

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

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Chair's Report

2023 was a year of consolidation for WUHA, following on from the previous years. The effects of Covid are still with us, especially in our schools programme. We have seen growth in our mini-league and clubs programmes but unfortunately that has not yet flowed through to secondary schools just yet. We are hoping that this flow-through will start to be seen in the coming year.

Mini League is a priority for sustainably growing our UWH player pool into Secondary Schools

We noted the drop in UWH players that occurred during 2020-23 - particularly at secondary school level. However, through the dedication of Nicky Burdon, we are starting to see great results in growing our Mini League participation and expanding the participating schools. Our mini league is an essential part of our plan to grow UWH in Wellington and create a stronger and larger pool of players to feed into secondary schools, clubs and representative play. We had much better participation from our U18 players as mini league coaches this year and requested coaches and managers to encourage them to get their sessions in early in the year!

The increased number of primary and intermediate schools participating in mini-league has resulted in the potential for new secondary schools to become involved. We need to find a way to support these new recruits into the sport even if it means constructing composite teams in the competition.

It is no longer sustainable to have one person running the Mini League, so we still need to build a team, including some parents, who can share the load. We have started this process through our development of a Rangitahi group to get more input from our school's players into how we grow the sport.

It is great fun and really rewarding to see these young players develop confidence and start to build their skills.

We continue to build our referee numbers, and need to continue this momentum

It has been very satisfying to see our referee courses continuing this year, and good support from school coaches and managers to get their players on the courses. Players do need to complete their in water refereeing games to complete their Level 1, so we still need to see support and encouragement to get the completion rate up - it only takes a few Friday nights to get those games in! Our experienced referees will be looking out for referees who have the potential to do the Level 2 training in 2024.

It is also pleasing to record that we have 2 new level 2 referees from 2023, and also 2 who refereed at the World Championships & became level 3.

Coaches are vital to develop our players

A big thank you, again, to all our school, club and representative coaches. Building fitness, skills and strategy is what lifts our players from being competitive to having championship potential, and makes playing UWH fun at every level. In 2024, we will also continue to think about opportunities to support coaches to develop their players and teams - especially in developing skills at the School Junior level.

Pool time remains a challenge

WRAC continues to have very limited time available, and high demands from other sports makes it very challenging to get enough time for competitions and training (including for NZ representative teams). While we have retained our Tuesday, Thursday and Friday bookings (as well as training bookings that clubs and schools have secured), we will still see a number of exclusions throughout the year, and we have not been able to get any additional full court time. This has severely impacted on social and novice leagues, and we will look to make some time available on Thursdays for these leagues.

We also need to start planning for using Naenae Pool once it opens in September 2024.

Celebrating our successes!

Wellington had some great results throughout the year:

- Gold medals for our men's and Silver for our women's A team in the NZ Interzone Championship
- Gold medals for our NZ Men's Elite players, and Bronze medals for our Master's players, both men and women, at the World Championships.
- Good turnout of teams and numbers at North Island Club Championship
- 21 teams out of 25 teams competed at Central Zone Secondary School Championship to qualify for nationals with 1st Place for JG Wellington Girls College A and SO Wellington College A
- Silver medals for our men's and women's A teams in the U18 Championship
- Strong growth in mini participation and Give a Go sessions
- Keeping the WUHA website up to date, including calendar and league timetable

Best wishes for 2024.

Treasurer's Report

In 2023, the Association commissioned Simple Business Accounting Ltd to tidy up the Annual Accounts into a Financial Report. This was completed for the 2022 Financial year and they have recently completed 2023.

As we have continued to improve our record keeping in Xero, we are increasingly able to get a more complete picture of our accounts, and to track non-payment which has been a significant issue in recent years, and we have seen the impact on our accounts. We have reduced that level of non-compliance from \$14,568 in 2022 to \$2,739 in 2023, albeit with a need to write off approx \$700 debt.

We are asking all players (and their parents for school-age players) to help us to run the sport as efficiently as possible and pay their bills promptly - your Committee members are all volunteers, and chasing late payers is easily one of the most frustrating and time consuming activities that we would rather not be doing.

