

**O`AHU HAWAIIAN CANOE
RACING ASSOCIATION**

**2011
RACE
RULES**

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Statement of Purpose

In 1979, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (HCRA) reorganized its members into geographical areas. The O`ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) was one of these newly formed members. The others included Kaua`i, Maui, Moloka`i and Hawai`i. A second O`ahu association - Na `Ohana O Na Hui Wa`a - is also a member of HCRA.

As set forth in the OHCRA By-Laws the purposes of OHCRA are:

- To maintain and perpetuate Hawaiian culture through the promotion of Hawaiian water sports;
- To teach, train, instruct and expose children, men and women in the ancient art, craft and history of Hawaiian canoeing;
- To provide means and facilities for activities tending to foster the development and maintenance of strong and healthy minds, bodies and spirits among all people;
- To provide opportunities for the interaction and communion of people in the interest of mental and social well-being;
- To promote international canoe racing competition.

In the pursuit of these purposes, OHCRA is organized to promote competitive inter-club, inter-island, and international Hawaiian canoe racing, and in so doing to teach, educate and preserve the art and culture of Hawaiian canoeing.

Statement of Rules

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4 These racing rules are an accumulation of rules which had their beginnings in 1950 when HCRA
5 was first formed. These rules are in furtherance of the purposes of OHCRA and are changed or
6 modified annually as needed. OHCRA race rules may be changed or modified only at the annual
7 OHCRA meeting prior to the coming racing season.
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9 These rules govern the procedure and practice of OHCRA clubs during regattas and sanctioned
10 long distance races. They are intended to promote good sportsmanship and set the standards for
11 competitive canoe racing. These OHCRA Race Rules can be accessed "online" in a secured
12 format.
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14 Rules cannot cover every situation. These rules cover the major areas where problems have
15 arisen in the past. Whenever situations come up that are not covered, in the course of deliberating
16 new rules or modifications to the old, consideration must be given to the following:
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- 18 •What are we trying to avoid or promote?
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- 20 •Would most people agree the rule is fair?
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- 22 •Does the rule apply equally to large and small clubs?
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- 24 •Is the rule clear and easily understood?
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- 26 •Does the rule generally help or hinder our purpose of canoe
27 racing?
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- 29 •Does any proposed penalty match the seriousness of the
30 violation?
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Code of Ethics

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4 We are all responsible to promote good sportsmanship and fair play in the activities in which we
5 engage. This means observance of these race rules as well as generally accepted rules of
6 behavior and all governmental laws.
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9 Paddlers are required to avoid situations where a canoe is deliberately rammed, where there is
10 deliberate interference with another crew, and situations where assaults and abusive language
11 are used.
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14 Coaches are required to support and help enforce these race rules and to avoid any
15 circumvention of these rules.
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18 Officials and officers are required to do their best to be fair and not biased in their decisions and in
19 carrying out their duties.
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22 Any club members that are found drinking at our events will result in the entire club being asked to
23 leave the event and will no longer be eligible to compete for that day's events. This includes all
24 paddlers, friends and family.
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Officers - 2011

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4	PRESIDENT	Luana Froiseth
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6	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Lapule Schultz
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8	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	
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10	THIRD VICE PRESIDENT	
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12	FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT	
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14	RECORDING SECRETARY	Pua Paiaina
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16	CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY	Katie Scott
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18	TREASURER	Cheryl Campbell
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20	HCRA DELEGATES:	Luana Froiseth
21		Stan Dickson
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23	RACE DIRECTOR	Stan Dickson
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Committees

A. Race Rules Committee

The purpose of the Race Rules Committee is to propose, modify and review the race rules for OHCRA.

OHCRA race rules may be changed or modified only at the annual meeting prior to the upcoming racing season.

B. Race Rules Committee Members

Chair: Mike Willett
Co-Chair

All following clubs will have one representative on the Race Rules Committee

21 ANUENUE CANOE CLUB
22 HEALANI CANOE CLUB
23 HONOLULU PEARL CANOE CLUB
24 HUI LANAKILA CANOE CLUB
25 HUI NALU CANOE CLUB
26 KAI `ONI CANOE CLUB
27 KAILUA CANOE CLUB
28 KEAHIKAHOE CANOE CLUB
29 KEOLA O KE KAI
30 LANIKAI CANOE CLUB
31 LEEWARD KAI CANOE CLUB
32 MAKAHA CANOE CLUB
33 NEW HOPE CANOE CLUB
34 OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB
35 PU'ULOA OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB
36 WAIKIKI SURF CLUB
37 WAIMANALO CANOE CLUB
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C. Race Committee

42 The OHCRA Race Committee is composed of designated members of the Race Rules
43 Committee. The purpose of the Race Committee is to investigate infractions and/or
44 violations of the race rules on race day.
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49 Decisions of the Race Committee will be as a singular vote from the committee as a
50 whole. The results of their findings will be submitted to the Race Director only and will be
51 final. No disclosure of individual voting will be made.
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OHCRA Membership

Any qualified canoe club on the island of O`ahu is eligible for membership in OHCRA. Article III of the OHCRA By-Laws as amended by the Board of Directors in 1991 is the governing document for association membership.

OHCRA membership is limited to no more than 20 clubs, including inactive clubs.

Member Clubs

<u>CANOE CLUB NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
ANUENUE CANOE CLUB	11
HAWAIIAN KANAKTION (associate)	19
HEALANI CANOE CLUB	1
HONOLULU PEARL CANOE CLUB	16
HUI LANAKILA CANOE CLUB	26
HUI NALU CANOE CLUB	2
KAI `ONI CANOE CLUB	14
KAILUA CANOE CLUB	3
KAMAHA'O CANOE CLUB (associate)	13
KEAHIKAHOE CANOE CLUB	7
KEALA CANOE CLUB (associate)	17
KEOLA O KE KAI	18
LANIKAI CANOE CLUB	4
LEEWARD KAI CANOE CLUB	5
MAKAHA CANOE CLUB (inactive)	6
NEW HOPE CANOE CLUB	15
OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB	8
PU'ULOA OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB	12
WAIKIKI SURF CLUB	9
WAIMANALO CANOE CLUB	10

ARTICLE I: Types of Races

OHCRA distinguishes between races conducted by OHCRA and its member clubs (regattas, distance races or special event races), and races conducted by other organizations.

A. Sanctioned Races

1. A sanctioned race is one that has been approved by the Board of Directors of OHCRA, is on the approved schedule of regatta and long distance races, and follows the race rules contained herein.
2. Sanctioned races are governed by the OHCRA Race Director.
3. The sponsor of sanctioned races may invite guest competitors to participate in OHCRA-sanctioned long distance and special event races only, provided that OHCRA has approved such invitations. OHCRA-approved guest competitors are not subject to OHCRA paddler registration fees.
4. A non-OHCRA member may request to sponsor a sanctioned race with the approval of the OHCRA Board of Directors. Such a non-OHCRA member should understand that if OHCRA approves and sanctions the race, it will be conducted and governed by OHCRA officials and under OHCRA rules.

B. Other Long Distance or Special Event Races

OHCRA member clubs may participate in long distance or special event races other than OHCRA sanctioned races described above provided that:

1. Such races are open invitation to all OHCRA member clubs.
2. The long distance or special event race that the OHCRA member club desires to enter does not detract from an OHCRA sanctioned race. By this is meant that by an OHCRA member club's participating in a non-OHCRA race (and therefore not in an OHCRA sanctioned race) there would be a significant lessening of the quality of the OHCRA sanctioned race competition.
3. If, in the opinion of the OHCRA Race Director or the sponsor of the affected OHCRA-sanctioned race there would be a significant lessening of the quality of the competition, then either the OHCRA Race Director or the OHCRA race sponsor may petition the OHCRA Board of Directors for a hearing and a decision on whether or not OHCRA member clubs may participate in this other race.

1 **C. Racing Seasons**
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3 The calendar year is divided into 4 racing seasons. Preseason, Regatta Season,
4 Distance Season, and Post Season.
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- 6 1. The preseason is defined as races commencing on and from the first day of the
7 calendar year and runs up to the first race of the regatta season of the same
8 calendar year.
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- 10 2. The regatta season is defined as starting with the first scheduled regatta of each
11 calendar year and runs through the HCRA State Championship on the first
12 Saturday in August of the same calendar year.
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- 14 3. The distance season is defined as starting with the first race after the HCRA State
15 Championship and runs through the Molokai Hoe race in October of the same
16 calendar year.
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- 18 4. The post season is defined as races commencing after the Molokai Hoe through
19 the final day of the same calendar year.
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ARTICLE II: Regatta Events

A. Official Order and Distance of Regatta Events

	Event Name	Miles	Class
1.	Girls, 12 years and under	1/4	Classified Events
2.	Boys, 12 years and under	1/4	
3.	Boys and Girls Mixed, 12 years and under	1/4	Unclassified Event
4.	Girls, 13 years and under	1/4	Classified Events
5.	Boys, 13 years and under	1/4	
6.	Girls, 14 years and under	1/4	
7.	Boys, 14 years and under	1/4	
8.	Keiki Open	1/4	Non Point Event
9.	Women Novice "B"	1/4	Classified Event
10.	Mixed Novice "B"	1/4	Unclassified Event
11.	Men Novice "B"	1/2	Classified Events
12.	Girls, 15 years and under	1/2	
13.	Boys, 15 years and under	1/2	
14.	Girls, 16 years and under	1/2	
15.	Boys, 16 years and under	1/2	
16.	Girls, 18 years and under	1/2	
17.	Boys, 18 years and under	1	
18.	Women Novice "A"	1/2	
19.	Men Novice "A"	1	
20.	Women Freshmen	1	
21.	Men Freshmen	1	
22.	Women Sophomore	1	
23.	Men Sophomore	1	
24.	Women Junior	1	
25.	Men Junior	1	
26.	Women Senior	1-1/2	Open Events
27.	Men Senior	1-1/2	
28.	Women, 65 years and over	1/2	Unclassified Events
29.	Men, 65 years and over	1/2	
30.	Women, 60 years and over	1/2	
31.	Men, 60 years and over	1/2	
32.	Women, 55 years and over	1/2	
33.	Men, 55 years and over	1/2	
34.	Women, 50 years and over	1/2	
35.	Men, 50 years and over	1/2	
36.	Women, 40 years and over	1	
37.	Men, 40 years and over	1	
38.	Women Fours	1/2	
39.	Men Fours	1/2	
40.	Men and Women Mixed, 55 years and over	1/2	
41.	Men and Women Mixed, 40 years and over	1/2	
42.	Men and Women Mixed	1/2	

