

SELECTOR's (Men's) REPORT from 6 May, 2026

Terry Scott (TS), Richard Morgan (RM) and Peter Dunne (PD) met at Cromwell to review the 2025/2026 season in preparation for 2026/2027.

ITEMS FROM AUGUST 2025 meeting were discussed

1. The Over 60's were treated separately once again in 2026. RM co-ordinated selections again with Graham Coppins. As required the team selections were rubber stamped by the fellow selectors. The team performed very well and with a very strong performance from the women the overall trophy was won. No change going forward. 2027 tournament to be held in South Otago.
2. The non-eligibility of Inter-Centre players for Over 60's was an informal agreement between the Southern 6 regions. TS believed this should be formalized at a regional meeting on 01/09/2025. This was done.
3. Scheduled pre-season matches: Development vs Dunedin in Dunedin, vs Southland in Invercargill and vs South Otago in Balclutha were held. Senior vs Southland in Invercargill alongside the Women (and Development). Senior Super 6's in Christchurch alongside the Women. TS to discuss the number of players to play pre-season against Southland. Carl Street's plans to be considered as part of green allocation.
4. Southern 6 in Dunedin was held on Saturday/Sunday, 24/25 January (Seniors and Development). With TS using this tournament as a "trial" two players were released to play for the Development team. PD would like this to be repeated in 2027. TS to consider.
5. RM stepped into Senior Manager's role attending the Super 6's and Intercentre. Status quo to be retained in 2026/2027.
6. Approximately 21 Senior players had been named and were approached by TS to attend a joint meeting (with Development players) on October 7, 2025. TS will amend this to an on-green session in early October 2026 for the Seniors. At this point PD is looking to retain this early season meeting for Development Squad members only.
7. PD will follow the same process as last year in selecting the Development Squad i.e. speaking with club coaches and attempting to attain one (1) player from each club.
8. An attempt will be made to have at least one selector at each of the season's Centre events. Both TS and RM will be present, as players, on Premier Pennant's days. This was achieved and is to remain in place for the 2026/2027 season.

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TS to start approaching players f squador the Senior in about 1 month's time.

Request to have Senior vs Development match in the week leading into Southern 6 (at Bannockburn) is seen as a possibility.

PD to check dates of Burnside Pairs to avoid clash with Premier Pennants.

Succession planning - TS committed as Senior coach for 2 more seasons. PD committed as Development Squad manager for at least one more season. Will look to co-opt potential manager during 2026/2027. RM available again as Senior manager in 2026/2027.

Meeting identified a number of areas to focus on in relation to education in the upcoming season.

Use of outside parties:

Dave and Jo Edwards – if enticed south by Arrowtown a session to be held with the Development Squad only.

Mike Kernaghan – we have him up our sleeve and his services may be best with Club coaches. TS to contact if required.

Sport Phycologist. If suitable person can be found then an evening in December is likely most suitable. Doesn't have to be "bowls person". Sport Otago, Snow Sports NZ, John Leslie's wife are avenues to approach.

Items underlined to be tabled for discussion at the upcoming Board Meeting