We will continue to actively seek payment from all remaining debtors. We will work with Clubs, Schools and Representative team management to implement no pay no play rules. Payment plan options are available for any debtors, and can rapidly resolve these outstanding amounts.

Financial Policy

We have created a [financial reserves policy](#) which is available via the WUHA website to clearly document how we operate in a financially sustainable way and have sufficient reserves to leverage off.

Current authorities:

- Kiwibank: Doug Davies (Chair), Tristan Reynard(Deputy Chair), Emma Speight (Secretary)
- IRD: 50-282-897 Contacts to be confirmed.
- Xero: Doug Davies (Chair), Tristan Reynard (Deputy Chair), Paul Moss (Treasurer), Emma Speight (Secretary)

Bank Balances @ 1 January 2023

Operating Account: \$7,879
On-Call: \$14,598
Term Deposits: #1 12 month term \$50,0000 Exp May 2024 5.75%
#2 12 month term \$50,0000 Exp Nov 2024 6.15%
Interest paid monthly to operating

2024 Budget

The proposed Budget is below. The financial reserve allows us to maintain fees at last year's amounts to minimise this as a barrier to participation. If the grant funding is not secured in 2024 then the operating deficit will be \$16k.

Should the 2024 growth targets not be attained and reversal of COVID trends does not occur in 2024 then fees will need to increase in 2025.

Wellington Underwater Hockey Association Incorporated Budget for year ended 31 December 2024

	2021 Actual (GST Inc.)	2022 Actual (GST Inc.)	2023 Actual (GST Inc.)	2024 Budget (GST Inc.)	2024 Budget (GST Exc.)	2024 vs 2023 Variance (GST Inc.)
Trading Income						
Clubs League Fees	\$14,150	\$14,128	\$13,115	\$13,350	\$11,609	\$235
Competition Fees	\$320	\$2,196	\$1,680	\$2,280	\$1,983	\$600
Development Camps (Income)	\$0	\$0	\$360	\$0	\$0	-\$360
Equipment Sales	\$0	\$0	\$56	\$0	\$0	-\$56
Gear Usage for Tournament (Income)	\$0	\$6,600	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$1,739	\$500
Hire of Equipment (Income)	\$0	\$0	\$3,450	\$250	\$217	-\$3,200
Mini League Fees	\$5,874	\$10,210	\$19,860	\$24,600	\$21,391	\$4,740
Refereeing Course Fees	\$3,760	\$4,000	\$3,995	\$3,400	\$2,957	-\$595
Regional Elite Squads	\$8,497	\$8,761	\$10,027	\$8,300	\$7,217	-\$1,727
Regional Elite Trials	\$1,505	\$2,295	\$2,322	\$3,000	\$2,609	\$678
Regional U18 Squads	\$1,239	\$8,131	\$5,655	\$6,000	\$5,739	\$345
Regional U18 Trials	\$2,970	\$3,080	\$3,370	\$3,000	\$2,609	-\$370
Representative Kit	\$1,113	\$5,736	\$5,266	\$4,960	\$4,313	-\$306
School League Fees	\$12,035	\$12,654	\$11,330	\$12,360	\$10,748	\$1,030
Social and Novice League Fees	\$1,713	\$910	\$510	\$900	\$783	\$390
Subscriptions and Membership	\$2,995	\$1,820	\$2,085	\$2,400	\$2,087	\$315
WUHA Function Tickets	\$0	\$1,410	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Trading Income	\$56,172	\$81,931	\$84,582	\$86,800	\$76,000	\$2,218
Other Income						
Interest Income	\$6,090	\$1,158	\$4,504	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$2,096
Grant Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,110	\$11,400	\$13,110
Total Income	\$62,262	\$83,089	\$89,086	\$106,510	\$94,000	\$17,424