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1 **B. Divisions**

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- 3 1. There will be three (3) divisions for regatta races – “AAA”, "AA" and "A".
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- 5 a. Division “AAA” will include clubs with twenty-seven (27) or more crews.
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- 7 b. Division "AA" will include clubs with fourteen (14) but no more than twenty-six
- 8 (26) crews.
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- 10 c. Division "A" will include clubs with thirteen (13) crews or less.
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- 12 2. Clubs must declare their division for each regatta at the drawing of lanes.
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15 **C. Scoring of Races**

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
17 First	5
18 Second	3
19 Third	2
20 Fourth	1

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23 **D. Awards**

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- 25 1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta:
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- 27 a. “AAA” Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 29 b. "AA" Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 31 c. "A" Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 33 2. Individual awards will be given to crews placing First, Second and Third in each
- 34 race.
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- 36 3. The character and type of awards will be established by the Board of Directors.
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- 38 4. For awards other than regattas, refer to Section E. of Article XVI: Distance Race
- 39 Rules.
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ARTICLE III: Classification

A. Classifications

1. Senior

Open to any male or female. The Senior events are OPEN events. A paddler who paddles in one other event except any mixed or 4's race is also eligible to paddle in the Senior event. Participating in the Senior event in no way changes the classification of the paddler.

2. Junior

Open to any male or female. Once classified in this category, a paddler cannot move down during the regatta season. Eligibility for this category is good for one season, after which the paddler may move to another category no lower than Sophomore.

3. Sophomore

Open to any male or female. Once classified in this category, a paddler cannot move down but may move up during the regatta season. Eligibility for this category is good for one season, after which the paddler may move to another higher category, but no lower than Sophomore.

4. Freshman

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a Sophomore or Junior race.

5. 18 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 18 on January 1st of the racing season.

6. 16 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in an 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 16 on January 1st of the racing season.

7. 15 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 15 on January 1st of the racing season.

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8. Keiki Open

Open to any male or female who qualifies for the 14 Years & Under and lower age group classifications and who is not participating in any other event during the regatta. A paddler may participate with a club other than the one they are registered with at the discretion of the race director. There can be 2 heats for this race and if a club has 2 canoes they may enter 2 crews. If there are heats, both heats will proceed to the starting area together. After the 1st heat has started the 2nd heat will line up on the starting line. A paddler who is under 8 years of age on the day of the race, shall wear an approved life vest.

9. 14 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 14 on January 1st of the racing season.

10. 13 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a 14 Years & Under, 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 13 on January 1st of the racing season.

11. 12 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a 13 Years & Under, 14 Years & Under, 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 12 on January 1st of the racing season.

12. Novice A

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race. A paddler may compete in this classification for two years after moving up from Novice B or three years if they have never competed in Novice B. (See Article III.B.5. - Novice Status and Classification.)

13. Novice B

Open to any male or female who has never paddled in any organized competitive 6 person outrigger canoe race in any prior calendar year. This includes HCRA member distance races, Na Opio Canoe Races, I.L.H. Canoe Races, and any out of state organized canoe races. A person may compete as a Novice B for only one year. (See Article III.B.5. - Novice Status and Classification.)

14. Novice Mixed B

Not a classified event. Open to any male or female (3 male / 3 female) who is classified as a Novice B paddler and who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.

1 **15. Boys & Girls Mixed 12 Years & Under**

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3 Not a classified event. Open to any boy or girl (3 boy/3 girl crew) who has not
4 paddled in a 13 Years & Under, 14 Years & Under, 15 Years & Under, 16 Years &
5 Under, 18 Years & Under, Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior race, and who is 12 on
6 January 1st of the racing season. A paddler may not paddle in any other event in
7 the same regatta.
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9 **16. Men/Women Fours**

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11 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in any other
12 event in the same regatta.
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14 **17. Men & Women Mixed**

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16 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female (3 man/3 woman crew) who is
17 not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.
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19 **18. Men & Women Mixed 40 and over**

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21 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 40 years or older (3 male / 3
22 female) who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.
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24 **19. Men & Women 40 and over**

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26 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 40 years or older who is not
27 paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.
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29 **20. Men & Women 50 and over**

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31 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 50 years or older who is not
32 paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.
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34 **21. Men & Women Mixed 55 and over**

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36 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 55 years or older (3 male / 3
37 female) who is not paddling in any other even in the same regatta.
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39 **22. Men & Women 55 and over**

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41 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 55 years or older who is not
42 paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.
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44 **23. Men & Women 60 and over**

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46 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 60 years or older who is not
47 paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.
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49 **24. Men & Women 65 and over**

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51 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 65 years or older who is not
52 paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.
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1 **B. Conditions of Classification**

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3 **1. Identification**

4 Birth certificate verification is required for identification purposes.

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7 **2. Eligibility for Reclassification**

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9 a. A Sophomore or Junior paddler who has not competed in any long distance
10 race or regatta for three (3) years may be reclassified as a Freshman. The
11 paddler's name must be submitted in writing at the time of registration of the
12 paddler to the Race Director with the year last participated, and the
13 reclassification must be approved by the Race Director.

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15 b. A paddler who has been classified as a Sophomore or Junior may reclassify
16 as a Freshmen for the State Race only.

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18 **3. Step-ups**

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20 a. For purposes of definition, Novice B Men/Women will be considered the
21 lowest classification of equal equivalence, followed by the Girls/Boys 12 Years
22 & Under, Girls/Boys 13 Years & Under, Girls/Boys 14 Years & Under, Novice
23 A Men/Women, Boys/Girls 15 Years & Under, Boys/Girls 16 Years & Under,
24 Girls/Boys 18 Years & Under, Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior.

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26 b. On race day, providing all conditions as specified in registration procedures
27 have been met, a paddler may move up in classification. The paddler's name
28 must be submitted on entry OHCRA Form 400 with the paddler's previous
29 classification and noted as "step up".

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31 **4. Age Group Participation - Regattas/State Championship**

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33 a. Paddlers in age group classifications may paddle in a higher age classification
34 during the regatta season, and the state championship. An age group paddler
35 will not be able to step-up to a classification higher than 18 Years & Under if
36 the paddler intends to return to age group classifications.

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38 b. A paddler classified in an age group classification can race once in his or her
39 classification or higher age classification from race to race. But once he or she
40 "steps-up" to a higher age classification for their second race of the regatta
41 they will remain at that higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA
42 season. At the State Championship an age group paddler who was classified
43 or stepped-up to a older age group during the OHCRA season may be
44 reclassified to his / her lowest classification.

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46 c. The following regatta season, he/she is reclassified and may move back down
47 to a younger classification as long as he/she meets the age requirements.

1 **5. Novice Status and Classification**
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3 a. A paddler may be classified Novice for a maximum of three (3) years. This
4 may be one (1) year as a Novice B and two (2) years as Novice A, or three (3)
5 years as Novice A. A novice B paddler that “steps-up” to Novice A during their
6 Novice B season is considered 1st year Novice with (2) Novice A seasons
7 remaining.
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9 b. The Board of Directors may waive the three (3) year novice eligibility rule upon
10 petition to permit physically fit, challenged paddlers the opportunity to continue
11 to participate at the novice level.
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13 c. Former paddlers from the 12 Years & Under, 13 Years & Under, 14 Years &
14 Under, 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under or Novice
15 categories who have not paddled for a minimum of five (5) years in any
16 regatta or long distance race, and who have never paddled in any Freshmen,
17 Sophomore, or Junior classified event, may petition the Race Director in
18 writing at the time of registration of the paddler with the last year participated,
19 for determination of eligibility to return to paddling as a Novice A. If approved,
20 the former paddler may be classified Novice A up to a maximum of two (2)
21 years.
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23 d. Paddlers in either novice classification may move up to a higher classification.
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25 A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or A who does not
26 participate in any race during the regatta season will retain that year of novice
27 eligibility for the subsequent season.
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29 A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or a who participates
30 in distance races only, will use up a year of novice eligibility for each year they
31 race.
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ARTICLE IV: Eligibility

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A. Clubs

Any member club of OHCRA in good standing, which has complied with the registration procedures prescribed by the Race Director, will be eligible to compete in regattas sponsored by or sanctioned by this Association.

B. Paddlers

A male or female paddler who is a member of a recognized OHCRA member club is eligible to participate, subject to the classification (Article III) and registration procedures.

ARTICLE V: Transfers and Releases

A. Intent

1. A paddler with no present club affiliation will be considered a member of the first club he or she seeks application to.
2. A paddler, already a member of a club, who seeks membership in another club and in so doing files an application for membership, transfer or any other form of intent before participation in a sanctioned regatta in that season, will be deemed a member of the club of intent upon the securing of his or her release from the parent club.
3. Where a transferee files a form of intent to another club but is financially indebted to his or her parent club, the club of intent may accept the paddler's financial responsibility and therefore secure his or her transfer.
4. The club of intent will be responsible for sighting any and all infractions, and will call said infractions to the attention of the Race Director at the race site through regular protest procedures.

B. Transfers

1. Eligibility for Transfer

- a. A paddler registered with a member club during the racing season who has not paddled competitively in any race or regatta for that club, and is not financially indebted to same, is eligible for transfer or release during the remainder of that racing season.
- b. A paddler who has paddled competitively during a regatta season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that regatta season. A paddler who has paddled competitively during a distance season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that distance season.
- c. Special cases of hardship due to geographical location on islands other than O`ahu may be requested by the individual paddler to the Race Director for approval.

2. Paddler in Debt Financially and/or Withholding Property

No paddler will be eligible for transfer and release if he or she is in debt financially to and/or withholding property of a member club, in which case the parent club must be able to submit convincing evidence thereof to the Race Director.

3. Submission of Transfer and Release

- a. All transfers and releases must be submitted to the Race Director upon the official forms adopted by the Board of Directors of OHCRA.

