



2024/25 SEASON SENIOR HANDBOOK

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HOME GROUNDS

Hancock Park (Pirates RFC)
6 John Wilson Drive



SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

WEBSITE

www.otagosoftball.com

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/OtagoSoftballAssociationInc>

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/otagosoftball/>

MORE INFORMATION

Please ensure your club, coaches, managers & players are familiar with the OSA Bylaws [link here](#)

For all other information, forms, policies and procedures please refer to the OSA website, resources, forms & publications [link here](#)

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Section 1: CLUB & OSA CONTACT INFORMATION

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Section 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SEASON PLAYING DATES

The playing season shall be from October to March subject to grounds availability each season.

2. REGISTRATION AND GRADING

For full rules see OSA bylaws 1.D [link here](#)

- All players, new and past, must re-register every season
- Players must register using the online Sporty form for their club/school, which registers them with Otago Softball Association before they can play in the local competition. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of all game/s and points for any team/s they play for. Points will be awarded to the other team. **THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required**
- Each team must have a Team list with a minimum of 9 registered players in Sporty team builders by the first playing Saturday or their game will be forfeited and all points lost until this is completed
- Any new registrations can be added at the start of a game by marking the player on the team sheet with an asterisk *. The player then has 48 hours from when the game was played to enter their registration into their team's Sporty team builder. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of all games and points for any team/s they play for. Points will be awarded to the other team. **THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required**
- NO player (Senior or Junior) are allowed to play in a lower grade than they are registered in without confirmed dispensation from the Association
- Players can request a re-grade at any time by emailing OSA with the reason for the re-grade. This does not apply to outside tournaments e.g. Intercity
- If a club has two or more teams in the same grade they will be treated as two separate clubs
- If a player wants to transfer from one team to another within the same grade, they must apply for an internal transfer via email to OSA. They CANNOT play until they receive a confirmation email from OSA

Junior players can apply for a Secondary Membership to play with another club if their club does not offer the grade. This allows Juniors to play with one club in the morning and Division 2 in the afternoon. This will help our Juniors with development.

- Senior players from other associations can request a loan membership by completing the SNZ Inter-association loan player form [link here](#) or on the OSA website and emailing it into otagosoftball@gmail.com.

All applications must be on the official Secondary Membership form [link here](#) and emailing to otagosoftball@gmail.com. The player and club will be informed of the decision.

They CANNOT play until they receive a confirmed email from OSA.

Playing without the confirmation from OSA will result in a forfeiture of all games and points for any team/s they play for, and the other team will be awarded the points. **THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required.**

All secondary memberships expire at the end of the playing season

- Players 14 and under cannot play in Senior grade without Dispensation from OSA and may be requested in writing for consideration using the Dispensation Request Form [link here](#) and emailing it to otagosoftball@gmail.com

The outcome will be emailed to the Club and player. Playing without confirmed Dispensation will result in a forfeiture of all game/s and points for any team/s they play for. Points will be awarded to the other team. **THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required**

- The Association has the right to regrade any player not abiding by the above rules

3. PLAYING EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM

Ball type

Division 1	Mizuno M150
Division 2 & U15	Mizuno M150 or Diamond D12RFPK ball
Under 13	11' Flexi Ball

These can be purchased from Otago Softball at Hancock Park or via email otagosoftball@gmail.com.

Batting helmets

Batting helmets are compulsory for all divisions for batters whilst batting and running the bases and in the batters' circle. Anyone under 16 is required to be wearing a batting helmet in the coach's box.

Catchers' equipment

Catching equipment is compulsory for all catchers - chest protector, mask/throat guard, helmet and leg guards. A box is not compulsory but is strongly recommended.

