

# NEWSLETTER



**2026 IS HERE!**

Get ready to take the pitch!



**REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN SOON!**

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**SEASON LAUNCH**  
**7 FEB 2026**



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# PRESIDENTS CORNER



Happy New Year to all our players, parents, and volunteers!

As we gear up for a fantastic 2026 hockey season, we're excited to share some important updates and opportunities for everyone in our community.

Whether you're returning or just starting out, there's lots happening and plenty of ways to get involved. Read on for more!



## PLAYING UNIFORMS & OFF-FIELD GEAR

Need a new uniform for the start of the season?

Our uniform provider is The Hockey Shop, conveniently located at the National Hockey Centre.

We have finalised an order which should arrive before the start of the senior season. **A second order will be placed 9 March 2026**, due to arrive before the start of the junior season. For more information on how to order, visit – <https://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au/merch>

**New players** – if you have not placed an order and need gear before the start of the season, do not panic.

**Simply order your gear by 9 March** and we will work to loan you a playing uniform until yours arrives. If you are trialling for Capital League: speak to your manager and they will work with The Hockey Shop to place your order, as you will need a numbered playing shirt.

## 2026 COMMITTEE



The committee has started the year strong and are busy preparing for a successful start to the season.

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to our club at this busy time.

If you would like to reach out to a committee member please do not hesitate to do so. Or if you would like to join us please do not hesitate to contact: [secretary@stpatrickshockey.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatrickshockey.com.au).

A full list of our committee is available from [Contact | stpatshccanberra](#)



## HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2026 PLAYER EOI FORM?

We ask all new and returning players to fill in the **Expression of Interest Form** visit the [St Pats/Teams website](#)

We will then make sure you receive information in relation to trials and pre-season activities so you are ready for the start of the season.



**DUE 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**DUE NOW FOR SENIORS, AND 31ST MARCH FOR JUNIORS**



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## CL COACHES ANNOUNCED!

- **Lil Mutton** – CL1 Women's Coach
- **Pat Keir** – CL1 Men's Coach
- **Ross Martin** – CL2 Women's Coach
- **Craig Williams** – CL2 Men's Coach
- **Mark Taylor** – CL Women Assistant Coach



Fees have been calculated to ensure recovery of a range of club operating costs, including field hire, coaching, umpiring, administration, trophies and subscriptions, as well as delivery of a range of Club Programs. Fees do not take into account costs associated with most events and presentations; these are covered by the ticketing associated with the events.

A way to reduce your fees is to assist the club with coaching and umpiring. Players that coach a junior team receive a discount against their fees.

Umpires that perform Club allocations are also paid for each commitment. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Seniors – CL \$675  
Seniors – SL \$650  
Senior goalies \$300  
Junior playing Seniors  
with St Pats \$870

Juniors – \$330  
Junior – U10 + U10 goalies \$230  
Junior goalies – \$280  
Hook-in 2 Hockey \$60

Please also note that there will be some changes to the timing and process for paying fees – more information in regard to this is to come, as well as how to register for the 2026 season.

## SEASON LAUNCH

**7 February – Powell & Watt pitches at the National Hockey Centre**

The Season Launch commences the team selection process and is an opportunity for new and returning players to meet, have a hit and show your skills.

### Men – Watt

- State League 9–10am
- Capital League 10–11am

### Women – Powell

- Capital League 9–10am
- State League 10–11am

Can't make it? That's ok – but make sure you complete the Expression of Interest Form so the Club knows your intentions as we start forming teams.

Note that players will be graded in accordance with the Club's Player Nomination, Selection, and Grading and Process.

## Congrats!

Congrats to all the St Pats players selected in ACT Indoor teams that competed in the recent Hockey Australia Indoor Championships.

St Pats had players selected in every team as well as several team officials coaching and assisting, plus a couple of Umpires/Tech Bench Officials too.

Way to represent St Pats!



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# PRE-SEASON THINGS

## PRE-SEASON FITNESS & TRAINING ALLOCATIONS



Keen to do some pre-season fitness? Details on pre-season fitness and club training allocations are available from the website

**Men** - <https://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au/men>

**Women** - <https://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au/women>

**Juniors** - <https://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au/juniors>



Note: Some training details are still pending and may change if needed.

## COACHES & MANAGERS WANTED

It is that time of the year when we start to look for coaches, assistant coaches, managers and people to just help out our St Pat's team during the upcoming outdoor season. Would you be interested in a role? If so that is FANTASTIC - please register your interest by completing this form: [EOI Coaches & Managers](#)

CLICK HERE

Coaching or managing a team is challenging but also (usually) a lot of fun! Team officials are essential to the smooth running and success of our teams - without you our club could not function as well as it does.

**Interested but not sure if you can commit - if so that is ok.** Perhaps fill in the form and explain in the 'notes' question what limitations and concerns you have - we will do our best to give you the support you need to get you involved.

PS - remember that players that coach a junior team are given a discount on their fees!

**DUE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**



## INDOOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION & HA LEVY

**The Indoor Season commences again this week!**

Those playing indoor this season, please remember to register and make sure you've paid the 2026 Hockey Australia levy before your first game of the year.

For more information visit <https://www.stpatrickshockey.com.au/indoor>



## EQUIPMENT AUDIT AND GEAR SUPPLY

Coaches and Manager do you have any balls, bibs, cones, first aid kit or other club equipment?

**If so please return it to the Club at the Season Launch.** We want to undertake an equipment audit ahead of supplying all teams with a functional kit ahead of the season kicking off.