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- b. The forms must be signed by the individual paddler and the authorized club representative as recorded with OHCRA as legally authorized to sign and grant said transfer and release.
 - c. In order for a transfer and release of an eligible paddler to become effective at a particular race or regatta, the form for the transfer and release must be submitted to the Race Director upon registration for the particular race or regatta.
 - d. OHCRA will respect the classification of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA club who has participated in a Sophomore or Junior race of their club's association will be classified a sophomore at OHCRA.
 - e. The receiving club is responsible for verification of highest classification raced and which races the paddler is eligible to participate in.

18 **4. Review of Transfer and Release by the Race Director**

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20 The Race Director, upon receiving a transfer and release form, will first note the
21 date of the receipt on the form and expeditiously process the form.
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23 **5. Paddler Declared "Free Agent"**

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25 A paddler who has not participated for a club with whom he or she is registered for
26 an entire racing season will, at his or her request, be declared a "free Agent" even
27 without approval of the authorized club representative, provided he or she is not in
28 violation of Section B.2. above: - Financial Indebtedness.
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30 **6. Inactive Transfer and Release**

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32 In the case of a paddler whose club is no longer active, the Race Director and the
33 Race Rules Committee will rule on each case. The paddler and the club of intent
34 must petition the Race Director and the Race Rules Committee for release.
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36 **7. HCRA Transfer**

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38 If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous regatta or
39 distance racing seasons, a transfer must be submitted to the Race Director no later
40 than the date of the lane drawing for the particular regatta or the official registration
41 of the particular distance race and must be approved by race day.
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43 **8. Transfers for Distance Race Participation**

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45 Refer to Section A. of Article XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race
46 Rules.
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1 **ARTICLE VI: Receipt of Entries and Drawing of Lanes**
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3 **A. Time and Place**
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- 5 1. The Race Director will designate the place, time and date for the receipt of entries
6 and drawing of lanes. The Race Director may make a change if proper notice is
7 given to all concerned, or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in
8 his or her place.
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- 10 2. The lane drawing schedule will be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than
11 the regular meeting just prior to the first lane drawing. (the May OHCRA Board
12 meeting)
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- 14 3. A club which is unable to attend the drawing of lanes at the time and date set may
15 submit its entries together with the required fee to the Race Director at an earlier
16 date.
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18 **B. Lane Drawing**
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- 20 1. The drawing of lanes will take place after the receipt of entries for all events.
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- 22 2. Only clubs who have made proper entry and paid the entry fees will be permitted to
23 draw lanes for any particular race. The Race Director will appoint a person to draw
24 lanes for any club properly entered but unable to be represented at the drawing.
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- 26 3. The lanes to be used will be consecutive and commence with Lane 1. The total
27 number of lanes drawn will equal the number of entries. Lane 1 will be shoreward
28 for courses parallel to shore, and the left hand lane looking seaward for courses
29 running generally perpendicular to the shore. For ¼ mile races, if there is one more
30 entry than the available lanes can accommodate, there can be an addition of a lane
31 “0” on the inside of the course for parallel courses or an addition of a lane on the
32 right side of the course for “in and out” courses.
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- 34 4. Club representatives will be seated in alphabetical order of clubs. Only one club
35 representative will be allowed to draw lanes.
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- 37 5. A container with numbered pills corresponding to the number of entries in each
38 event will be passed around to all the clubs entered in that event. The Race
39 Director or designated representative will be responsible for having the correct
40 number of pills in the container for each event to be drawn.
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- 42 6. The opportunity to draw first for each event will rotate alphabetically among the
43 participating clubs until all events have been drawn.
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- 45 7. In case of an error in drawing for any one particular event, everyone will return their
46 pills and the draw for the event in error will be repeated, beginning with the same
47 club that started the drawing for that event. The only exception will be when clubs
48 that have not drawn a lane will not be affected by the error.
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- 50 8. Pills that are pulled will be numbered one (1) through whatever number of entries
51 there are for each event. The club that has the number one (1) pill will be able to
52 select whichever lane it desires. The number two (2) pill may select whichever open
53 lane it desires, and so on until the last pill is drawn for that event.
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- 1 9. Clubs whose lanes are selected by an appointee of the Race Director will abide by
2 the lane selection made by the appointee.
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- 4 10. Any club or clubs not represented for any reason at any one lane drawing will have
5 until midnight after lane drawing has been completed to contact the Race Director
6 or designated representative conducting the lane drawing. Those clubs will be able
7 to select any open lanes left in an event that they wish to participate in. This rule
8 applies only where the notification rules have been followed.
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- 10 11. All lanes drawn by clubs will be final and no changes will be made.
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- 12 12. During the period between the drawing of lanes and commencement of a regatta, if
13 the actual site of the regatta is changed or the position of the course is shifted or
14 altered from the respective locations understood at the time of the drawing of lanes,
15 the Race Director will not permit the regatta to go on unless and until a new
16 drawing of lanes has been conducted.
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- 18 13. If an event that was to have 2 heats has a known scratch since the original lane
19 drawing, and the amount of lanes can now accommodate the number of entries,
20 the lanes may be redrawn so as to avoid a second heat. The redrawing of lanes
21 shall take place no later than 3 races prior to the redrawn event.
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23 **C. Entries at Drawing of Lanes**

- 24 1. Each club will be limited to one (1) entry per event.
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- 26 2. There will be no unofficial entries allowed.
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- 29 3. Each entry must be accompanied by the prescribed entry fee unless pre-payment
30 has been made with the Race Director or the Treasurer. If a club has a credit
31 balance with the Treasurer to cover the entry fee for any race, the Race Director
32 will be so notified by the Treasurer prior to lane drawing.
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- 34 4. Paddlers eligible to paddle the race will be those properly registered by submitting
35 OHCRA Form 100 and OHCRA Form 200 at the drawing of lanes.
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37 **D. Entries Outnumbering Lanes**

- 38 1. When entries outnumber lanes, there will be two heats of approximately equal
39 number of clubs.
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- 41 2. In events having an unequal number of entries, the first heat will have the larger
42 number of entries.
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- 44 3. Clubs will be divided between heats by draw.
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- 47 4. After the first regatta of the season, clubs will be seeded into heats based on their
48 times in the previous flat water regatta. Clubs not participating in the previous
49 regatta will be seeded after participating clubs, and in order of random draw should
50 more than one club be involved.
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- 52 5. The best times of both races will determine the order of finish.
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1 **E. Exhibition Races**

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- 3 1. The sponsor of any regatta may hold an exhibition event 1/4-mile long, with a
- 4 minimum of two (2) entries.
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- 6 2. Any additional event, or distance longer than 1/4-mile must have approval of the
- 7 OHCRA Board of Directors.
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9 **F. Entries on Race Day**

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- 11 1. For identification purposes, the final entry list will be known as OHCRA Form 400.
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- 13 2. The final entry list (OHCRA Form 400) for each race, commencing with Event 4:
- 14 Girls 13 yrs and under, must be submitted to the race officials no later than two (2)
- 15 races prior to the start of the applicable race.
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- 17 3. This entry list will contain only six (6) names and these names must appear on
- 18 OHCRA Form 100, and OHCRA Form 200.
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- 20 4. A paddler so listed may be eligible to paddle in a higher classification providing all
- 21 the specifications of eligibility as set forth in these rules have been met. Once a
- 22 paddler has paddled in a higher classification, this will become his or her
- 23 classification.
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- 25 a. When the entry list is submitted, step-ups should be indicated with a note in
- 26 parentheses (STEP-UP).
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- 28 b. A club failing to indicate a step-up on OHCRA Form 400 may be liable for a
- 29 \$1.00 fine for each name not so identified.
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- 31 5. The persons who actually paddle the race must be those whose names appear on
- 32 the entry list.
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- 34 6. Failure to follow the procedures as outlined will result in disqualification of the crew.
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36 **G. Late Entries**

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- 38 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing) may
- 39 be permitted for lanes. A late fee will be assessed.
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- 41 2. A late entry fee for open lanes will be \$12.00 per lane in addition to the regular fee
- 42 assessed at lane drawing.
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44 **H. Scratches**

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- 46 1. A scratch is a withdrawal from a race that a lane has been drawn for whether or not
- 47 the crew list has been submitted.
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- 49 2. If a crew will not be showing up to the starting line the club must notify the race
- 50 committee that they intend to scratch. A club can scratch a crew up to the yellow
- 51 flag designation the 5 minute warning prior to the race they intend to scratch.
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ARTICLE VII: Fees

A. Entrance Fees

1. Each club participating in an OHCRA-sanctioned event will be subject to an entrance fee for each paddler entered, which the Board of Directors may establish at the annual meeting each year. The club sponsoring the event will pay half the entrance fee.
2. This fee will be payable at the drawing of lanes as stipulated in the provisions of Article VI of these race rules. Once accepted, this fee will not be refunded.

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ARTICLE VIII: Race Officials

A. Race Director

1. It will be the duty of the Race Director to preside at and supervise the regatta officials at all canoe races scheduled by the Association for the season wherein member clubs participate, to ensure that such races are duly conducted in accordance with the Race Rules and By-Laws of OHCRA, and to render decisions as soon as possible.
2. The decisions of the Race Director on matters under his or her cognizance will be binding and final; however, decisions of the race relative to interpretation of the By-Laws and the Race Rules may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
3. The Race Director will conduct the drawing of lanes for all scheduled regattas and inspect the equipment when required.
4. The Race Director will be responsible for the briefing of all officials and for providing each with copies of the Race Rules prior to the first regatta of the season.
5. The Race Director will have transportation provided by OHCRA to any HCRA championship regatta held on a neighboring island.

B. Regatta Officials

1. The following officials will be appointed by the Race Director to serve at all races, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors:
 - a. At least two (2), and not more than five (5) inspectors.
 - b. Seven (7) judges to determine the order of finish.
 - c. At least one (1), and not more than four (4) timers.
 - d. One (1) starter, and not more than two (2) assistants.
 - e. One (1) announcer.
 - f. One (1) recorder and five (5) assistants.
 - g. At least (6) water officials, two (2) per official boat.
2. The name of persons appointed by the Race Director to serve as regatta officials must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval no later than the meeting immediately preceding the first regatta. (the May OHCRA Board meeting)

C. Official Uniform

The Race Director will designate the attire to be worn by all the officials in order to distinguish them from others.

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D. Official Equipment

At least two (2), but not more than four (4) suitable power boats will be available for regatta officials conducting the start and/or observance of the race.

