



WAIKIRIKIRI HOCKEY CLUB

2023 SEASON INFO - JUNIOR MEMBERS

We cater for junior players of primary and intermediate school age who want to learn and play hockey.

What grades we offer

Juniors play in grades based on their school year per the Hockey NZ Small Sticks guidelines. Years 1-2 participate in our Fun Sticks programme (mixed), and year 3-8 (boys & girls) play in the Canterbury Hockey Association (CHA) Junior Competition against other local Clubs and schools. In 2022 we entered 20 teams, 13 girls' and seven boys' teams.

Fun Sticks (Years 1 & 2): Fun Sticks is an exciting hands-on hockey programme that aims to introduce five and six-year-olds to hockey. The emphasis is on having fun whilst developing fundamental skills.

Where: Sand turf, Foster Park, Rolleston **When:** Friday 4 pm - 5 pm (Term Time only), for 16 weeks, starts on 28 April 2023, with the last session on 25 August 2023.

😊 Help from parents in each session allows our coaches to focus on teaching skills. Please let us know if you might be interested in lending a hand. Contact either of the Junior Club Captains. Their contact details are below. 😊



Mini Sticks (Years 3 & 4): A 6-a-side competition played on a quarter turf. This competition is about learning to play hockey. Players start to get a feel for what the game of hockey is like while enjoying themselves and learning new skills!

Where: The girl's games are played across various hockey turfs around Christchurch, the *boy's games are played at a central venue in Christchurch. Practice takes place at Foster Park. In 2022.

When: The girl's games are Saturday mornings and the *boy's games are on a Friday evening. Practice is after school during the week. Training times confirmed when teams are confirmed.

Format: Games 12 minutes each way. Play on 1/4 of a turf. **Please note, still TBC by CHA for the 2023 season.*



Kiwi Sticks (Years 5 & 6): A step up from mini sticks. They play games on half a turf. The rules of the game come more into play. Goalkeepers can be optional in this grade.

Where: They play games across various school hockey turfs around Christchurch. Practice takes place at Foster Park.

When: Games are on Saturday mornings. Practice takes place during the week. Training times will be confirmed when teams are confirmed.

Format: Games are 18 minutes each way, 1/2 turf

Kwik Sticks (Years 7 & 8): The 2022 competition offered nine weeks of 7-a-side hockey before the Year 8 players had the opportunity to play five weeks of 11-a-side hockey in preparation for the years ahead as they venture into secondary school. *Please note we are waiting for confirmation from CHA for the 2023 season.*

When: They play games on Saturdays. Practice takes place during the week.

Where: They play games across various hockey turfs around Christchurch. Practice takes place at Foster Park.

Format: 7-a-side play 3 x 15-minute on 1/2 turf. 11-a-side play 3x 19-minute thirds on a full turf.



WAIKIRIKIRI HOCKEY CLUB

2023 SEASON INFO - JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior club programmes and events

Welcome back sessions (pre-season): A **three-week pre-season programme**. Open to all years 3-8 and a perfect opportunity to have pitch time before the season starts on the **NEW water turf**. Meet the coaches, catch up with friends, have a good run around, and freshen up your skills whilst enjoying yourselves. No need to book. Just turn up. The sessions will take place the last three Mondays of term 1- **20 & 27 March & 3 April**. Mini Sticks (**Years 3&4**): **4pm–5pm**. Kiwi Sticks (**Years 5&6**): **5pm–6pm** and Kwik Sticks (**Years 7&8**): **6pm–7pm**

New to Hockey sessions (pre-season): We offer a **three-week pre-season Hockey Accelerator Programme** (skills development) for players new to the game to help develop their basic skills. The sessions will focus on the first touch, position-specific skills, passing, hitting, tackling and ball handling. Open to years 5-8. The sessions will take place the last three Mondays of term 1- **20 & 27 March & 3 April**. No need to book. Just turn up. Two sessions are available **5pm – 6pm** and **6pm – 7pm** on the **sand turf**.

Junior Club Day (new for 2023 season): Join us for the Junior Club Day. As we kick off an exciting new season. Get to meet and play with your team. Meet other Waikirikirihockey teams, your coach, and the committee, and pick up your uniform. Sausage sizzle, and Just Hockey stall. Bring along the whole family and invite your friends. **Sunday, 26 March** – Save the date!

