



FIH Level 2

On behalf of the Lower North Island Associations, we excited to coordinate an FIH Academy Level 2 Coaching Course, delivered through a blended online and face to face model in September 2026. We are now seeking Expressions of Interest from coaches within the Lower North Island.

About the Course

The FIH Academy Level 2 Coach development opportunity is an internationally recognised qualification designed for coaches operating in competitive or performance environments. This opportunity supports coaches to:

- Explore concepts of how to coach
- Design Learner Centred, game relevant sessions
- Understand Attack – Defence – Transition Game Principles & Tactics
- Understand the technical skills needed to perform specific individual principles
- Explore how to coach technical skills in a game relevant session

Course Educators

The course will be led by FIH Educator, James Birkefeld – Wellington Hockey, Pathways & Performance Manager & Lower North Island, Catchment Coaching Lead.

Additional Educators from around NZ will support delivery of the online components.

Course Delivery Overview

This course will be delivered through a blended learning model, combining live online delivery, online workshops, and a face-to-face practical course. All components align with FIH Academy requirements and contribute toward formal assessment and certification.

PATHWAY TO COMPLETE THE L2C AWARD

To access this course, applicants must first provide confirmation that they hold an FIH Academy Level 1 Coach Award or equivalent



Note, some of the Level 2 Coaching Course will be delivered in person.

Level 2 Coaching Course Delivery

The Level 2 Online Course component will be delivered through both online and in-person sessions. Attendance at all four course sessions is required.

Session one and two will be live online sessions:

- Monday 21 September, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Wednesday 23 September, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Session three and four will be held in person at:

Hockey Wairarapa Trust House Hockey Turf, Carterton.

- Friday 25 September, 6.00pm to 9.00pm
- Saturday 26 September, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Online Workshops

Two online workshops will be delivered following the course, with indicative dates detailed below.

- FIH Foundation Goalkeeper – October, date TBC, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- FIH Technical Skills – October, date TBC, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

It is strongly recommended that coaches (who have not already) complete the online workshops scheduled, however if you are not available to attend, you may also complete equivalent workshops directly through the FIH Academy.

To see upcoming courses, check out the [HNZ Coaching Calendar](#)

Course Costs

As part of Hockey New Zealand's Connected Network initiative, the courses and workshops are being offered at a subsidised rate. The costs payable by accepted coaches are outlined below.

- **FIH Level 2 Course – \$100 per person**
 - Or \$130 per person for those who require accommodation.
 - Standard NZ L2C fee is \$144.00
- **FIH Level 2 Workshops – \$25 per workshop (2 x workshops in total)**
 - Standard NZ online workshop fee is \$44.00

Total Coach Cost for all components – **\$150 per person (or \$180 if accommodation is required)**.
Coaches will be shared a link to register and pay following the EOI process.

Target Audience

Places on this course are limited to 10 lower north island-based coaches. If the number of expressions of interest exceeds the available places, consultation with Associations will be carried out to determine which coaches are best suited to this programme and to ensure it delivers the greatest impact.

Priority will be given to coaches who:

- Are actively coaching within lower north island competitive or performance environments
- Are contributing to national or regional performance programmes, such as National Hockey Championships, National U18 Championships, Association Development Programmes or National Secondary School Events.
- Can apply learning directly within their current coaching role and context.

Timelines

- Expressions of interest close: **Monday 31 August, 12.00pm**
- Confirmation of place will be provided by: Friday 4 September.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Expression of Interest Form

Course Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please contact James Birkefeld

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