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ARTICLE IX: EQUIPMENT

A. Koa Canoe Specifications

1. Refer to "Illustration of Hawaiian Koa Racing Canoe Hulls In Present Day Use, C-1978, HCRA.
2. The hull of the canoe will have originated from a koa log.
3. Minimum weight of koa hulls constructed prior to August 1, 1988 will be no less than 350 pounds. Minimum weight of hulls build after August 1, 1988 will be no less than 385 pounds.
4. The canoe's racing weight will be no less than 400 pounds. For purposes of weight determination, the word "canoe" does not include ama, `iako and tying cord, but does include the hull and permanent fixtures such the manu, gunwales, wae, seats, ribs, patches, fiberglass and lead weights required to bring the total canoe weight to at least 400 pounds.
5. Lead weights added to bring the racing weight up to 400 pounds must be evenly distributed and permanently affixed to the canoe by means of metal screws at such location, or locations to allow for ease of inspection by race officials at any time during a regatta or race.
6. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a regatta or race. At any time during the year, at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed.
7. Except as provided herein, all patches (including ribbing) installed in the hull of any koa canoe will be made of koa wood. The exceptions to this rule are as follows:
 - a. Non-koa patches which were installed prior to the canoe weighing at the first regatta of 1979, and reported in writing to the Race Director as to type of material, size and location in the canoe hull.
 - b. Non-koa patches which are installed after the canoe weighing at the first regatta of any year and replaced by koa patch prior to use of that canoe in a regatta in any following year.
8. Fixtures of the canoe such as manu, wae, seats, and gunwales are to be made of wood. Manu and gunwales may be covered by any fibrous material. Manu may be constructed of wood veneer.
9. The ama and `iako will be fashioned from only Hawaiian woods including but not limited to: wiliwili, hau, milo, `ohia, oheohe and koa. No fins, keels or other devices will be allowed. The ama and `iako will be of traditional Hawaiian canoe design. `iako can be formed by either shaping of a whole branch of preceding Hawaiian woods or by laminating layers of cut planks. `iako can be coated with a non fibrous material such as oil, epoxy, varnish or paint.

10. An unpainted ama made from Hawaiian wood that is to be painted must first, before painting, be reported to the Race Director and the Canoe Specification and Equipment Committee (CSEC) so that the ama can be checked before painting by a member of the CSEC who will make a permanent record of the wood type. The person performing the inspection shall mark or id the ama so that it is distinguishable from an uninspected ama. Violation of this section by a club can result, at the discretion of the Race Rules Committee, in a penalty such as disqualification of the canoe.
11. At the discretion of the Race Director, any painted or colored ama attached to a koa canoe during a sanctioned race or regatta may be subjected to a test to determine the nature of the wood or interior. This "proof check" will be made at OH CRA expense.
12. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping will be permitted in any regatta.
13. Any koa canoe that is being extended, altered, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC) chairperson. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation of this rule.

B. Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design

1. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material to include fiberglass, foam, metal, wood, etc. It must be of traditional Hawaiian design. Minimum weight of hulls constructed prior to August 1, 1988 will be no less than 350 pounds. Minimum weight of hulls build after August 1, 1988 will be no less than 385 pounds.
2. The canoe racing weight will be no less than 400 pounds. For purposes of weight determination, the word "canoe" does not include ama, `iako and tying cord, but does include the hull and permanent fixtures such the manu, gunwales, wae, seats, ribs, patches, fiberglass and lead weights required to bring the total canoe weight to at least 400 pounds.
3. Lead weights added to bring the weight up to 400 pounds must be evenly distributed and permanently affixed to the canoe by means of metal screws at such location, or locations, to allow for ease of inspection by race officials at any time during a regatta or race.
4. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a regatta or race. At any time during the year, at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed.
5. Floatation compartments must be located at the bow and stern manu only. This rule will not apply to canoes registered prior to January 1, 1980.
6. Ama and `iako may be fashioned from any type of material, and must be of traditional Hawaiian design. No fins, keels, or other devices will be allowed.

- 1 7. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping will be permitted in any
2 regatta.
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- 4 8. Any fiberglass molded canoe will be exempt from "water-lining" procedures
5 provided that there have been 10 canoes made from the same mold, all of which
6 have passed the "water-lining" procedures. Any new mold shall be reported in
7 writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC)
8 chairperson. In the event of multiple molds of the exact same design plug, they will
9 also be reported to the CSEC committee chairperson in writing for determination of
10 water-lining procedures. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in
11 violation of this rule.
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13 **C. Open Class Division**

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- 15 1. The canoe will be a single canoe hull, rigged with a single ama and double `iako
16 separated by a least one seat.
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- 18 2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material.
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- 20 3. There must be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for bailing, power,
21 or steering.
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- 23 4. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the bow
24 and stern of the canoe.
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- 26 5. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six (6) paddlers in a
27 canoe.
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29 **D. Paddle Specifications**

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31 Paddles must be single bladed and shaped of wood only. However, the paddle used for
32 racing may have a protective or supportive (strengthening) covering which may be
33 fibrous, kevlar, carbon fiber, etc. The paddle may have an edging or prosthesis for
34 protection on the bottom or sides. The paddle may have laminated (horizontally or
35 vertically) synthetic materials (kevlar, etc.) for strength and support. Extra paddles may
36 be carried in each canoe during a race.

37 **E. Miscellaneous**

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- 40 1. Canoes, equipment, etc., not meeting the specifications will not be permitted in
41 OHCRA races, and the ruling of the Race Rules Committee on this matter will be
42 final.
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- 44 2. Any crew using unspecified equipment during a race will be disqualified.
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- 46 3. The Race Director may conduct inspections of equipment at any time.
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- 48 4. During a sanctioned race or regatta, each club is fully responsible for its own
49 property damage.
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- 51 5. It is recommended that all member clubs carry a minimum \$300,000 liability
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6. All koa canoes used in OHCRA regattas must be paddled only by registered paddlers of the club which owns (or leases) the canoe.

EXCEPTION: If a canoe is damaged during a regatta, a club may borrow another club's canoe for use during that particular regatta only. The Race Director must be notified prior to such use.

7. Clubs leasing canoes during the paddling season must provide a signed copy of a lease agreement to the Race Director at the scheduled weigh-in time prior to the start of the season.
8. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanctioned event during the regatta and distance seasons shall have their ama to 'iako and 'iako to hull attached "rigged" with multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps".

16 **F. OHCRA Canoe Number Assignment**

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1. Koa canoe number assignments are shown in the current list of OHCRA member clubs found in the introduction to these rules.
2. The number will be displayed on both sides of the bow. It will be no smaller than six (6) inches in height and will be at least a one (1) inch stroke, and be of contrasting color to the canoe.
 - a. Additional koa canoes belonging to member clubs will use the same koa canoe number followed by an upper case letter of the alphabet from A to Z.
 - b. Non-koa canoes (fiberglass, laminated koa, or other woods, metal, or foam process) will use the same koa canoe number and a lower case letter of the alphabet from a to z.

ARTICLE X: Flat Course Regatta Rules

A. Course

1. The official OHCRA race course will be $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length to be determined no less than 30 days prior to the regatta and will be laid out in equal lanes, no less than 80 feet wide.
2. Each lane will be designated by three (3) flags of the same color, one at each end of the course and one at the center. Flags will have a minimum dimension of 30 inches, will be made of lightweight, quick-drying cloth, and as far as practicable, will be covered with solid colors such that no two lanes will have the same colored flag.
3. The distance between the starting 1/4-mile lines and between the 1/4-mile and 1/2-mile will be established by actual measurement of both Lane 1 and the last parallel lane. All flags on each line will be, as nearly as practicable, in a straight line.
4. In order for record times to have meaning, the distance between lines will not be allowed to vary from 1/4-mile by more than five (5) yards.
5. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race Director or person directed by the Race Director, in company with one representative from 3 different clubs each week will inspect and, if requested, remeasure and reset the course to insure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length. A club representative may request any other adjustments to the course such as flag color coordination.
6. Only official boats will be allowed on the course.

B. Starting and Finishing Lines

1. The starting line flags for each canoe will be the flag on the left side of the canoe in its assigned lane.
2. The finishing line is the imaginary line between the two outside course flags, which must be red.

C. Holders

1. Each canoe in the race may have no more than two (2) canoe holders in the water at the start.
2. The canoe holder must hold the canoe in such a manner that he or she does not block the canoe number from the view of the officials.
3. After the start, the holder(s) must not interfere or try to affect the outcome of the race.

D. Starting

1. All starts will be in accordance with the instructions from the Starter.
2. All canoes are to be behind their flags at the start of the race.

- 1 3. A yellow flag will be displayed from the official boat five (5) minutes before the start
2 of a race or as soon as the last canoe from the previous event reaches shore.
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- 4 4. To signal the start, the yellow flag will be waved for approximately five (5) seconds;
5 the yellow flag will be brought down and a red flag will be raised. The official start
6 will be within the five (5) second period and will be signified by the raising of a
7 green flag and the lowering of the red flag simultaneously, and a blast from an air
8 horn, pistol or other device.
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10 **E. Stalling**

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12 The Starter will not hold up the start for a canoe deliberately lagging behind the Starter's
13 command to get on the starting line. A lagging canoe will have no right of protest on the
14 grounds of an unfair start in the event the race is started.

15 **F. Recall**

- 16 1. A recall of a start must be instigated by the Starter him/herself, not by a canoe
17 crew.
- 18 2. A start will be recalled in the following manner:
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20 a. The Starter will sound two or more blasts on an air horn, pistol or other device
21 and cause a special recall flag to be raised on the judges' stand or boat,
22 whichever may be more appropriate at the time.
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24 b. Canoes unable to hear the recall will be stopped as soon as possible by the
25 official boat.
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30 **G. Disqualification on Starting**

- 31 1. At the start of a race, any canoe beyond the starting flags or in the wrong lane will
32 be disqualified for a false start.
- 33 2. An ama or 'iako may bury the flag on the start and not be disqualified, but if the
34 canoe hull buries the flag, it constitutes starting in the wrong lane, resulting in a
35 disqualification.
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37 3. A canoe without a full crew of paddlers at the start of a race will be disqualified.
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39 4. A disqualified canoe may continue to race unless for some specific reason the race
40 officials decide otherwise.
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42 5. The coach or representative of the canoe club which has been disqualified will be
43 notified by a race official before public announcement.
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47 **H. Lanes**

- 48 1. Lane width is defined as the full lateral distance between adjoining flags.
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2. Where two canoes approach each other from opposite directions within the same lane, each canoe should occupy as nearly as possible the one-half width of the lane nearest its own line of flags so that the canoes will pass each other hull to hull. Canoes will in no way interfere with other participating canoes.
 3. If interference claims are made, the canoe not in its respective one-half lane may be charged the infraction and be disqualified.