Club Uniforms

Or full rules see OSA bylaws 1:E

- In the u15 & division 2 grades team playing tops must be worn, recommended softball/baseball pants and caps/visors must be alike and worn properly. All players except those designated by the Association shall appear in the registered uniform of their club or team by the first playing day in October unless dispensation has been granted by the Association
- Division 1 **MUST** wear their team's full uniform, a current club cap/visor, worn properly. If a player refuses to comply, the player will be removed from the game (as per rule 2.5.1 in the official Softball NZ rules)
- Clubs with more than one team in a grade must have different uniforms and are classified as two separate clubs
- Everyone on the diamond, in the dugout or in foul ball territory **MUST** have enclosed footwear on.
NO scuffs, jandals, crocs or bare feet.

We encourage everyone to be SunSmart



4. UMPIRING & SCORING

Teams in all Senior divisions are required to do umpiring duty & may have to score their own games during the season. Please refer to the Otago Softball Association By-Laws for more information on umpiring and scoring on our website www.otagosoftball.com or [link here](#)

5. DRAWS & RESULTS

- The League competition draw will be sent out to club secretaries and team contacts each Wednesday from the otagosoftballdraws@gmail.com email, It will also be on our website and facebook page.
- All correspondence for the draws is through the otagosoftballdraws@gmail.com email. All other matters arising i.e. protests, complaints etc are to be directed to the otagosoftball@gmail.com email
- The draw will be displayed on the inside of the OSA office door each playing Saturday
- You can find the weekly draws, results & points tables posted on facebook and website. The accuracy of the results and points tables for Division 2 are dependent upon teams handing in the scorecards after each game (for games with no official game scorer).

It is the WINNING TEAM'S responsibility to make sure these are handed in at the OSA office dropbox outside the OSA office

Any queries regarding the draw, results, and points tables should be emailed to otagosoftballdraws@gmail.com

6. GAME TIME LIMITS

- All Senior Division games will play time limit games of 1 hour, 30 minutes or 7 innings whichever comes first.
- All games shall commence at the time appointed in the advertised draw and any team not fielding the required number of players (refer to By laws playing rules – Matches (I1 or I14) on the ground and ready to commence play within five (5) minutes after the appointed time shall have lost the match by forfeit providing that the opposing team shall have complied with the by-laws.
- Players involved in umpiring or scoring previous games must be allowed ten (10) minutes warm up break before their team goes on to play. This supersedes the five (5) minutes above
- Umpires will be monitoring innings changeovers introducing 60 seconds for pitchers & catchers to get out and get warming up to encourage game flow Where catchers are gearing up, another player/sub can take the pitchers warmups – must wear catchers helmet when doing so
- Games will begin and finish on the umpire's signal. The game continues until the innings is complete
- An innings has started after the third out is taken. Exception: If at 5 minutes or less to go in the game a new innings won't begin If the team second to bat is ahead, there is no need to complete the innings If at completion the game is tied, a tie breaker will commence to determine a result.
- There are no draws in any Senior Division games

7. DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations for re-grades & players under the eligibility age for Open Grade may be requested in writing for consideration using the Dispensation Request Form [link here](#) and emailing it to otagosoftball@gmail.com.

Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of all game/s and points for any team/s they play for, and points will be awarded to the other team. THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required.

Dispensations approved will expire at the end of each season.

8. GROUNDS

All grades are played at Otago Softball Association's home ground Hancock Park (Pirates RFC), 6 John Wilson Drive, Dunedin. (opposite the Dinosaur park)

Junior Softball U13 & U15	Between 8.30am – 12.00pm
Senior Softball	Between 12.30am – 4.30pm

There is to be no training or practice on Hancock Park at any time **EXCEPT REPRESENTATIVE, and these must be booked through OSA**

Any team/teams that train anywhere on Hancock Park without prior approval from the Otago Softball Association, in writing, **the club WILL** be fined one hundred (\$100) for each training by the Association.

Any other DCC grounds can be trained on, these **must** be booked first through Otago Softball not the DCC. Please complete the ground booking form [here](#) and email it to otagosoftball@gmail.com with day, time, location, which field, and how many attendees (approx.).

Please ensure you wait for confirmation from Otago Softball before trainings commence

9. ORDERING GEAR

Otago Softball are partners with **Exclusive Sports Goods Ltd, who have been supplying softball & baseball equipment to New Zealand for over 40 years**

Otago Softball Association. have a range of playing equipment available to purchase and we keep some stock on hand, so make sure to check with us first.

