

2026 Canterbury Hockey Association Club

Competition Structures

Preamble

Canterbury Hockey is excited to be able to provide our season dates for the 2026 season!

As always, we aim to have a season which has good flow to it with minimal disruptions allowing teams to build momentum through the season. We look to balance high workload periods within our competitions and give teams clear playing and non-playing dates where possible. Some grades may change once entry numbers are confirmed.

The biggest change for the 2026 season is that our Sunday League and Platinum finals day has been brought forward 1 week before the CPL and Division 1 Saturday finals. This will allow more resource to be put into Sunday finals day to kick off our finals week.

Start date – Seniors

Canterbury Premier League Men and Women	Saturday 28 th March (Pre-Season Porritt Cup) and Saturday 25 th April (Championship)
Division 1 Men and Women	11 th April (Pre-Season opt in) and Saturday 18 th April (Championship)
Sunday League Men and Women	Sunday 12 th April (Pre-Season opt in) and Sunday 19 th April (Championship)
Mid Week Men	Monday 13 th April
Mid Week Women	Tuesday 14 th April
Platinum	Sunday 19 th April (Pre Season opt in) Sunday 26 th April (Championship)
Grass	Saturday 18 th April

Juniors

All Juniors	Friday 1 st Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd May
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Club Competition Structure

Canterbury Premier League

Porritt Cup: 28th March, 11th and 18th April

Championship Start Date: 25th April

End Date: 22nd August

Non-Playing Dates: 4th April (Easter), 30th May (Kings Birthday) and 4th July (U21 Tournament)

** Heritage Round will be held Saturday the 13th of June

Pre-Season Super 6

In 2026 Hockey 5s will revert to a Super 6 format on Monday nights and the stand-alone Saturday tournament. The Monday night competition will be held on the 02/03, 09/03 and 16/03 with the tournament being held **Saturday the 21st of March** (Saturday only). Monday night - \$220 and tournament \$250.

Porritt Cup

A Pre-Season Porritt Cup 11-a-side Tournament is going to be held on the 28th March, 11th and 18th April (no game 4th April – Easter).

Round Robin Winners

Two full round robins for the Presidents shield and Rose bowl.

Finals Championship Trophy

The top four will contest a 3 round final series as per below.

Round 1 Saturday 15th August

Top place versus second place (game one)

Third place versus fourth place (game two) – Loser of this game finishes 4th

Fifth place versus sixth Place (5/6 playoff)

Seventh place versus eighth place (7/8 playoff)

Round 2 Wednesday 19th August

Loser of game one versus winner of game two (game five) – Loser of this game finishes 3rd

Round 3 Saturday 22nd August

Winner of game one versus winner of game five (Final)

Division 1

Pre-Season Fixtures: 11th April

Start Date: 18th April

End Date: 22nd August

Non-Playing Dates: 30th May (Kings Birthday), 4th and 11th July (National Under 18 Tournaments).

*During the Under 18s National tournaments on the 4th and 11th of July there will NOT be opt in games

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Pre-Season matches

Canterbury Hockey is going to hold division 1 pre-season matches on Saturday the 11th of April. This will allow teams, coaches, and umpires to have one weekend of structured matches prior to the championship getting underway. These will be opt in matches with the registrations going out in early March 2026.

Championship for Division 1

The Championship beginning 18th of April is as follows

Part 1

Play one full round robin with all 10 teams

Part 2

Split into two pools based on your round one standing as follows

Pool 1

1st Place

4th Place

5th Place

8th Place

9th Place

Pool 2

2nd Place

3rd Place

6th Place

7th Place

10th Place

- Keep all your points earned in the round 1 full round robin.
- Play everyone in your new pool once
- When you have the bye in your pool you play a cross over game versus the team in the other pool with the bye. This match **WILL** be worth championship points, and the matches will be based on the below standings after round 1

1st v 10th

2nd v 9th

3rd v 8th

4th v 7th

5th v 6th

The rationale behind this is we do not want to add in more friendly matches during these cross overs and by playing for points based on your round 1 seeding it rewards top qualifiers and makes it tougher for lower qualifiers.

Part 3

Playoffs round 1

Traditional semi-finals with the first placed team in pool 1 vs second place in pool 2. First in pool 2 will play second in pool 1

The bottom three teams in each pool will play a one-off playoff match as follows

3rd pool 1 vs 3rd pool 2 (5th and 6th Playoff)

4th pool 1 vs 4th pool 2 (7th and 8th playoff)

5th pool 1 vs 5th pool 2 (9th and 10th playoff)

Playoffs round 2

The winners of the two semi-final matches will play each other in the final. There will be no third and fourth playoff.

Sunday League

Pre-Season Fixtures: 12th April (opt in)

Start Date: 19th April (Championship)

End Date: 16th August

Non-Playing Dates: 31st May (Kings Birthday) and 12th July (Middle weekend of school holidays and Matariki)

Women

Based on team entry numbers and quantity of weeks across the season there will be **NO promotion/relegation** mid-season for the Sunday League Women's competitions.

