

Central Otago Bowls AGM: Women's Selector and Coach Report

Season Overview:

Central Otago Bowls delivered strong performances across multiple competitions, and showed real depth and resilience throughout the year. On balance, this was a positive and encouraging season that gives us a solid foundation to build on.

Season Highlights

We have a great deal to celebrate from the 2025/26 season:

- 2nd place finishes for both our Open and Development teams in the Southern 6
- The Triangular embraced a new format this year by mixing the Open and Development teams into two teams of nine. A great performance by all players gave us wins in both sections and overall winners. A great new format that will continue next season.
- Third place finish in the 1-6 Year Quadrangular, representing a meaningful improvement on previous years particularly with the inclusion of four new players in a team of seven, three of those will be in the Development Squad next season.

Areas for Development

Unfortunately, the Super Sixes and Intercentre did not go as we had hoped this season. These results were disappointing, but they have given us clear direction. We have identified what needs to improve and are committed to addressing those areas for a strong future.

Looking Ahead: 2025/26 Season

Development Group

A key priority will be growing our Development Squad by actively recruiting new players into the programme. Investing time building their skills will help develop the next generation of Central Otago bowlers and is fundamental to our long-term success as a centre.

Open Side

Our Open side will have a strong emphasis on game development and tactical preparation. We will target a strong performance at each of the key events:

- Southern Six
- Super Sixes
- Intercentre 7s

Thank you to Angela Wilson, Margaret O'Connor and Bec Street for their continued support this season and the logistical support of Pauline Seaton ensuring we have excellent accommodation and hassle-free travel, it is greatly appreciated.

A final thank you goes to the squad who give their best at every event. It is great to work with you all and I look forward to what next season brings.