We will dispose of gear that cannot be reused and supplement what can be used with new gear - thanks to a grant from Icon Water (thank you!)

**Can't make it to the Season Launch?** That's ok - reach out to [president@stpatrickshockey.com.au](mailto:president@stpatrickshockey.com.au) - Paul, our Property Officer will be in touch.



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# JUNIOR UPDATES

## JUNIOR SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAM

Register now for our Summer Skills Program aimed at getting our juniors ready for the season ahead.

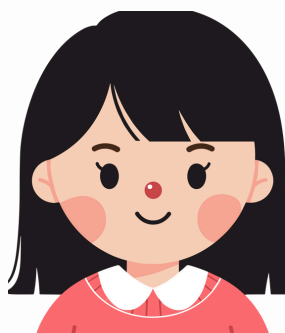
It kicks off at Australian National University (ANU) Willow Fields each Saturday morning in Feb (7, 14, 21, 28) between 8am-10am.

**Ash Seivers** - St Pat's Women's Capital League 1st Grade and Canberra Chill member, will lead the program with assistant coaches from both the Women's and Men's Capital League playing group. Are you a GK? **Hugh Evans** - St Pats Men's Capital League and HACT Rep Goal Keeper, will deliver the goalkeeping program.

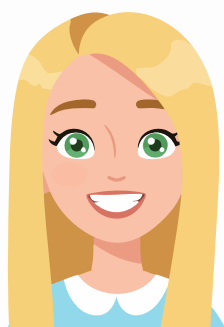
For more information and to register visit the [Teams/Juniors](#) page of the St Pats website.



## MEET THE VOLUNTEERS LOOKING AFTER OUR JUNIOR PROGRAM



**Natasha Greagg**



**Sarah Janek**

Our new Head of Program- Juniors is Natasha Greagg. She will be working with Sarah Janek, who is returning this year as our Girls Coordinator to facilitate a great season of St Patrick's junior hockey.

We are still on the lookout for a dedicated volunteer to work with them as the Boys Coordinator. If you're interested or know someone who'd be a great fit, please reach out. Your support makes a real difference for our players. Contact Natasha via [juniors@stpatrickshockey.com.au](mailto:juniors@stpatrickshockey.com.au)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## JUNIORS GRADING AND CL18 TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

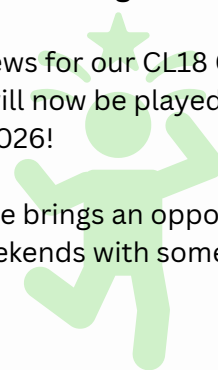
While we will hold junior grading closer to the start of the junior season, those juniors interested in playing in the St Patrick's Capital League 18 (CL18) team (boys or girls), are encouraged to participate in the grading opportunity at the Seniors Season Launch – see above for details.

This is another great chance to showcase your skills and be considered for selection!

### Change to Game Night for CL18 Girls

Exciting news for our CL18 Girls—your matches will now be played on Friday nights in 2026!

This change brings an opportunity to kick off the weekends with some great hockey.



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## COME AND TRY DAY – SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Mark your calendars for the annual Come and Try Day, happening on Saturday, 28th February at The National Hockey Centre in Lyneham.

It's the perfect opportunity for new players to give hockey a go, meet some of our members, and make some new friends. Bring your mates along and help spread the word!



## BE PART OF THE BALL CREW AT CAPITAL LEAGUE GAMES

We're inviting all juniors to join the Ball Crew for Capital League matches this season.

It's a fun way to get involved on game day, support our senior teams, and experience the buzz from the sidelines.

### Best seats in the house!

If you'd like to be part of the action, let us know and we'll add you to the roster!

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

### COACHES AND MANAGERS

We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with junior coaching and team management. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch. Many hands make light work!



**Let's make 2026 a  
fantastic year for our  
junior hockey community.  
We can't wait to see  
everyone out on the pitch!**

## KEY DATES FOR 2026

Event	Date	Details
Season Launch	7 Feb 2026	Seniors Only – Powell & Watt Fields
Junior Summer Skills Program	February	7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February
HACT Come & Try Day	28 Feb 2026	Check out HACT Website for more!
Round 1: Seniors	20 Mar 2026	Have you got everything ready!?
Round 1: Juniors	1 May 2026	Including Hookin2Hockey!
Grand Finals Weekend	18 Sept 202...	Lets see how many Green & White Teams we can get!
Indoor Hockey Starts	23 Oct 2026	The best format of the game some might say 😊



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# HOCKEY ACT UPDATE



## Would you consider being a Casual Coach for Hockey ACT?

HACT is looking for coaches to support a range of participations programs across the year, particularly their Schools Roadshow in February.

This is a paid position and a lot of fun! For more inf contact Tilly via [participation@hockeyact.org.au](mailto:participation@hockeyact.org.au)

## Canberra Hockey - Regional coaches and managers wanted

If you are interested in coaching a Regional team in 2026 contact Marcelle at HACT via [pathways@hockeyact.org.au](mailto:pathways@hockeyact.org.au)

## STAY IN TOUCH

Not on social media?

Our website provides a lot of information and the St Pats history, and the club sends club-wide information out via email from time to time. Managers will also send team specific information to players as needed.

If you want to chat to the President about anything hockey related, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy via [president@stpatrickshockey.com.au](mailto:president@stpatrickshockey.com.au). She would love to hear from you.

## CHEERS TO 2026

Here's to the coming season! Thank you for choosing St Pats – I hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season.

*To get the latest information and club reminders make sure you check out our Facebook and Instagram!*



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