I. Turns

1. All turns will be left turns around assigned lane flags only.
2. Where canoes assigned adjoining lanes occupy the same lane during a turning maneuver, each canoe will maneuver in such a way as to occupy as nearly as possible their own half-lane so that the canoes will pass each other hull to hull.
3. If the flag bends over and touches the water as the result of the canoe hitting it during a turn, the canoe will be disqualified.
4. The penalty for not turning on the correct flag will be disqualification.
5. A “cross-over” is allowed while executing a turn. A cross-over is defined as a canoe crossing the path of another canoe in the adjacent lane whether entering or exiting the turn provided all other rules are abided by.

J. Swamping

A canoe that swamps during a race may be bailed out by its crew and proceed in the race. Outside assistance will disqualify the crew.

K. Outside Assistance

Any crew receiving outside assistance of any sort during the course of a race will be disqualified.

L. Finishing

1. The end of the race for each canoe is when the bow of the canoe crosses the finish line.
2. Each canoe will finish with a full crew of paddlers.
3. The penalty for finishing in the wrong lane will be disqualification.
4. A canoe may bury its finish line lane flag with the ama or 'iako but if the hull / manu buries either of the two finish line lane flags it will be regarded as finishing in the wrong lane.

1 **M. Adverse Conditions/Open Steersperson**
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- 3 1. On the day of the regatta, should the majority of head coaches (or designated
4 representatives) of clubs having crews participating in events one (1) through ten
5 (10) request open steerspersons due to claims of adverse conditions, the Race
6 Director will confer with his/her water officials to determine whether in fact adverse
7 conditions do exist. If the officials concur with the coaches, then a vote by clubs will
8 determine whether open steerspersons will be used in the first ten events only (age
9 groups 12 through and including 14, and Novice B Women and Men).
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11 2. Steerspersons shall be gender specific. In a female race a female will steer, in a
12 male race a male will steer.
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14 3. Points/awards will be given to those who participate, whether using open
15 steerspersons or not.
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ARTICLE XI: Surf Course Regatta Rules

When sanctioned races are held in the surf, the following rules will apply in addition to the foregoing:

A. Canoe Option Choice

The use of OHCRA-approved non-koa canoes in surf races is optional with the approval of the Board of Directors.

B. Lane Drawing for Wave Races

1. Qualification for lanes in wave races is determined by participation in previous flat course regattas during that particular season.
2. Clubs who have qualified to draw for lanes at wave races will do so first. After this drawing, other clubs interested in participating may ask to draw for any open lanes. Those drawing the lowest numbers equal to the count of open lanes will choose their lanes.

C. Course

The course will be laid out as close as possible to the previous year's courses. The length of the races will be the same as for the flat course.

D. Open Steersmen

Open Steersmen are allowed in Wave races and must be registered members of the participating club.

E. Starting

When races are started from the beach, all crew members will be seated in the canoe unless otherwise determined by the Race Director.

F. Surfing

Surfing on waves will be permitted, but no canoe may be allowed to block the normal course or in any way interfere with another canoe in an attempt to pick up or surf on a wave.

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ARTICLE XII: O`ahu Championship Regatta

A. Race Course

The O`ahu Championships will have twelve (12) lanes.

B. Qualification of Crews

Crews will qualify for the O`ahu Championships by the records held at all flat course regattas.

C. Lane Drawing for O`ahu Championship

Clubs who have qualified to draw for lanes at the O`ahu Championship will do so first. After this drawing, other clubs interested in participating may ask to draw for any open lanes. Those drawing the lowest numbers equal to the count of open lanes, will choose their lane.

ARTICLE XIII: State Championship Regatta

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- 4 A. All crews will qualify by the records held from all flat course regattas to fill the allotted lanes at
- 5 the State Championship.
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- 7 B. Points are scored inversely to the number of crews racing in an event. Any crew disqualified
- 8 or not finishing will receive one (1) point, except for a crew with illegal or ineligible paddlers. A
- 9 crew will be scored on their top five (5) qualifying regattas for the State Championship.
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- 11 C. The crews with the most points per event will be a qualifying crew for that event for whatever
- 12 number of lanes that are available. In case of a tie in any particular event, the tie will be
- 13 broken before the lanes are drawn for that event. The crew who finished ahead at the Oahu
- 14 Championship Race will be the one who breaks the tie. In case the points are still tied, the
- 15 clubs that are tied will draw numbers to break the tie. The lowest number will be declared the
- 16 winner and be awarded the right to draw a lane. The tie-breaking will be conducted by the
- 17 Race Director or whoever is appointed by him/her to conduct lane drawing, and this will be
- 18 final and official.
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- 20 D. In case of any open lanes in any event following all the qualifications for lanes, these open
- 21 lanes will be made available to any club so desiring to enter that event. Again, in the event of
- 22 a tie, the same procedure in breaking the tie will determine the club entry.
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ARTICLE XIV: Protests

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- 4 A. A billing of \$10 will accompany any protest filed. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be
- 5 returned to the club filing the protest. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will go into the
- 6 OHCRA treasury.
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- 8 B. All protests or complaints of rule violations will be made to the Race Committee upon the
- 9 finish of that particular race.
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- 11 C. Protests will be submitted by a coach or his/her representative on official forms provided by
- 12 OHCRA. Head coaches of clubs involved in a protest will be notified immediately.
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- 14 D. While the Race Committee is hearing and apprising itself of the facts surrounding the protest,
- 15 only coaches, OHCRA club delegates, officials involved and/or others designated by the
- 16 Race Committee will be present.
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- 18 E. After the hearing is completed, the Race Committee will immediately exclude all persons,
- 19 deliberate on the testimony and evidence, and render a decision.
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- 21 F. The Race Committee will settle all protests and announce its decision before the end of a
- 22 regatta.
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- 24 G. All decisions as determined by the Race Committee on protests will be final.
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- 26 H. Protests which have been acted upon will become a part of OHCRA's permanent record.
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- 28 I. The race director will keep all protest records.
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ARTICLE XV: Penalties

A. Penalties

1. Penalties for violations of the Code of Ethics may be imposed during a race by the Race Committee or at any time by the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Penalties will be a fine against the offending club, a suspension of the offending paddler(s), a disqualification of a crew, or any combination of the above.
3. Fines must be paid by the offending canoe club, and until paid the club may not enter any further event of a regatta on that race day, nor any future regatta or race. Fines may be paid under protest.
4. A promissory note in lieu of payment may be accepted by the Race Committee. The promissory note must be signed by the head coach and the OHCRA delegate or alternate from the club in violation. The fine must be paid by the next lane drawing or the next OHCRA monthly meeting, whichever is first; otherwise, the club will be ineligible to draw lanes and be ineligible to vote.
5. Penalties are always subject to appeal by the Board of Directors, but pending such appeal, any suspension of a paddler or disqualification of a crew will stand.
6. A paddler, crew or club may appeal in writing any suspension, fine, or disqualification. Said appeal will be heard by at least eleven (11) members of the Board of Directors convened as a Board of Appeals within five (5) days of receipt of the written appeal.
7. The Appeals Board may approve, reverse or suspend the decision of the Race Committee or Disciplinary Committee. The decision of the Appeals Board is subject to review by the Board of Directors.

B. Disqualifications

1. Crews in a regatta will be disqualified for the following violations of the race rules:
 - a. Equipment violations as defined in Article IX.
 - b. Paddler eligibility violations as defined in Article XV.C & D.
 - c. Starting violations as defined in Article X.D.
 - d. Lane violations as defined in Article X.H.
 - e. Turn violations as defined in Article X.I.
 - f. Finishing violations as defined in Article X.L.
2. A disqualification may be called by an official with the approval of the Race Committee.
3. A club whose crew has been disqualified shall be notified as soon as possible.

1 **C. Illegal and Ineligible Paddler**

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3 For purposes of definition:

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5 **1. Illegal Paddler**

6 A paddler identified as one that is paddling out of his/her classification, or under
7 another person's name, or someone not registered with OHCRA.

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9 **2. Ineligible Paddler**

10 A paddler that is an obvious paper work error on the part of the club representative,
11 such as transfers, releases, misspelled names, etc.

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13 **D. Penalties for Illegal and Ineligible Paddlers**

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15 **1. Illegal Paddler**

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17 a. The penalty for a club using an illegal paddler shall be disqualification of the
18 crew and a fine of \$300.00 per paddler. The fine of \$300.00 must be paid by
19 the canoe club and until paid, the club may not enter any further event of a
20 regatta on a race day, nor any future regatta or race. The regatta or race shall
21 not be interrupted or stopped because of this disqualification.

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23 b. A canoe club disqualified and penalized and in the process of settling such
24 debt, must receive permission of the Race Committee to enter the course and
25 to continue participation in a regatta or race.

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27 c. A crew of a canoe club who proceeds on the water to enter an event without
28 permission shall be warned and asked to leave the course. Failure to do so
29 will involve another \$300.00 fine or disqualification of the entire crew or both.

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31 d. The second offense of using an illegal paddler during the same calendar year
32 shall be a fine of \$500.00. The fine of \$500.00 must be paid by the canoe club
33 and until paid, the club may not enter any future regatta or race. The regatta or
34 race shall not be interrupted or stopped because of this disqualification and
35 fine which must be paid. Further infractions may be referred to the Race Rules
36 and/or Disciplinary Committees.

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38 **2. Ineligible Paddler**

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40 The penalty for a club using an ineligible paddler shall be disqualification of the
41 crew and a fine of \$150.00 per paddler.

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43 **3. Confirmation of Paddlers**

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45 The penalty for a paddler signing OHCRA Form 425 with someone else's signature
46 other than his/her own shall be suspension of the individual committing the forgery
47 from OHCRA regattas and races for one and a half (1-1/2) years.