Expenditure

Accountancy Fees	\$0	\$0	\$1,725	\$1,725	\$1,500	\$0
Clubs League Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$52	\$500	\$435	\$448
Clubs, Novice and Social League Pool Hire	\$11,889	\$10,081	\$10,184	\$10,983	\$9,550	\$819
Committee Expenses	\$391	\$129	\$505	\$500	\$435	-\$5
Competition Expenses / Tournament Entry	\$4,000	\$9,380	\$16,600	\$5,169	\$4,494	-\$11,432
Course or Camp Pool Hire	\$0	\$0	\$660	\$0	\$0	-\$660
Depreciation	\$345	\$1,133	\$1,082	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$18
Electronic Equipment (Expense)	\$667	\$20	\$898	\$1,000	\$870	\$102
In Pool Equipment (Expense)	\$479	\$1,213	\$1,950	\$1,500	\$1,304	-\$450
Individual WUHA Sponsorship	\$0	\$0	\$4,850	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$1,150
League and Comp Referee Payments	\$300	\$350	\$0	\$800	\$522	\$600
Mini League Expenses	\$1,454	\$9,976	\$8,042	\$16,434	\$14,551	\$8,392
Mini League Player Kit	\$1,793	\$855	\$0	\$5,750	\$5,000	\$5,750
Mini League Pool Hire	\$108	\$1,609	\$5,590	\$5,250	\$4,565	-\$340
Referee Equipment (Expense)	\$0	\$480	\$17	\$0	\$0	-\$17
Referee Kit Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$791	\$0	\$0	-\$791
Refereeing Course Costs	\$4,108	\$4,019	\$4,050	\$3,430	\$2,983	-\$620
Regional Elite Squads Expenses	\$7,400	\$7,191	\$30	\$12,300	\$10,696	\$12,270
Regional Elite Trials Expenses	\$309	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regional Elite Pool Hire	\$0	\$4,089	\$1,476	\$2,835	\$2,465	\$1,359
Regional U18 Squads Expenses	\$0	\$1,783	\$1,930	\$4,300	\$3,739	\$2,370
Regional U18 Trials Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$130	\$0	\$0	-\$130
Regional U18 Pool Hire	\$0	\$5,286	\$3,791	\$4,118	\$3,580	\$326
Representative Activities Pool Hire	\$3,044	\$195	\$1,215	\$0	\$0	-\$1,215
Representative Kit Expenses	\$4,339	\$7,114	\$7,208	\$5,514	\$4,794	-\$1,694
Schools Coach Subsidy	\$0	\$2,143	\$4,488	\$2,400	\$2,400	-\$2,088
School League Expenses	\$383	\$600	\$3,459	\$2,700	\$2,700	-\$759
School League Pool Hire	\$0	\$6,538	\$9,726	\$7,544	\$6,560	-\$2,183
Social and Novice League Expenses	\$140	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sundry Expenses	\$0	\$19	\$29	\$100	\$100	\$72
Website Related Costs	\$1,320	\$1,861	\$1,918	\$2,300	\$2,000	\$382
WUHA Function Costs	\$0	\$489	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Xero Fees	\$675	\$658	\$696	\$750	\$652	\$54
Total Expense	\$43,120	\$77,250	\$93,072	\$104,800	\$92,996	\$11,728
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$19,142	\$5,838	-\$3,986	\$1,710	\$1,004	\$5,696
Trading Profit/(Loss) (exc. Other Income)	\$13,052	\$4,681	-\$8,490	-\$18,000	-\$16,996	-\$9,510

Key Assumptions:

Operating Revenue Assumptions (all amounts GST inclusive):

- Club leagues - budgeted for 70 full year, 5 half year and 35 league by league players
- Schools - budgeted for 24 teams at \$515 per team.
- Competitions - Blitz tournament - has been budgeted at 19 teams at a cost of \$120 per team.
- Mini league - budgeted for 15 nights of 9 teams per night at a cost of \$180 per team.
- Referee course - budgeted for 40 referees at \$85 each.
- Regional & U18 Regional trial fees - budgeted at 60 players each at \$50 per player.
- U18 Regional squad fees - budgeted to cover Ref levy and Travel equalisation, \$4k funded from schools and mini league.

