  
GETS UNDERWAY! THIS PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED FOR EVERYONE,  
AND WE WANT TO SEE YOU THERE!

COST - \$40 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
JAIDEN CHHIKA - [jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz](mailto:jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz)



### Introducing... The Hockey StartUp!

These school holidays, we're bringing you the ultimate hockey programme! Whether you're picking up a stick for the first time or looking to sharpen your skills before the school season, The Hockey StartUp is the perfect place to get moving, learn, and have fun!

Register Now -  
<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/e3f342>



Head to our website for more details. [www.oha.org.nz](http://www.oha.org.nz)


# Multi Sport Holiday Programme



## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### Structure For Each Day

<b>Monday</b> <b>April 14th</b> (McMillan Hockey Centre)	<b>Multi-Sport Fun Day #1 (Survivor themed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skill-building games for multiple different sports</li> <li>• Quizzes and problem solving challenges in teams</li> <li>• Prizes and awards!</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 15th</b> (McMillan Hockey Centre)	<b>Multi-Sport Fun Day #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four corner multi-sport games and tournament</li> <li>• Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>• Team building games</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 16th</b> (Edgar Centre)	<b>Smash Play Fun Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Day of Fun Smash Play Cricket Games</li> <li>• Inflatable and Jump Jam</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 17th</b> (Edgar Centre)	<b>Smash Play Fun Day - DRESS UP DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress as your dream career, with awards to be won</li> <li>• Fun Smash Play Cricket Games</li> <li>• Mini Smash 5's tournament in the afternoon</li> </ul>



## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### General Program Information:

- 4 day holiday program in Dunedin, running from April 14th-17th. Each session runs from 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Open to ages 5-13
- Bring your own food, water and wear clothing suitable for moving in
- Locations: Edgar Center, and McMillan Hockey Turf
- \$130 per child for all 4 days
- Can't attend one of the days? You can select which days you go to (\$35 each child per day)
- For more information on the program and how to register, contact Jaiden Chhika (jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz)

\* Ts and Cs apply \*

After an epic January launch of our new and improved format, we're stoked to bring the action back for the Term 1 holidays! With an **Unbeatable Price** and a jam-packed schedule of fun, skills, and games, this is a week your Tamariki won't want to miss!

**Register Now - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/341491>**



**For any further queries, please contact our Play and Sport Activator**

**Jaiden Chhika**  
**jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz**

# Fun Sticks



The graphic is a collage of images and text promoting the Fun Sticks Hockey program. It includes the Otago Hockey logo, a cartoon of a girl playing hockey, a photo of children on a field, and a QR code for registration.

**FUN STICKS HOCKEY**

WEDNESDAY'S  
STARTS  
7<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
3.30PM - 4.15PM  
8 weeks

Ages 4-6

McMillan Hockey Centre  
Harbour Terrace,  
Dunedin

- HOCKEY SPECIFIC SKILLS
- SMALL GAMES BASED
- NEW FRIENDS
- LOTS OF FUN

**Register HERE**

**SCAN ME**

Any questions?  
Contact - Jolene Casey coach@oha.org.nz

**Term 2 Hockey Fun for your little ones.**

**Join our Fun Sticks Hockey Programme.**

**Fun Sticks is a fundamental movement and basic skill development programme that consists of a variety of sessions. Lots of hockey specific skills, games based learning and development. A chance to make new friends and have some hockey FUN!**

**Dunedin - McMillan Hockey Turf -  
Wednesday Afternoons, 3.30pm-  
4.15pm.**

**Mosgiel - Taieri College ITC -  
Friday Afternoons 4.00pm-4:45pm.**

**Register:-**

**Dunedin Fun Sticks click here:- <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/563b2d>**

**Taieri Fun Sticks click here:- <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/ff33f8>**



# Officials Refresher Course



**OTAGO HOCKEY 2025**

**Upcoming Events**

**All Club and School Officials**

**13 MARCH** **Introductory MEET and GREET** All Welcome - 6.00pm  
Pizzas and Bar open for purchases.  
Introductions, aspirations, explanations!  
Pathways Development Framework opportunities.

**18 MARCH** **Start of the Season Info Evening** CLUB - 6.30PM  
All the information required for the season.  
Q and A session.  
Compulsory for ALL Officials for 2025

**9 APRIL** **Education Evening - Basics Refresher** SCHOOL - 5.30PM CLUB - 7PM  
Compulsory for all Primary and Secondary Umpires.  
Focus on positioning, whistle tone, clear signaling,  
basic radio use etc.

**For More Info Contact**  
Jolene Casey  
OHA Umpires Advisory Lead  
coach@oha.org.nz

**Register Here**



SCAN ME

Link to register here:- <https://forms.gle/WhDNxF42XC8FfZ5Y7>

We have a great team on the Officials Advisory Group this year and they are very committed to providing great educational opportunities to our officiating team.

Next on the education calendar is a Basics Refresher Course with our senior officials.

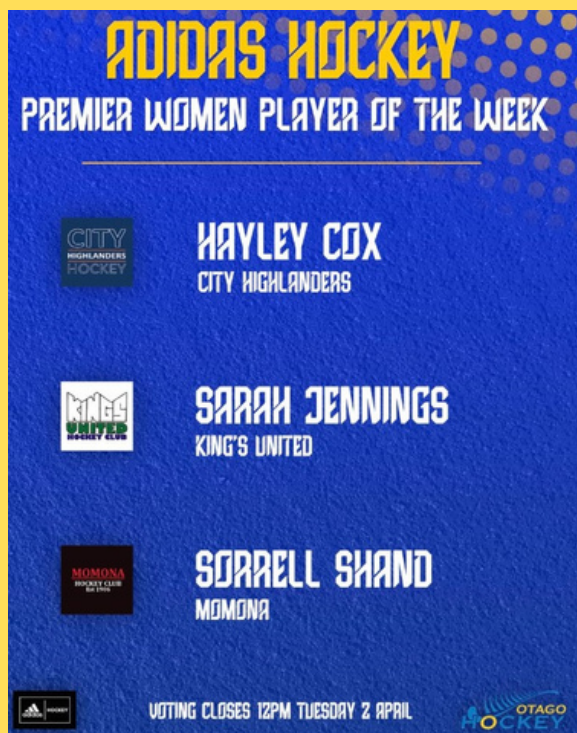
This is a **COMPULSORY** Course for **ALL** of our Secondary School and Club Officials. This way we can work on consistency and clear understanding of the rules and expectations for all.

All OHA Officials and any Club to Supply Umpires or anyone keen and interested in learning more about umpiring or officiating are welcome to attend. Just show up on the night.



# Community News

## Week 1



## Player of the Week

Each week there will be an opportunity to vote on your player of the week.

It'll be a new grade each week.

Keep an eye on Instagram for nominations and voting.

\$50 Bar Tab up for the winners.

## Volunteer of the Month

We are looking to recognise and acknowledge the fabulous volunteers we have in our community.

If you know of a coach, manager, official or community person who goes above and beyond for our hockey community, nominate them with our Community Hockey Manager.

[coach@oah.org.nz](mailto:coach@oah.org.nz)