Premiership – 8 teams

2 x full round robins

Top 4 and bottom 4 semifinals and finals

Championship – 10 teams

1 x full round robin

Split into top 5 and bottom 5 teams

Top 5 (Championship) and bottom 5 (Cup)

Teams carry over their points from round 1 and compete as follows:

1 x full round robin

Semi-final – 1st vs Bye (Straight into final), 2nd vs 3rd (winner goes into the final) and 4th vs 5th

Final – 1st vs winner of 2nd vs 3rd, loser of 2nd vs 3rd vs winner of 4th vs 5th. Loser of 4th vs 5th has bye

The two teams with the bye will have the opportunity to please each other in a cross over friendly. Teams may opt out if they wish.

Men

9 Teams have entered in our Sunday League Mens competitions so will need to be combined into one division to begin the season.

1 x full round robin

Split into top 5 and bottom 4 teams

Top 5

Teams carry over their points from round 1 and compete in the premiership as follows:

1 x full round robin

Semi-final – 1st vs Bye (Straight into final), 2nd vs 3rd (winner goes into the final) and 4th vs 5th

Final – 1st vs winner of 2nd vs 3rd, loser of 2nd vs 3rd vs winner of 4th vs 5th. Loser of 4th vs 5th has bye

Bottom 4

Teams carry over their points from round 1 and compete in the championship as follows:

2 x full round robins

Final – 1v2 and 3v4

Platinum

Start Date: 26th April

End Date: 16th August

Non-Playing Dates: 31st May (Kings Birthday) and 12th July (Middle weekend of school holidays and Matariki)

Boys

Extra playing day: to be able to fit in both boys competition structures there needs to be **ONE Saturday game played on the 27th of June.**

Division 1 – 6 teams

3 x full round robins

Straight finals (1v2, 3v4 and 5v6)

Division 2 – 5 teams

3 x full round robins

Straight finals (1v2, 3v4 and 5vBYE)

Like 2025, we will look to introduce a boys “Barbarians” teams made up of year 8 players to get exposure to 11-a-side hockey. This will be after kings birthday weekend.

Girls

Division 1 – 7 teams

2 x full round robins

Straight finals (1v2, 3v4, 5v6 and 7vBye)

Division 2 – 8 Teams

2 x full round robins

Straight finals (1v2, 3v4, 5v6 and 7v8)

Division 3 – 8 Teams

2 x full round robins

Straight finals (1v2, 3v4, 5v6 and 7v8)

Mid Week

Men

Division 1 Mid-Week Men – 8 Teams

Start Date: 13th April

End Date: **17th August**

Non-Playing Dates: 1st June (kings birthday weekend) and 6th July (Matariki Weekend).

1 x round of friendly preseason matches (13th April)

2 x full round robins

Top 4 and bottom 4 semifinals and finals

Division 2 Mid-Week Men – 16 Teams

Start Date: 13th April

End Date: 24th August

Non-Playing Dates: 1st June (kings birthday weekend) and 6th July (Matariki Weekend).

1 x full round robin

Top 8 play in the division 2 quarter finals and the bottom 8 play in the division 3 quarter finals

Women

Division 1 Mid-Week Women – 10 Teams

Start Date: 14th April

End Date: 25th August

Non-Playing Dates: None

2 x full round robins

Top 4 semi finals and finals. Bottom 6 lower playoff matches

Division 2 Mid-Week Women – 15 teams

Start Date: 14th April

End Date: 25th August

Non-Playing Dates: 2nd June (kings birthday weekend) and 7th July (Matariki Weekend)

1 x full round robin

Top 8 play in the division 2 quarter finals and the bottom 7 play in the division 2B quarter finals

Division 3 Mid-Week Women – 6 teams

Start Date: 14th April

End Date: 25th August

Non-Playing Dates: 2nd June (kings birthday weekend) and 7th July (Matariki Weekend)

1 x round of pre-season friendly matches

3 x full round robins

Top 4 semi finals and final

Bottom 2 lower playoff matches

Grass Hockey

Start Date: 18th April

End Date: 22nd August

Non-Playing dates: 25th April (Anzac Day), 30th May (Kings Birthday Weekend), 11th July (Matariki)

5 round robins followed by straight final.

Juniors

Start date: Friday 1st May, Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May.

End date: Friday 21st August, Saturday 22nd August and Sunday 23rd August

Non-Playing Dates: 29th 30th and 31st May (King's birthday), 10th 11th and 12th July (Middle weekend school holidays) and 17th 18th and 19th July (last weekend school holidays)

Junior Super 6 festival (year 7-8)

The year 7 and 8 junior super 6 festival will be Friday the 17th of April (last Friday of the school holidays). Entries are \$100 per team which includes BBQ lunch for all participants and coaches.

Mini Sticks Year 3-4

Mini Sticks will continue to be offered on both Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

Teams can be made up of a single gender or a mixture of genders on both playing days and will play grouped based on their ability to ensure suitable games as often as possible.

Kiwi Sticks Year 5-6

Again, we will offer a Kiwi Sticks Year 5-6 grade on Friday nights. As per the Saturday divisions Friday night will also be separated into boys and girls grades.

Kwik Sticks Year 7-8

As an alternative option to Saturday mornings, we will offer Kwik Sticks year 7-8 hockey on Sunday mornings. As per the Saturday divisions, Sunday morning will also be separated into boys and girls grades.