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49 **E. Disqualified Clubs**

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51 A regatta or race will not be interrupted or stopped because of disqualification and fine
52 payment.

1 **ARTICLE XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules**
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4 Any invitational race sanctioned by OHCRA will be classed an "open race" and be subject to the
5 following provisions:
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7 **A. Race Participation**
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- 9 1. A paddler may participate in the preseason races with any club and will be free to
10 move from club to club for the remainder of the preseason without requiring a
11 transfer.
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13 2. A paddler may participate in the regatta season after having gone through the
14 registration process governed by these race rules. Once the paddler has
15 participated in a regatta event for a club, he/she will not be allowed to participate in
16 any other regatta event with another HCRA member club for the remainder of that
17 regatta season through the HCRA State Championship.
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19 3. After the state championship regatta, a paddler wishing to paddle the distance
20 season with another HCRA club must obtain a transfer form from the Race
21 Director. This form must be signed by an authorized representative of the club
22 he/she paddled for during the regatta season and/or the state championship and an
23 authorized representative of the club the paddler is going to paddle with during the
24 distance season of the same calendar year. Once a paddler has participated with a
25 club in a distance season race, he/she may not participate with any other club
26 during the remainder of that distance season excluding Molokai Hoe. The minimum
27 age of a paddler for distance races shall be 16 years of age on the day of the race.
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29 4. A paddler may participate in the post season races with any club and will be free to
30 move from club to club for the remainder of the post season of the same calendar
31 year without having a transfer.
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33 **B. General Regulations**
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- 35 1. All OHCRA-sanctioned races are to utilize canoes of Hawaiian design according to
36 HCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications.
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38 2. Invitations must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval at a
39 regular Board meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
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41 3. Invitations must specify, and the Board of Directors must approve, the rules which
42 will govern the event.
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44 4. A map of the proposed race course and site must accompany the invitation and will
45 be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
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47 5. Sponsors wishing to promote an event cannot include the open division with the
48 koa division, and/or non-koa division.
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50 6. The Board of Directors will establish the OHCRA entry fees for all distance races
51 no later than May.
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- 1 7. All OHCRA member clubs are prohibited from competing in any type of race that
2 would allow the open class division to compete with the koa and/or non-koa
3 division.
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- 5 8. Sponsors wishing to promote or hold an open class race must first offer a Hawaiian
6 class, if both events are held on the same day.
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- 8 9. An open class race must start no less than two (2) hours following the Hawaiian
9 class, if both events are held on the same day.
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- 11 10. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to obtain, and invitations
12 must be accompanied by, valid evidence of approval by the United States Coast
13 Guard and State Department of Land and Natural Resources - Harbors Division.
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- 15 11. Provisions such as officials, etc., may be established by the Board of Directors at
16 its discretion.
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- 18 12. Only officially registered crews will be allowed on race course.
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- 20 13. A distance race course is defined as the distance between the first and last canoe.
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22 **C. Rounding Marks**

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24 In races that do not require canoes to maintain their respective lanes and a single
25 marker flag and float are to be rounded, the following rule applies. If an overlap occurs
26 when two canoes are approaching a marker to be rounded, the outer canoe will give
27 way to allow the leading canoe to round the marker; however, the outer canoe is under
28 no obligation to give way before an overlap is established. In case of doubt, it will be
29 presumed that the overlap was not established in proper time.

31 **D. Overlap**

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33 An overlap is defined as a condition existing when no open water can be seen between
34 the stern of one canoe and the bow of another when viewed at right angles to their
35 course.

1 **E. Classifications & Awards**

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- 3 1. Classifications will include but not be limited to Open Men & Women, Masters Men
- 4 & Women whose ages will be governed by the OHCRA Race Rules.
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- 6 2. There can be "Iron" type races and "Relief" type races.
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- 8 3. Iron races will consist of 6 paddlers.
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- 10 4. Men's relief races will consist of 9 paddlers for Open, Masters 40+, Masters 50+,
- 11 and 12 paddlers for Masters 55+ and Masters 60+.
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- 13 5. Women's relief races will consist of 10 paddlers for the Open, Masters 40+ and 12
- 14 paddlers for Masters 50+, Masters 55+, and Masters 60+.
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- 16 6. It will be at the discretion of the sponsoring body whether to offer all above
- 17 classifications or any additional classifications based on number of entries received
- 18 or conditions of the race. For canoe type divisional regulations see B. General
- 19 Regulations under this Article.
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- 21 7. The character and type of all awards, including divisions and distribution of cash
- 22 awards will be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Cash awards must be
- 23 paid to the clubs only.
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- 25 8. Team trophies must be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for each class
- 26 and/or division.
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- 28 9. Prizes and awards given in the open class will not exceed in value the awards given
- 29 to the Hawaiian design class.
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31 **F. Race Director's Responsibilities**

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- 33 1. The Race Director and not less than two (2) officials will preside in distance races.
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- 35 2. In the event of small craft warnings, cancellation of the race will be the
- 36 responsibility of the Race Director.
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- 38 3. If any unusual or unclassified situations arise on the race site, the Race Director
- 39 may, at his or her discretion, take a vote of all participating club coaches/delegates
- 40 to arrive at a decision.
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42 **G. Starts and Finish**

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- 44 1. The type of start and the location of finish will be as designated by the sponsoring
- 45 club, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
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- 47 2. The finish line will be so designated by markers or flags.
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49 **H. Escort Boats**

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- 51 1. Escort boats for distance races with crew changes will be mandatory for each crew
- 52 a club enters. In races with no changes or substitutes, the escort boat will be
- 53 optional.
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- 1 2. For safety purposes, all escort boats must comply with all United States Coast
2 Guard rules and regulations.
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- 4 3. Unsafe conditions due to an escort boat being overcrowded with spectators or
5 helpers may cause it to be declared unfit as an escort boat by the Race Committee.
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- 7 4. Escort boats must have working communications with race officials at all times. A
8 radio check by each crew's escort boat with the race official boat will be mandatory
9 prior to the start of the race. Failure to have a radio or be able to establish
10 communications will result in disqualification. VHF radios will be installed in the
11 boat, no "hand-helds" will be allowed.
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- 13 5. Only one (1) escort boat is permitted per crew. The Race Director may allow a
14 secondary, or backup escort boat upon notification prior to the commencement of
15 the race. A backup escort must meet the same requirements as a primary escort
16 boat. If a backup escort is authorized, it must keep well away from its canoe and
17 primary escort boat, rendering no assistance of any kind to either. Secondary
18 escorts will be obligated to remain clear of other racing crews and their escorts.
19 Interference with other canoes and/or escort boats will result in disqualification of
20 the crew it is attending. In the event of a breakdown or casualty to the primary
21 escort boat, the secondary escort may assume the duties of primary escort with
22 notification to the head water official or the Race Director.
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- 24 6. On all starts, escort boats will be prohibited in the field of racing canoes for a
25 minimum of ten (10) minutes, or as defined as an imaginary square boundary from
26 the lead canoe to the last canoe and the first canoe on the farthest left to the
27 farthest right.
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- 29 7. Each escort boat shall have a 3' x 4' red flag and the means to raise it. The red flag
30 will make finding the troubled escort boat & crew easier should they be in need of
31 assistance.
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- 33 8. Each escort boat shall have a bridle to safely tow the canoe.
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35 **I. Escort Boat Violations**

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- 37 1. The penalty for an escort boat entering the field of racing canoes without
38 permission of the Race Director and/or the Race Committee, will be the adding of
39 fifteen (15) minutes to the finish time of the canoe that the escort boat is escorting.
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- 41 2. Two warnings by a race official or the Race Committee to an escort boat to keep
42 away from a canoe, or any other infraction, will be the disqualification of the canoe
43 the escort boat it is escorting.
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45 **J. Registration and Eligibility**

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- 47 1. Registration of paddlers for the distance racing season must be submitted to the
48 Race Director and Head Recorder one week before the first sanctioned race of the
49 year. Participating clubs and paddlers must comply with the pertinent sections of
50 Article IV on eligibility, and with registration procedures.
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- 52 2. A paddler not duly registered for the current year may so register at the time the
53 name is submitted on OHCRA Form 200, and complete registration with an ID card
54 (refer to registration procedures).
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3. This list may be updated at any time. However, the eligibility of a paddler will be in accordance with registration procedures.

2. It is the entrant's responsibility to see that their paddlers are physically fit and capable of participating in a marathon canoe paddling event. If there is a question regarding a paddlers physical fitness, it shall be the entrant's responsibility to provide a medical clearance form and obtain the Molokai Hoe Committee's approval before the paddler enters the race.
7. All crew members must be able to swim.
8. Each paddler must sign designated liability and publicity waivers.
9. Merging clubs: Paddlers from different clubs may merge to form a crew provided that each paddler gets written permission to merge from their respective clubs designated representative and submits these same letters of permission to the Race Director for approval.
10. All participants who are not a current member of an HCRA club will be charged an insurance assessment at the time of registration.

E. Canoe Hull, Rigging And Equipment

1. All canoes (including rigging, 'iako, ama, hull shape above waterline, at waterline, and below waterline) must meet current OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications.
2. Only koa canoes that have been measured and certified under OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications for koa canoes will be allowed to race in the Koa Division.
3. Only non-koa canoes that have been measured and certified under OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications for non-koa canoes will be allowed to race in the Non-Koa Division.
4. No fins or keels will be allowed on ama in either division.
5. The minimum racing weight of any canoe, excluding the ama, 'iako, and tying cord is set at 400 lbs. Minimum weight of hulls constructed before August 1, 1998, shall be no less than 350 lbs. Lead weights must be permanently affixed to the canoe to bring the weight to 400 lbs. The added weight(s) must be evenly distributed between seats 2 and 5 and must be permanently affixed to the bottom of the seats to bring the hull weight to 400 lbs. Only certified lead weights must be used and must be permanently bolted or screwed to the seats of the canoes throughout the entire race. Weights must not be removed during the reace and must remain secured until the OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee give clearance. Adding weights to a canoe will be the responsibility of the entrant. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee must certify all added weights.
6. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee reserves the right to weigh any canoe regardless of any other authorities prior weight certification.
11. Canvas or other covering on the canoe is MANDATORY.
12. No sails or other artificial means of propulsion are permitted on the canoe.
13. No mechanical means of bailing water out of a canoe are allowed.