Operating Cost Assumptions (all amounts GST inclusive):

- Pool hire contracted costs for 2024 is \$34k, split across the various leagues, regional teams and Blitz tournament.

- Individual WUHA Sponsorship budgeted at maximum amount per policy.
- Referee costs - 40 referees resource costs at \$80 each.
- Mini league expenses - includes subsidy contribution to U18 Regional Squads income of \$2k
- Mini league player kit expense expected to be funded 100% from Grant funding
- Regional U18 squad fees includes entry fees and referee fees - WUHA to fund entry fees at \$4k, no travel equalisation budgeted
- Schools league expenses - includes subsidy contribution to U18 Regional Squads income of \$2k

Club League Fees for Clubs Members are:

- WUHA club member affiliation \$20.00 (Compulsory Annual Fee)
- Full Year = \$160 (can opt into any and all leagues) (\$140 if paid by 1st March 2024)
- Half Year = \$120 (can opt to play in any combination of leagues that <= half the year, 22 nights) (\$100 if paid by 1st March 2024)
- League by League = cost per league (between \$20-40 depending on length refer to below)
 - Cup Leagues (5 in total) = \$37.5 each (\$187.50)
 - No 231 League = \$30
 - 4-asides League = \$22.5
 - Club Nats League = \$30
 - Men / Women Split 1 = \$30
 - Men / Women Split 2 = \$37.5
- Social and novice league costs to be confirmed once pool availability known, but will include WUHA Affiliation and time will be incorporated into the club league Thursday night.

Secondary School League Fees are:

The team entry fee for Wellington Secondary School teams are:

- Blitz Event \$120 per team
- Secondary Schools League \$515 per team

Mini Underwater Hockey League Fees are:

The team entry fee for Wellington Secondary School teams are:

- \$180 per team
- \$18 per individual child

Secretary's Report

Overall administration activities have been much more streamlined following the work over the last 4-5 years to update the Constitution, work with other WUHA Committee members on improving the use of Xero, and ensure that our records are up to date.

As always, the ongoing work of the Committee relies on the dedication of WUHA members and their network of supporters who turn up to organise, coach, put barriers in, referee, manage and compete

in tournaments, and make sure that all the Leagues function well to grow our sport and keep players involved. It has been a privilege to work on the Committee and to support the administration of UWH since 2020.

Overall WUHA Club membership

The WUHA 2023 membership breakdown by Club is shown below:

	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Club	Total	Club Nationals	Total	Club Nationals	Total	Club Nationals	Total	Club Nationals	Total	Club Nationals
Crox	43	2 x Prem 1 x A Grade 1 x C Grade	47	1 x Prem 1 x A Grade 1 x B Grade 1 x C Grade	40	No event held	42	1 x Prem 1 x A Grade 1 x B Grade	39	1 x Prem 2 x B Grade
KOM	34	1 x A Grade 1 x B Grade	24	1 x A Grade 1 x B Grade	15		17	1 x Prem	30	1 x Prem 1 x A Grade 1 x B Grade
Phoenix	39	1 x Prem 1x A Grade 1 x B Grade	70	1 x Prem 1 x A Grade 2 x B Grade 2 x C Grade	78		103	1 x Prem 1 x A Grade 3 x B Grade 3 x C Grade	101	1 x Prem 2 x A Grade 2 x B Grade 3 x C Grade
Total	116	9 teams	141	12 teams	133		162	12 teams	170	14 teams

Portfolio Reports

Equipment

Movements to the equipment list 2023

- January 2023- Replaced the 1998 Huia Pool Barrier system at a cost of \$1432.56 for a like for like system.
- April 2023- Replaced TV Screen (at Regionals) and purchase a second TV in June 23 at a total cost of \$898
- September 2023 Replaced the Sail Barrier Fixings for a cost of \$517.50 from Aztech Engineering as the fixings box was lost after March Regionals Competition.
- December 2023- Repair one set of Huia Goals by Carboglass Mouldings, Lower Hutt