Order your gear through OSA email otagosoftballdraws@gmail.com and receive 5% discount and free shipping.

To order gear ask at the canteen or [click here](#) to see what you want & order via email otagosoftball@gmail.com

10. CANTEEN DUTY

Senior teams are required to do canteen duty this season.

The duty is divided into two, two-hour blocks 12.00-2.00pm & 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Failure to do duty will result in the canteen having to close and loss of revenue, hence the larger fine of \$150.00 per blocks.

Section 3: COMPETITION

This season we have a new competition format for Senior and under 15s grades.

The competition will run over the whole season (no pre- and post-Christmas competitions), once the completed format is determined it will be forwarded to the club contacts.

*The competition format is subject to change during the season at the discretion of the association

1. LEAGUE COMPETITION

The League competition is a series of completed round robins, (playing for points), to determine seedings for the Champions Cup. In the event of a tie for first place and a playoff is not possible the tied team's formula will be used in the order of

1. Most wins
2. Who beat who last
3. Run rate differential

2. CHAMPIONS CUP

The Champions Cup has playoffs/semi-finals first to determine the seedings for the finals, which are a best of three games.

To be eligible to play the Champions Cup a player must play 6 games or 50% of the League Cup games, whichever is the lowest. A player can apply to OSA in writing by midday the Monday before the start of the Champions Cup playoffs for dispensation to play if they do not meet the criteria. If a team plays an unqualified player in, either the playoffs or finals, they will forfeit those games, and the win will go to the opposing team.

Division 1 players MUST play the Champions Cup in their originally registered team.

POINTS

Five (5) points awarded for a win

Two (2) points awarded for a tie breaker loss

One (1) point awarded for a loss within two runs

Zero (0) for a loss.

3. PROTECTED PLAYERS

This season also sees the introduction of Protected Players in Division 1.

These players are named players that were decided at a meeting between OSA and one representative from each Division 1 team/club and they can only play in Division 1 (excluding Age Restricted players, u19 and under).

- All new registrations, after the 27th of September 2024, will be checked for grading to ensure they are classified correctly.
- All other Division 1 players that are not Protected Players can play for their own club team/s in Division 2 with no penalty and not classed as pickup players.
- Using a Protected Player in a lower grade will result in a forfeiture of all game/s and points for any team/s they play for. The points will be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of \$100.00 will be issued to the offending club. THIS IS MANAGED BY OSA. No protest required.
- If a team uses a player from another club, they are classed as a pickup player. Please refer to the section 4 pickup of the handbook.
- The purpose of this new classification is to help with development of our younger players and to help deter teams from having to forfeit.

Division 1 only - Protected Players defined but not exclusive to

- Import players
- First string Pitcher/Catcher combinations (regardless of age)
- Any current or in the last three years Open NZ squad members, including the u23 team (excludes age grade National teams)
- Any NFC players, current and within the last 2 seasons (excluding those u19 and below)

UNPROTECTED PLAYERS/CLUB PLAYERS

- Any player that is not a Protected Player is classed as a Club Player (Div 1 & 2 only).
- Club Players can move between division 1 and division 2 with no penalty
- Club Players can bat and field anywhere when moving between teams
- Club Players are not classed as pickup players
- There is no restriction on how many Club Players that can move between the two grades
- A team cannot take Club Players from one team for another if it causes the original team to forfeit
- When using a Club Player for another club team you must clearly mark on the Team sheet or scorecard with a circled © beside their name

4. TEAM LISTS - OSA OFFICE FOYER

All Player information will be on the whiteboard in the OSA office foyer.

The Team Lists will include

Senior Division 1, Division 2 & U15 team Lists

- **Division 1 only** - Protected Players marked with a PR
- Club players marked with a C are highlighted
- New registrations
- Dispensations
- Picked up dates x 4

Transfers will also be listed up on the board in the foyer

5. PICK UP PLAYERS

No pick up players are permitted in the Champions Cup doing so will result in a forfeiture of that game and a \$100 fine, should a team be short of players they are entitled to pick up, prior to the commencement of play.