- 1 10. No foot support or braces of any kind are permitted inside the canoe. Only non-skid
2 materials are allowed.
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- 4 11. During the race each entry shall have its assigned identification symbol
5 permanently displayed on the front manu of its canoe. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe
6 Committee will assign this identification.
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- 8 12. An inspection of all equipment used in the race will be conducted at Hale O Lono
9 Harbor prior to the race.
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- 11 13. At the discretion of the OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee, any equipment that
12 substantially differs from the existing traditional Hawaiian design is subject to
13 rejection of said equipment.
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- 15 14. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee shall have the final decision of approving or
16 disapproving any entry, any canoe or any equipment.
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- 18 15. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanction event during the regatta and distance
19 seasons shall have their ama to 'iako and 'iako to hull attached "rigged" with
20 multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps".
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22 **F. Paddles**

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24 Paddles must be single bladed and shaped of wood only. However, the paddle used for
25 racing may have a protective or supportive (strengthening) covering which may be
26 fibrous, kevlar, carbon fiber, etc. The paddle may have an edging or prosthesis for
27 protection on the bottom or sides. The paddle may have laminated (horizontally or
28 vertically) synthetic materials (kevlar, etc.) for strength and support. Extra paddles may
29 be carried in each canoe during a race.

30 **G. Water Safety**

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- 33 1. Each entry must provide U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices
34 (PFD) for each person that boards their escort boat and each paddler in the canoe.
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- 36 2. Each entry is responsible for complying with all applicable State, Federal, and U.S.
37 Coast Guard regulations and requirements.
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- 39 3. Each entry is responsible for assuring that each paddler, coach, helper and/or
40 guest are water safe.
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- 42 4. Each entry is responsible for providing basic first-aid supplies.
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- 44 5. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee reserves the right to place an official on any
45 entrant's escort boat.
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- 47 6. Each entry is responsible for providing adequate nourishment and liquids for all
48 crew members on the canoe and each person, including the assigned official, on
49 the escort/auxiliary boat.
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- 51 7. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee reserves the right to disqualify any crew if the
52 Race Director determines that the crew is not capable of participating in or finishing
53 the race within a reasonable time.
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1 **H. Sponsorship Signage**

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- 3 1. Any signage used by the entrant must be pre-approved by the OHCRA Molokai
- 4 Hoe Committee. The OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee reserves the right to remove
- 5 any signage which is not in good taste or which sabotages the promotional rights of
- 6 the title sponsors and the presenting sponsor. Use of conflicting sponsorship
- 7 signage on canoes, escort boats, and the athletes themselves, shall be left to the
- 8 discretion of the OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee.
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- 10 2. Signage on a canoe must be between the two (2) 'iako of each canoe. Signage on
- 11 escort boat may be any place except port side of bow where the OHCRA Molokai
- 12 Hoe Committee requires placement of the assigned identification for each entry.
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- 14 3. There shall be no flags allowed on any escort or auxiliary boat on the race course.
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- 16 4. Race sponsor signage may be put on any canoe or escort boat used in the Molokai
- 17 Hoe Race at the request of the OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee.
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- 19 5. Final determination for use of sponsorship signage will be left to the discretion and
- 20 judgment of the OHCRA Molokai Hoe Committee.
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22 **I. Course Rules**

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- 24 1. Start Of The Race
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- 26 a. All canoes shall be ready to start before the time set for the beginning of the
- 27 race at Hale O Lono Harbor. The starting line for the race will be approximately
- 28 300 feet seaward to Hale O Lono Harbor entrance groin.
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- 30 b. All canoes will assemble behind the starting line.
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- 32 c. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m.
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- 34 d. Any air horn or other sound device and the raising of the green flag will signal
- 35 the start of the race, or other method as described at the coaches meeting.
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- 37 e. Any canoe over the starting line at the start will be penalized ten (10) minutes
- 38 which will be added to their official finish time.
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- 40 2. Course
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- 42 a. The course shall be from the starting line at Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai to
- 43 the finish line at Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Waikiki Beach.
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- 45 b. A Crew may follow any course to the finish line provided that it rounds the
- 46 orange bouy at the channel entrance to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
- 47 before corssing the finish line.
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- 49 c. Specific diagrams will be provided at the coaches meetings. Entries are
- 50 encouraged to visit the finish line area before the race.
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- 52 3. Paddlers And Relief Paddlers
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- a. The final selected race crew will consist of (9) nine male paddlers open, 40+, and 50+, and 12 male paddlers in the 55+ and 60+ . Minimum age must be not less than 18 years of age as of the day of the race. These names shall be submitted to the assigned race official before 12 noon the day before the race and must have come from the Crew List Form.
 - b. There may be no more than (6) male paddlers in any one canoe at any time during the race.
 - c. Starting and relief paddlers may be used at the discretion of the coach.
 - d. The first change of paddlers will take place, at the discretion of the Race Director, no earlier than La'au Point or thirty (30) minutes, or no later than forty-five (45) minutes. An official boat will signal the end of the time period as described at the coaches meeting.
 - e. All canoes must pass between La'au Point and a prescribed official boat that will be stationed at a set distance from La'au Point.
 - f. The last change shall be before the channel marker off of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.
 - g. Each canoe must finish the race with six (6) male paddlers in the canoe to qualify for placement and awards.
 - h. All paddlers will be issued an official WRIST BAND which must be worn at all times during the course of the race. This is MANDATORY and will be issued when the final crew list is submitted.
4. Swamping Or Overturning Of Canoe
- a. If a canoe swamps or overturns after the start of the race, the canoe may be righted and bailed out and will be allowed to continue in the race. No mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe.
 - b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on an escort boat may assist in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe.
 - c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the swamped canoe but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line while the canoe is officially entered in the race.
 - d. All escort boats must be equipped with bridle straps in the event that a canoe needs to be towed. Failure to have bridle straps aboard the escort boat will result in a penalty.
5. Escort Boat/Auxiliary Boat
- a. Each entry must have one (1) escort powerboat to accompany them throughout the race.
 - b. Each entry may have one (1) auxiliary powerboat. The auxiliary boat assists in the retrieving of paddlers during the substitute changes. It is suggested that each entry have an auxiliary boat. However, auxiliary boats are optional.

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- c. All escorts boats and auxiliary boats must have a Molokai Hoe ID number that has been issued by Molokai Hoe officials. If a powerboat does not have a Molokai Hoe ID number, they will be asked to leave the course.
- d. All escort boats must have bridle straps to tow a canoe and a 3'x5' red flag that can be flown from the escort boat in the event of an emergency.
- e. All escort/auxiliary boats must provide a copy of the boats registration to the OHCRA Molokai Hoe race officials at registration.
- f. All escort/auxiliary boat(s) must meet the minimum U.S. Coast Guard requirements. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size of 22' in overall length. If an auxiliary boat is used in conjunction with an escort boat then each craft must meet a minimum size of 19' in overall length and be registered with a crew number. VHF radios will be installed in the escort/auxiliary boat(s), no "hand-helds" will be allowed.
- g. All escort/auxiliary boat(s) must be equipped with a two-way VHF radio. Only Marine Band (VHF) Radio communication is acceptable. Any entry whose escort/auxiliary boat(s) does not have working two-way VHF radio will NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. All escort/auxiliary boats must pass through the radio communication checkpoint at Hale O Lono Harbor on race day.
- h. It is recommended that all escort boats have a GPS on board.
- i. For safety purposes, all escort/auxiliary boat(s) must have a combined U.S. Coast Guard approved carrying capacity to accommodate a minimum of nine (9) male paddlers, (1) race official, and any additional passengers along with the U.S. Coast Guard required equipment.
- J. It is recommended that all escort/auxiliary boat(s) carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance coverage.
- K. Liability Waivers for Escort Boat/ Auxiliary Boat:
A form furnished by OHCRA will be completed by the escort/auxiliary skippers with the information pertaining to his craft and turned over to the Molokai Hoe Race Committee. The deadline for submitting the name of an escort/auxiliary boat and its skipper will be no later than Noon on the Saturday before the race. Crews will not be entered without the completed forms.
Escort/auxiliary boat skippers will be furnished with liability waiver forms to be signed by all personnel boarding their craft. Each boat skipper will turn these liability wavier forms over to the race officials before 6:00am race day.
A copy fo the escort/auxiliary boat registration must be provided at the time of registration.
- l. Each escort/auxiliary boat must follow behind its assigned canoe throughout the race, except for swamped and overturned canoes. It can at no time come along side or ahead of the canoe except for during the transfer of relief paddlers, supplies, or in the case of an emergency, and it must make way without deliberately blocking, or causing interference, or wake to any approaching canoe.
At no time will an escort/auxiliary deliberately cause a wake to assist their own canoe or interfere with another canoe.
At all times, escort/auxiliary boats must maintain a safe distance form canoes and other boats.