Fixed Asset Register

Asset Description	Year of Purchase	Cost of Purchase	Supplier
SIMS Pucks	2022		
WUHA Representative Team Caps (Black, White)	2022		

WUHA Teardrop Banners (4)	2022		Flagmakers
WUHA Banners (2)	2022		Flagmakers
WRAC Barriers Yellow	2015	WCC Paid	
Sail (Anconda) Barrier (WRAC) (2)			2023 Aztech Engineer for fixings
Goals (WRAC)(4)			
Huia Pool Goal and Barrier Trolley (1)			
Huia Pool Barriers	2023		
Goals (Huia) (4)			
Novice Mask, Snorkel and Fins	2022		Hydro UWH Supplies
Novice Gloves and Sticks			Hydro UWH Supplies
Referee Tops			Hydro UWH Supplies
Referee Gongs			
Referee amplifier box, speaker, hydrophone (1)			Rob Feist
TV Screens-Veon HD TV 40" (x2)	2023		
Mini WUHA Yellow Coach/referee Caps (24)			
Mini UWH Gloves & Sticks (60)			Hydro UWH Supplies
Mini UWH Mask, Snorkel and Fins (50)			Hydro UWH Supplies
Mini UWH Equipment -Mobile Crates.			

In 2024 Budget includes seeking funding to purchase new Mask, Snorkel and Fins as well as Mini UWH Sticks and Gloves.

Coaching

In 2023 the first priority was to make sure all schools' teams had coaches, which took longer than ideal, but we did get there in the end. To help attract and encourage schools coaches to stay on, a WUHA coaches koha is in place.

We are in a similar position this year, with needing coaches as we look to increase the number of teams in the schools league. If you are interested, please get in touch.

It is important to note that all our coaches are volunteers and we urge all players, managers and supporters to treat them with respect and show appreciation for the time and skill they dedicate to this sport.

A number of initiatives were started in 2023 and we are looking to finalise and implement these in 2024 onwards.

The big goal for 2024 is to see an array of coaches course get up with beginners and intermediate levels running to help strengthen the knowledge and ability of our coaches, which will then flow down into schools hockey. Planning began in 2023 and we will look to implement this year.

We have also engaged with College Sport to participate in their coaches and officials courses they run targeting schools players. UWH participation in these forums will commence in 2024.

Work has also been started on the coaches code of conduct and additional guidance to support the safety of our coaches and players.

WUHA would like to acknowledge the valued contribution of the coaches in 2023 across all grades and levels.

2023 Wellington Rep Team Coaches

- Central U18 Women's teams: James Keating, Abby Burdon and Kathryn Davies
- Central U18 Men's teams: Clark Samuel, James Davies and Fergus Bewley
- Central Elite Regionals Women's teams: Benson Taylor-Wolf and Nydia Salmon
- Central Elite Regionals Men's teams: Nick Healy

Refereeing

Refereeing is a vital part of our sport. Wellington Underwater Hockey is always seeking to grow its referee pool at all levels to enhance the playing of the sport in our local leagues. In addition we need to support members to progress along Underwater Hockey New Zealand's (UWHNZ) Referee pathway from Club to National and ultimately on to International Referee.

Level 3 Referees

In 2023, we had 3 Members selected as Level 3 referees (Andrew Harris, Jack Whiterod, Kathryn Davies) to attend the 21st CMAS World Underwater Hockey Championships on the Gold Coast, Australia. The feedback on their refereeing performance was exemplary. Well done.

Level 2 Referees

It was great to see Andrew Harris pick up the reins and run the Level 2 Course for UWHNZ during the 2023 U18 Interzone Championships. During 2023, Kathryn Davies, Dougal Colquhoun and Joy Yang completed the Level 2 course.



Website

To assist all members with understanding the rules we have a refereeing section on the [Association Website](#) with links to [training videos](#) and the list of [qualified referees](#) list.

CMAS Level 1 Referees Course

Wellington Underwater Hockey hosted three Level 1 Referees Courses so that all members have the opportunity to fulfill the requirement to have a minimum of 4 fully certified Level 1 referees for Central Schools or other UWHNZ Tournaments.