Division 1

- Should a team be short of players they are entitled to pick up, prior to the commencement of play, one (1) only from any club in the same grade or below to complete a team.
- A team picking up one (1) player must bat that player at 9.
- Pick up players can field in any position other than positions 1 and 2 (pitcher and catcher)
- A team picking up in excess of the one (1) player in a game will play but forfeit any points

Division 2

- Should a team be short of players they are entitled to pick up, prior to the commencement of play, up to two (2) players from any club in the same grade
- A team picking up one (1) player must bat that player at 9
- A team picking up two (2) players in one game must bat those players at 9 and 8
- Pick up players can field in any position other than positions 1 and 2 (pitcher and catcher)
- A team picking up in excess of the two (2) players in a game will play but forfeit any Points
- As a courtesy, teams should advise the Coach/Manager of the team a player is being picked up from.
- Any team using a pick-up player/s who does not bat at position 9 (for one (1) pick up) or 9 and 8 (for two (2) pick-ups) will forfeit that game by way of protest.

Pick up player eligibility

- Anyone (1) player can only be picked up four (4) times in the League competition in any division
- A player is deemed to have played in a match if they have participated e.g. taken the diamond and the first pitch has been thrown or had their turn at bat.
- It is up to the team picking up a player or players to make sure that player or players is eligible to be picked up (hasn't played their quota of 4 games max)
- A list of picked up players will be available in the OSA office foyer each Saturday to be checked for ineligibility of a pick-up player.
- Any team playing a non-eligible pick up player will forfeit all points for that game should the opposing team appeal.
- The opposing team has until Monday 12pm for normal Saturday games, or 24 hours after a deferred game to appeal
- When a registered player arrives they must replace any pickup used as soon as they possibly can. The pickup is then out of the game and cannot be used as a substitute (sickness and injury excluded). Not complying with this can result in a forfeiture of game and points and is a protestable offence.

6. TEAM SHEETS & SCORECARDS

- All scorecards and/or team sheets are required to have Team name, date, time, coach signature, First & Last name, shirt number and position number.
- Pick up players must be indicated with a circled (P) before their name.
- New registration players must be indicated with a * before their name.
- All Club Players being used in another grade to be marked with a circled ©
- No nicknames are allowed, and names needs to be legible.
- Where there is an official game scorer allocated to a game, those teams must fill in a team sheet and present to the official game scorer at the diamond fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled game.
Failure to comply will result in: the first (1st) offence is an official warning, all subsequent offences shall result in a fifty dollar (\$50) fine.
- Completed scorecards are to be returned to the OSA office dropbox either outside the office or in the office foyer.
- Failure to return scorecards after that days play will result in a forfeited game
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to return the scorecard

7. PRE-GAME MEETING

- Team representatives will meet with the umpires no less than ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start time at the diamond.
- Umpires will introduce themselves and explain any ground rules.
- The toss will be taken and the winner of the toss has the option of batting or fielding.
- Batting teams generally take 1st baseline and fielding teams take 3rd baseline

Complete all the information

TEAM = Your team's & Ops team name

TOURNAMENT = OSA

TIME & DATE

BATTING ORDER

This is the order your team will bat in

SHIRT NUMBERS ARE LISTED

List shirt number in box before their name

PLAYERS FULL NAME IS LISTED

First & surname - No nicknames

POSITION NUMBERS ARE LISTED

1. = Pitcher
2. = Catcher
3. = 1st base
4. = 2nd base
5. = 3rd base
6. = Shortstop
7. = Left outfield
8. = Centre outfield
9. = Right outfield

TEAM SUBSTITUTES ARE LISTED

List shirt number in box before their name

Make sure to mark players if any apply as below to avoid fines

1. CLUB PLAYERS LISTED?

Club players must be indicated with a circled (C) before their name.