Hockey Accelerator Programme (skills development): for players who want extra time on the pitch to help develop their basic skills. Perfect for those new to hockey and those who want to further develop their basics. The sessions will focus on the first touch, position-specific skills, passing, hitting, tackling and ball handling. Open to years 5-8. The sessions take place on the **sand turf** on a **Monday night**. There are two sessions available **5pm – 6pm** or **6pm – 7pm**. Term Time only. **No need to book. Just turn up**. See the dates below. **Term 2:** 1 May – 26 June (9 weeks) & **Term 3:** 17 July – 14 August (5 weeks)

Junior Umpire Development Programme: The best place to start umpiring for years 7-10 is umpiring Kiwi Sticks grades. The games are on a Saturday morning at Foster Park. The Junior Umpire Club Mentor provides full training and support for new umpires, coordinates the roster, and works the Umpire's Roster around the junior umpire's games (so they don't miss out on playing). If you are interested in becoming an umpire, contact the Junior Umpire Co-ordinator at juniormpares@waikirikirihockey.co.nz



Goalkeeper Training: Will run alongside the Hockey Accelerator Programme on a Monday night on the sand turf. No need to book. Just turn up. You will need to bring your own goalkeeping kit or borrow your team's goalkeeping kit. Open to years 5-8. The sessions take place on the **sand turf** on a **Monday night**. There are two sessions available **5pm – 6pm** or **6pm – 7pm**. Term Time only. **No need to book. Just turn up**. See the dates below. **Term 2:** 1 May – 26 June (9 weeks) & **Term 3:** 17 July – 14 August (5 weeks)





WAIKIRIKIRI HOCKEY CLUB

2023 SEASON INFO - JUNIOR MEMBERS

Festival of Hockey: Finish the season on a high note, playing in our Festival of Hockey at Foster Park. An awesome day for all!
Save the date/s.

- Saturday, 2 September: Years 1-7. A fun intraclub tournament.
- Sunday, 3 September: Year 8. End-of-season 11-a-side tournament against other clubs.



Uniform & equipment



Fun Sticks: The club provides hockey sticks and balls. Equipment needed - mouthguard and shinpads (compulsory), soft-soled shoes – trainers or turf shoes only, shorts or track pants, t-shirt, long socks, warm top to start.

New to Hockey - purchase a **junior hockey starter pack** from Just Hockey and **save over 30%**. www.justhockey.co.nz/page/starter-pack-guide.

Years 3 - 8: Require a mouthguard and shin pads (no mouthguard or shinpads, no game or practice), water bottle, clean-soled soft shoes - trainers or turf shoes only and hockey stick. The club supplies playing tops. The tops are distributed to players before the first game and collected in the last game of the season. A uniform bond is charged and added to registration fees. All bond money will be returned to players, upon return of the tops, in line with the uniform and equipment policy. Club socks are navy. You can buy these from Just Hockey. Shorts and Skorts, the club are looking into a new supplier. TBC for the 2023 season.



Time to transition to a new stick - check out this online [junior stick advice](#).



You can buy [Waikirikiri merchandise](#) from [Just Hockey](#). These items are not part of the official Waikirikiri Hockey uniform and are, therefore, optional.

Subs

Subs are composed of affiliation fees to Hockey NZ and Canterbury Hockey, with the remainder used to acquire equipment, uniforms, end-of-year prizes and events, and turf hire for training. Subs will be verified at our AGM on 15 February, but as a guide, the subs for 2022 were:

- Years 7-8 \$185
- Years 5-6 \$185
- Years 3-4 \$185
- Years 1-2 \$55

We offer payment plans for those who may prefer to spread the payments over the season. Contact our amazing treasurer, Carole, to arrange treasure@waikirikirihockey.co.nz.



WAIKIRIKIRI HOCKEY CLUB

2023 SEASON INFO - JUNIOR MEMBERS

Team placings

Waikirikiri Hockey selects teams in alignment with Hockey New Zealand and Canterbury Hockey Association guidance which focuses on participation and enjoyment in the younger years with increased levels of emphasis on teamwork and skills development as the players move up the grades, leading to performance at the senior level. Coaches focus on technical skills development, rules observance, teamwork, involvement, and positioning to prepare players for the next level.

We group players in teams according to several factors; their school year, the team they were in previously, ability, skill, and school. If you're new to the club, let us know on the registration form who you have played for previously and or your level of skill and ability.

When allocating teams, we will consider siblings, transportation issues and parental involvement. Please note any carpooling arrangement on your registration form. Please be mindful that these are only requests, and we can't always meet these requests.

Key dates

- Monday 6 Feb - Registrations open
- Wednesday 15 Feb - AGM
- Sunday 26 Feb 2023 - Registration close
- Monday 20 & 27 March & 3 April - Pre-season session's
- Sunday 26 March - Junior Club Day
- Friday 28 April - Fun Sticks starts
- Saturday 6 May - Junior season starts
- Saturday 2 (Y1-7) & Sunday 3 September (Y8) - Festival of Hockey

Friends of waikirikiri

We are very interested to hear from parents and caregivers who are prepared to coach, manage, or help with odd jobs to assist the administration or the running of the club generally. Please let us know if you are interested. Your support is greatly appreciated. Email

jccgirls@waikirikirihockey.co.nz

How to register

Registrations open Mon 6 Feb (Waitangi Day) close Sunday 26 Feb. You can register on our website @ www.waikirikirihockey.co.nz/registration Please note, late entries will be put on a waiting list and may not be accepted.

Contact us

If you have any further questions regarding the Junior Hockey, please contact our Junior Club Captains. They will get back to you as soon as possible.

- Karen Boag (Girls): jccgirls@waikirikirihockey.co.nz
- Paul Taylor (Boys): jccboys@waikirikirihockey.co.nz