Level 1 Referees	Target 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number of CMAS L1 Courses	40	41	50	48	0
Number of theory completions	40	41	40	44	0
Number of certifications	40	12	8	27	0

The theory courses are run alongside Mini Underwater Hockey League Nights. In 2023, we changed the format to include the theory exam on the day. It was pleasing to see all those who sat the exam passed.

The focus for 2024 is improving the number of In-water Certifications to complete the Level 1 qualification. We ask all members, especially secondary school coaches, to assist members to complete the practical requirements and pass the in-water assessment. The [qualified L1 referees](#) will be presented with their Referee Caps at the Central Secondary Schools Tournament in June 2024.

Wellington Mini Underwater Hockey League

UWH mini league ran 15 league nights in 2023, 7 more than in 2022, this is one less league than expected due to unavailability of pool space in term 1. With the increase in the number of teams the league was split into two league groups run on different evenings. All leagues were held at Huia pool on Saturday evening for 5 hours.

Two sessions of UWH 'give it a go' were held at the beginning of the year with over 40 children at each session.

11 schools entered teams with Raroa intermediate entering 3 teams, Evans Bay Intermediate 2 teams, QMC and Marsden combined to make a team. 10 other schools were represented to form a composite team. This was an increase of 3 teams from 2022. We welcomed Tawa intermediate who entered a team for the first time.

Three CMAS Level 1 Referees courses were run on the same day as the Mini league giving the refs an opportunity to practise their new skill at the mini level.

Mini league again had a core group of coaches who volunteered to help in 90% of the league. The Central Under 18 squad made up the rest of the helpers doing their required 2 mini leagues a year.

Caps, beanies, bucket hats with the mini logo were purchased for team player awards, and pens, water bottles and wrist bands were purchased for promotion giveaways.

The barriers were replaced and two goal bins were fixed.

The following schools entered a team for one or more leagues in 2023:

- Scots
- Chilton
- Marsden/QMC
- Brooklyn
- EBIS
- Raroa
- Karori West Normal School
- Hutt Intermediate
- HIBS
- Wainui Intermediate
- Tawa Intermediate

The following schools had individual players join the composite team.

- Northland
- Belmont
- Makara
- Mount Cook
- Hutt Central
- Wellesley
- Karori Normal
- St Teresa
- Papakowhai
- Wadestown

Wellington Secondary Schools League

Highlights

Congratulations to the College Sport Wellington UWH Players of year Will Adams (Wellington College) and Liliana O'Connell (Samuel Marsden) and Volunteer of Year award for Mr Murray Chisolm (Wellington High School)

In 2023, WUHA implemented a number of changes to the secondary schools league. It was pleasing to have Juniors and Seniors playing on Tuesdays as well as Juniors on Fridays. This addressed the effects of Pool closures on the Friday nights. This also seems to limit the number of defaults and improve the spacing of matches in the Senior grades.

Unfortunately the league still suffered a decline due to a drop in the number of participating teams as well as a drop in the number of players in each team. We are hopeful that this trend will be reversed in 2024 due to the 30% growth in the Mini (primary school) Underwater Hockey League.

Reorganisation

The Secondary Schools League in 2023 was organised by a WUHA sub-committee of Vice Chair Tristan Reynard, Schools Coordinator Annette Jarvis and Coaching Coordinator Angela Whiteman.

Annette coordinated Tuesday and Friday League nights with the help of the Senior Referees Group (All L1 Certified). Angela worked hard to locate coaches for school teams as well as working alongside College Sport Wellington to obtain opportunities for Underwater Hockey Students to be included in the CSW Officials and Coaching workshops. Tristan led the administration including meeting with College Sport Wellington to work on the competition schedule to make sure teams play an even number of matches between the Senior and Junior Grades throughout the year as we navigate event exclusions. Tristan also set up the Blitz Tournament in April as well as the Rangitahi Group to provide feedback to the WUHA committee and to assist with running the Mini UWH League nights and bridging students between Mini and the secondary schools league.