2. PICK UP PLAYERS LISTED?

This is done by putting a circled (P) before their name

3. NEW REGISTRATIONS LISTED?

This is done by putting a * before their name

COACHES SIGNATURE

Team coach to sign before giving sheet to scorer

4 Copies go to

White to Umpire

Yellow to Scorer

Pink to Op Team

Blue is your copy

WINNER

Filled in by scorers

SCORE

Filled in by scorers

SCORERS SIGN

Scorers to sign

SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND TEAM SHEET			
TEAM		v	
Tournament			
Time		Date:	
Bat Order	Shirt No.	NAME (First) (Surname)	Pos.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
SUBSTITUTES			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
(Coach's Signature)			
Winner:			
Score:			
(Scorer's Signature)			
SEE OVERLEAF FOR INSTRUCTIONS			

8. DEFAULTS

- Any team having to default must notify the Association by 5.30pm the Friday prior to game day before such a game is due to commence.
- In the event that a team defaults, both teams are still required to do their scheduled umpiring duty.
- A five (5) point win will be given to the opposing team

9. FORFEITS

- A forfeit will be given to any team notifying the Association after the cut off of 5.30pm Friday prior to game day, and **will** result in a fine as set by the Association.
- In the event that a team is forfeiting, both teams are still required to do their scheduled umpiring duty
- A five (5) point win will be given to the opposing team.
- Repeated non notified defaults or forfeits without justifiable cause, may result in the team being withdrawn from competition.

10. APPEALS

Coaches and players are reminded that only certain decisions or plays are open to appeal. Such appeals must be made to the umpire immediately after the incident occurred.

11. PROTESTS

All protests to be lodged in accordance with Softball New Zealand Rules, accompanied by a hundred (\$100) fee as set by the Association. If the protest is won \$80 will be a refunded.

12. DEFERRALS

NO DEFERRALS FOR CHAMPIONS CUP

As per bylaws 2.E

- Deferral may be granted to any team that has four (4) or more Otago Softball Representatives away at Otago representative games pertaining to that particular weekends play.
- Notice in writing must be in the hands of the association no later than 12.00pm on the Monday two (2) weeks before the playing Saturday. This is the club's responsibility.
- Notice must include the name of the players.
- Injuries that have been used to claim dispensation should be supported by a medical certificate should it be asked for.
- Deferral will only be approved and deemed valid on the official notification by the Association.
- Div 1 & 2, Upon deferral being granted, the game will be played on the following Wednesday evening at 6.00pm, regardless of who asked to defer. If a team cannot take the field they will accept the forfeit.
- Any deferral for age grade players or special circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
- Protested deferrals are at the discretion of the association
- No deferrals for ANY final's fixtures

13. FINANCIALS

Fines **WILL** be enforced this season, *any fines not paid by Friday 12.00 noon will result in the club being unfinancial and will forfeit all games played and points earned from the due date until receipt of payment.*

FINES & PENALTIES

OFFENCE	FINES	PENALTIES
Team withdrawal before the first playing Saturday		100% of fees
Team withdrawal after the first playing Saturday		100% of fees plus \$100.00
Incorrect Team sheet/scorecard and/or Team sheet not in to the official's scorer 15 minutes before game time.	1st offence - warning	
	2nd & subsequent offence \$50.00	
Failure to do canteen duty	\$150.00 per 2-hour block	
Failure to do Umpiring duty	\$100.00	
Forfeit game after 5.30pm Friday or 5.30 pm Tuesday for deferred games	\$100.00	Opposing team awarded win/points
Playing Protected Players	\$100.00 per player	Forfeit game Loss of points Points award to the opposing team
Illegal use of Pick-up players	\$100.00 per player	
Secondary membership playing without confirmation. - <i>illegal player</i>	\$100.00 per player	
Playing when not financial - <i>illegal player</i>	\$150.00 per player	
Playing non-dispensated player - <i>illegal player</i>	\$100.00 per player	
Playing non-transferred players - <i>illegal player</i>	\$150.00 per player	

Section 4 ZERO TOLERANCE

The Otago Softball Association does not tolerate abuse in any way and has developed the Zero Tolerance Policy to clearly outline the processes and penalties to be applied. The full policy can be found on our website www.otagosoftball.com.