Blitz Underwater Hockey Tournament

A new Blitz tournament was held in 2023 at the end of Term 1. The event is designed to provide the opportunity for students to play in a social tournament while assisting coaches organise teams. The event is also an opportunity for students to referee matches to complete their L1 Certification requirements. 15 Teams attended the event and the feedback was that we should continue to organise this event. The entry fee covers for Pool Hire and Pool Entry and was \$120 in 2023.

Website

The website was kept updated with all the secondary schools league details as well as the College Sport Wellington for the draw.

Participation

The effects of COVID became more apparent in 2023 as the lack of Junior Teams in 2020 being replicated in reduced numbers in the Senior Grades in 2023. A key focus is increasing the number of schools participating in Underwater Hockey. In 2023 it was pleasing to welcome St Mary's College back into the league with a Junior Girls Team. Unfortunately this was matched with the loss of teams from Onslow College.

Wellington Secondary School League	Target 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of schools	12	11	14	14	14	14
Number of athletes	240	193	241	261	296	303
Number of teams in league	25	22	25	29	30	34
Junior Open	6	4	5	8	10	8
Junior Girls	6	6	6	6	5	9
Senior Open	7	7	9	9	8	9
Senior Girls	6	5	5	6	7	8

The list of schools currently participating includes (number of teams in brackets):

Year	# of Schools	Wellington	Northern Suburbs / Porirua Basin	Hutt Valley
2023	11	Samuel Marsden (2), Scots College (1), St Mary's College (1), Wellington College(3), Welling East Girls College(1), Wellington Girls College (3), Wellington High School(5) Rongotai		Hutt International Boys (2) Hutt Valley High School /Chilton St James(1)
2022	14	Samuel Marsden (3),Scots College (2), St Pat's Town/Rongotai (1) , Wellington College(3), Welling East Girls College(3), Wellington Girls College (2), Wellington High School(6)	Aotea College/ Onslow College (1) Onslow College(1)	Hutt International Boys (2) Hutt Valley High School (2)

For Future Growth we need to focus on the Hutt Valley Colleges including St Bernards, Sacred Heart, St Oran's, Chilton Saint James School, Naenae, Taita, Upper Hutt and Heretaunga. This is especially important with Naenae Pool opening in September 2024 with WUHA's goal to have a schools league night at Naenae in 2025.

League Results 2023

Placing	JUNIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	SENIOR OPEN
1	JG WGC Gold	JO WHS	SG WHS	SO Well Coll A
2	JG WHS	JO Well Coll	SG Marsden	SO WHS A
3	JG Marsden	JO HVHS	SG WGC	SO HIBS 1
4	JG WGC Black	JO Scots	SG WEGC	SO Well Coll B
5	JG WEGC		SG QMC	SO WHS B
6	JG St Mary's			SO HVHS
7				SO HIBS 2 (Withdrawn)

Social/Novice League

One league in the last quarter of the year was held as part of the Thursday night booking. The nights included a skills session and 1x game. This was well-received and players really enjoyed the opportunity for some pool and game time.

This league was predominantly Yr 10 students with some returning adult and new adult players giving it a go (the number of returnees from previous years' events was low).

Further support in this area is required ideally working to build numbers so we are able to split between children and adult sessions to boost participation. Recommendations to do further polling and investigation to see how best we can support these players and grow our social and novice adult number in 2024 and beyond.

Thank you to a number of clubs players who assisted with coaching and reffing during the novice slot.

If you would like to assist in 2024, please let us know as having multiple people supporting the sessions will make it more sustainable and easier to manage.

Clubs League

There were 8 Leagues held across the course of the 2023 year with an average of 69 people signed up per League (refer to information below for a summary). This is a decrease of 8% from last year's average of 75 people. There are approximately 110-120 players in the WUHA region on the clubs list, meaning there is a sign up rate of approximately ~60% which is very similar to 2022. For the most part the leagues ran smoothly and generally allowed a variety of game types and challenges for player development.

There are some items that were problems last year, and still seem to be, which require improvement and assistance from club leaders:

- Barriers / Timing: More players helping with barriers to get games started and packed away on time, and not just the same people every single time.
- Refereeing: Teams showing up to ref their allotted slots, and the playing teams need to show respect to the referees and no talk-back in the middle of games. If there is feedback to be given or item discussed it can wait until outside of game time and done in a respectful progressive manner.
- Signing Up / Commitment: Players need to be clear about the commitment they make when signing up for a league, as when players don't show up it can drastically affect the games and other players' enjoyment of the night.

For the B grade, teams were tried to be made so that adults were kept together for their enjoyment. This took priority over spreading them across all teams for a better balance, and is what sometimes caused the adult teams to be more advanced than the other teams. As college kids have the school's league as well their attendance at clubs it is about them integrating and playing adults.

This was the second full year away from the facebook page for the use of the WUHA website to display information. This still appears to be working relatively well, open for further feedback about it.

I am finishing up on the committee this year after being on it officially since 2021 (unofficially since 2019). It's been great trying to implement some changes (hopefully improvements) over my time to

the structure of our club's hockey. Across the past few years there has been an increase in playing engagement, and last year was the first slight drop. Thankfully it appears to have bounced back at the start of 2024 with another spike in numbers. Now there is an opportunity for a new person to build on or overhaul the system. I look forward to it and hope that everyone can support them!

Leagues Summary for the Year 2023:

- 16th February - 6th April - 'WUHA Cup League 1' - 68 sign ups
- 11th April - 20th April - 'No 231 League' - 54 sign ups
- 27th April - 15th June - 'WUHA Cup League 2' - 74 sign ups
- 22nd June - 13th July - 'WUHA Cup League 3' - 79 sign ups
- 3rd August - 24th August - '4-a-sides' - 55 sign ups
- 7th September - 28th September - 'Club Nats League' - 78 sign ups
- 24th October - 28th November - 'Men / Women Split League' - 69 sign ups
- 26th October - 30th November - 'WUHA Cup League 4' - 70 sign ups

Competitions

It was great to see the national tournaments up and running this year! We supported UWHNZ to get live commentary up and running for our big tournaments - and had great feedback from the viewers of the U18 tournament.

Interzone Championship-March 2023

The first tournament of the year was a closely fought battle between Central and Northern Zones. It was fantastic to see our Women's A team working well together to take the gold for the first time in a while! Final results were:

- Men's Central A – 1st
- Men's Central B – 4th
- Women's Central A – 2nd
- Women's Central B – 5th

Central Secondary Schools Championship- Final Placings- June 2023

JUNIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	SENIOR OPEN
Wellington Girls A-1 st	Wellington High – 2 nd	Wellington Girls A-2 nd	Wellington College A – 1 st
Wellington High – 3 rd	Wellington College – 3 rd	Wellington High – 3 rd	Wellington High – 3 rd
Samuel Marsden-4 th	Scots College –4 th	Samuel Marsden-4 th	Hutt International – 4 th
St Mary's College-5 th	Hutt Valley High – 5 th	Wellington East – 5 th	Wellington College B – 5 th
Wellington East –6 th		Queen Margaret– 6 th	Wellington High B – 6 th
Wellington Girls B-7 th			Hutt Valley HS(comp) 8 th

New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship- Final Placings- September 2023

JUNIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	SENIOR OPEN
Wellington High – 7 th	Wellington College – 5 th	Wellington High – 4 th	Wellington College – 4 th
Samuel Marsden-8 th	Wellington High – 6 th	Wellington Girls -6 th	Hutt International – 6 th
St Mary's College-9 th	Hutt Valley High – 7 th	Samuel Marsden-7 th	Wellington High – 8 th
	Scots College –8 th	Queen Margaret– 10 th	

U18 Interzone Championship October 2023

It was great to see our U18 teams working hard in the competition, with the A teams battling hard with the Northern teams, to each get a well-deserved silver medal.

- Boy's A team: 2nd
- Boy's B team: 5th=
- Girl's A team: 2nd
- Girl's B team: 6th