Zero Tolerance Policy Overview

The Otago Softball Association Inc (OSA) recognises the importance of providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all those who participate in softball in Otago.

The OSA does not tolerate abuse in any of its forms and has adopted this policy to clearly outline the processes and penalties to be applied.

This policy is to be read and applied, where applicable, in conjunction with the OSA/NZSA Codes of Conduct, OSA Constitution and By-Laws.

The penalties associated with this policy are outlined and should be followed as a component of this policy.

Penalties may change and/or categories added at the discretion of the OSA.

Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Remove personal abuse and unsportsmanlike behaviour from all aspects of the game of softball in Otago
2. Protect all participants from exposure to such behaviour
3. Provide a consistent application of processes and penalties for breaches to the Codes of Conduct

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to:

1. Administrators of softball in Otago at National, Regional and Club level, be they employed or volunteer
2. Players in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
3. Coaches of teams and players in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
4. Umpires of games in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
5. Managers of teams participating in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
6. Scorers of games in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
7. Registered participants when involved as a spectator of games in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations
8. Spectators of games in activities and events held by or under the auspices of OSA and Sub-Associations

Section 5 CODE OF CONDUCT

Any breach of the Code of Conduct, or any part of it, may result in disciplinary actions under the OSA Constitution, Regulations and Policies.

Below is the first part of the Otago Softball Code of Conduct, please ensure you read the full document [here](#)

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Otago Softball members and persons who are participating in or connected to Softball New Zealand, Softball Mainland and/or Otago Softball events and activities, and those Of affiliated organisations. All persons will agree to abide by the Otago Softball Association Code of Conduct as it upholds the values and principles of our organisation. Obviously, some sections of the Code will be more applicable to some persons and groups than others.

Any breach of the Code of Conduct, or any part of it, may result in disciplinary actions under the OSA Constitution, Regulations and Policies.

As an OSA member/and or participant you should meet the following requirements regarding your conduct during any OSA sanctioned activity:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate, and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be professional in their manner, language and accept responsibility for their actions.
- Comply with umpire's decisions in a professional and respectful manner
- Accept victory and defeat with dignity.
- Abide by and respect the Otago Softball Constitution, Regulations, policies and procedures as well as Softball New Zealand rules
- Refrain from any form of Harassment, Discrimination, Embarrassment and/or Abuse of others, be it verbally, physically and or all forms of Social Media
- Do not post any videos, pictures or other to any form of Social Media without permission from the person and or person/s involved
- Do not tolerate or participate in any acts of aggression or violence.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Otago Softball, its partners, its sponsors and its stakeholders into disrepute.
- Be a positive role model for softball at all times.
- Do not provide comment to the media on behalf of Otago Softball or speak to media in a negative way with respect to Otago Softball
- Do not participate in, or receive benefit from assisting others involved, in sports betting or gambling activity associated with softball events and/or softball results in which they are participating or directly involved.
- Understand the repercussions if they breach, or are aware of any breaches of, the Regulations or this Code of Conduct.
- Report any alleged breaches of the Regulations or this Code of Conduct in accordance with the Constitution and the Regulations.

Otago Softball Association expects all members, supporters, advisors, staff and associates to abide by a Code of Conduct that upholds the principles and values of the organisation and the OSA Zero Tolerance Policy.

In addition, a Player will:

- Ensure they understand and abide by the principles of fair play
- Respect all fellow players and Officials at all times
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow participants and competitors.
- Care for and respect any equipment provided to them.
- Be honest with their coach concerning illness and injury
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- Co-operate with coaches and staff in the development of programs to adequately prepare them for competition at the highest level.
- Perform any duties and responsibilities where you are a representative of Otago Softball in a mature, fair and professional manner.
- Reject the use of performance enhancing drugs and abide by the Softball New Zealand anti-doping, smoking, vaping and alcohol policies