1 Canoes always have the right-of way over escort/auxiliary boats.
2 Escort/auxiliary boats cannot block or cause a wake to approaching canoes.
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- 4 m. A Molokai Hoe Adult Waiver and Release of Liability and Promotional Rights
5 form must be signed in addition to the boat waiver.
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7 n. Coaching and directing from the escort/auxiliary boat is permitted.
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9 o. Escort/auxiliary boats cannot be used to transport any articles to a canoe.
10 However, any qualified person may pass refreshments or other articles to a
11 canoe from the water, this person need not be one of the nine (9) male
12 paddlers.
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14 p. Unsafe conditions due to an escort/auxiliary boat being overcrowded, or not
15 meeting U.S. Coast Guard requirements or Molokai Hoe requirements, can be
16 declared unfit or unseaworthy as an escort/auxiliary boat by the Molokai Hoe
17 Committee. Said entries will not be allowed to participate.
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19 q. Minors are not allowed on escort/auxiliary boats. The Molokai Hoe Committee
20 will have the final decision on the approval or disapproval of any vessel used
21 as an escort boat or auxiliary boat.
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23 6. Cancellation Of Race
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- 25 a. The race is subject to postponement or cancellation by the U.S. Coast Guard.
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27 b. The race is subject to postponement or cancellation by the Molokai Hoe
28 Committee upon receipt of information of weather conditions of such nature,
29 which would in their opinion render the running of the race unsafe.
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31 c. In case of the race being postponed or cancelled, the entries are responsible
32 for returning all paddlers, personnel, and equipment to Oahu.
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34 d. All fees are non-refundable upon cancellation of any entry or cancellation of
35 the race.
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37 7. Finish Line
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- 39 a. All escort boats must do a visual "End of Race" radio check on the designated
40 radio channel with the lead official boat before departing the race course. No
41 powerboats are allowed to enter the channel leading to the Hilton Pier without
42 permission from the lead official boat.
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44 b. Relief crew members and crew members on the escort/auxiliary boat should
45 follow the instructions of the pier personnel while unloading gear off of escort
46 and auxiliary boats. Crews need to keep the pier clear and are asked to
47 remove off loaded gear in a quick and timely manner to ensure everyone's
48 safety.
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50 c. The State Of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, and U.S. Army prohibit
51 drinking of alcoholic beverages on the beach.
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4 **ARTICLE XVIII: Race Rules Amendments**
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6 **A. General**
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- 8 1. The deadline for accepting proposed amendments for the next racing season shall
9 be made prior to the committee meeting preceding the annual OHCRA meeting,
10 where the proposals will be voted on by the member clubs. The committee
11 meeting date will be no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting.
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- 13 2. A record of amendments to the Race Rules book shall be listed under this Article.
14 The record will include the actual amendment voted on, the voting score and any
15 "housekeeping" changes that the amendment change has incurred.
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17 **B. Amendment Records**
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19 **OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-6-07 for 2007**
20 **16 clubs voting.**
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- 22 1. Allow OHCRA Race Rules to go online. 15 yes 1 no
23 2006 pages affected: vi, statement of rules, 2nd paragraph.
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- 25 2. Establish 3 divisions for club standings at regattas instead of the present 2. 14 yes
26 2 no
27 2006 pages affected: 3, Article II, B, 1.
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- 29 3. Move both Masters 40+ Women and 40+ Men to events 33 and 34 which are after
30 the Masters 50+ Men. 14 yes 2 no
31 2006 pages affected: 2, Article II, A, 33-39.
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- 33 4. Delete the provision for allowing clubs to merge when there is out of state
34 participation during the distance season. 12 yes 4 no
35 2006 pages affected: 33, Article XVI, B, 11-12.
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- 37 5. Include the Molokai Hoe race rules in the OHCRA race rules book and have the
38 OHCRA race rules committee, board of directors and member clubs govern them
39 as done with the present Race Rules. 14 yes 2 no
40 2006 pages affected: 36, Articles XVII, XVIII.
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- 42 6. Define the calendar year into the racing seasons that we presently race in,
43 Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season. 16 yes 0 no
44 2006 pages affected: 1, Article I, C.
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- 46 7. Change the title of the Article pertaining to the regatta season Flat Course Rules to
47 Flat Course Regatta Rules. 16 yes 0 no
48 2006 pages affected: 22, Article X title.
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- 50 8. Change the title of the Article pertaining to a surf race during the regatta season
51 from Surf Course Rules to Surf Course Regatta Rules. 16 yes 0 no
52 2006 pages affected: 26, Article XI title.
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9. Change the title of the Article pertaining to distance race seasons from Distance Race Rules to Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 32, Article XVI title.
2006 pages affected: 11, Article V, B, 8.
10. Reword the section pertaining to race participation during the calendar year, Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season. 15 yes 1 no
2006 pages affected: 32, Article XVI, A, 1-2.
11. Add additional wording under Awards for distance races to define the classifications of distance races. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 33, Article XVI, E, 1-3.
12. Add in the words (6 person) to distinguish between 1 person canoe experience and 6 person canoe experience for the definition of Novice B classification. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 5, Article III, A, 12.
13. Add in the words (age classification) and (age) in the first and second sentence of Age Group Participation to clarify the intent of the rule. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 7, Article III, B, 4, b.
14. Replace the words (Upper Division) with (Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior) to clarify what is meant by "Upper Division". 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 8, Article III, B, 5, c.
15. Under Transfers delete in b. (in any race or regatta) and (during the racing season) and add in (during the regatta or long distance seasons). A paddler who has paddled competitively during the "regatta season" or "distance season" for a club will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that racing season. This amendment defines which of the four seasons a paddler must stay with their club and which seasons they can switch from club to club. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 10, Article V, B, 1, b.
16. Add in new section to identify how a transferred paddler will be received by OHCRA from other associations. OHCRA will respect the classifications of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA club who has participated in a Sophomore or Junior race of their club's association will be classified a sophomore at OHCRA. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 11, Article V, B, 3, d.
17. Make provisions to allow one race instead of a 2 heat race when a known scratch would allow a single heat for an event. If an event that was to have 2 heats has a known scratch since the original lane drawing, and the amount of lanes can now accommodate the number of entries, the lanes may be redrawn so as to avoid a second heat. The redrawing of lanes shall take place no later than 3 races prior to the redrawn event. 13 yes 3 no
2006 pages affected: 13, Article VI, B, 13 new.
18. Reword the rules governing how we inspect the regatta race course prior to the start of the regatta. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race Director or person directed by the Race Director, in company with one representative from 3 different clubs each week will inspect and, if requested, re-measure and reset the course to insure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length. A club representative may request any other adjustments to the course such as flag color coordination. 16 yes 0 no

1 2006 pages affected: 22, Article X, A, 5.
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- 3 19. Keep a record of the amendments to the race rules book under the amendment
4 article of the OHCRA Race Rules Book. 16 yes 0 no
5 2006 pages affected: 36, Article XVII, A, 1-2. & Article XVII, B new.
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7 **OHCRA Race Rules Supplemental Amendment voted on and approved 2-5-07 for**
8 **2007.**

9 **15 clubs voting**

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11 1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta. AAA division for clubs'
12 placing first, second, and third, AA division for clubs placing first, second, and third,
13 A division for clubs placing first, second, and third. 10 yes 5 no
14 2006 pages affected: 3, Article II, D, 1, a-b.
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16 **OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-5-08 for 2008.**

17 **17 clubs voting.**

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19 1. Any koa canoe being extended, altered, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired
20 shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee
21 (CSEC) Chairperson. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation
22 of this rule. 14 yes 3 no
23 2007 pages affected: 20, Article IX, A, 13 new.
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25 2. Any fiberglass molded canoe will be exempt from "water-lining" procedures
26 provided that there have been 10 canoes made from the same mold, all of which
27 have passed the "water-lining" procedures. Any new mold shall be reported in
28 writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC)
29 chairperson. In the event of multiple molds of the exact same design plug, they will
30 also be reported to the CSEC committee chairperson in writing for determination of
31 water-lining procedures. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in
32 violation of this rule. 15 yes 2 no
33 2007 pages affected: 20, Article IX, B, 8 new.
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35 3. Under heading of escort boats, change wording in #2 page 36 (are subject to) and
36 add in (must comply with). New wording:
37 For safety purposes, all escort boats *must comply with* all United States Coast
38 Guard rule and regulations. 17 yes 0 no
39 2007 pages affected: 36, Article XVI, H, 2.
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41 4. Clarify turns in flat course Regatta rules. Change wording in #4 page 25 (right) and
42 add in (correct). New wording:
43 The penalty for not turning on the *correct* flag will be disqualification. 17 yes 0 no
44 2007 pages affected: 25, Article X, I, 4.
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46 5. Under Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Races, only officially registered
47 crews will be allowed on race course. 17 yes 0 no
48 2007 pages affected: 34, Article XVI, B, 12 new.
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50 6. Definition of a distance race course: A distance race course is defined as the
51 distance between the first and the last canoe. 17 yes 0 no
52 2007 pages affected: 34, Article XVI, B, 13 new.

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7. Acknowledge define the term “cross-over” in the turn. A cross-over is allowed while executing a turn. A cross-over is defined as a canoe crossing the path of another canoe in the adjacent lane whether entering or exiting the turn provided all other rules are abided by. 17 yes 0 no
2007 pages affected: 25, Article X, I, 5 new.
 8. Include *the voting score* on the amendments that pass on the amendment page.
New wording:
A record of amendments to the Race Rules book shall be listed under this Article. The record will include the actual amendment voted on, *the voting score* and any “housekeeping” changes that the amendment change has incurred. 17 yes 0 no
2007 pages affected: 45, Article XVIII, A, 2.

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**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 2-2-09 for 2009.
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1. Change the method of totaling accrued points of a crew toward qualification to the State Championship.
The lowest scoring regatta of a crew will be eliminated from the total accrued points. 7 yes 6 no
2008 pages affected: 29, Article XIII. B.
 2. Addition of a 60+ classification to Molokai Hoe. 8 yes 5 no
2008 pages affected: 38, Article XVII. D. 1 and 41, Article XVII. I. 3. a.
 3. Reconfigure club divisions for regattas.
AAA = 27 or more crews, AA = 14 but no more than 26 crews, A = 13 crews or less. 8 yes 5 no
2008 pages affected: 4, Article II. B. 1. a., b. & c.
 4. Optional ¼ or ½ mile race course for regattas.
New wording:
The official OHCRA race course will be ¼ or ½ mile in length to be determined no less than 30 days prior to the regatta and will be laid out in equal lanes, no less than 80 feet wide. 9 yes 4 no
2008 pages affected: 23, Article X. A. 1.
 5. Addition of the word “only” to assigned lane flag that a crew must turn on.
All turns will be left turns around assigned lane flags only. 11 yes 2 no
2008 pages affected: 25, Article X. I. 1.
 6. Clarify ruling if a canoe buries a flag on the finish line.
A canoe may bury its finish line lane flag with the ama or ‘iako but if the hull / manu buries either of the two finish line lane flags it will be regarded as finishing in the wrong lane. 13 yes 0 no
2008 pages affected: 25, Article X. L. 4. new
 7. Addition of club representative along with the club coach when notifying a club whose crew has been disqualified.
The coach or representative of the canoe club which has been disqualified will be notified by a race official before public announcement. 13 yes 0 no
2008 pages affected: 24, Article X. G. 5.

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8. Notifying a club as soon as possible after a disqualification.
A club whose crew has been disqualified shall be notified as soon as possible. 13
yes 0 no
2008 pages affected: 31, Article XV. B. 3. new
9. Change the wording to reflect the present way open steerspersons are determined.
The old wording did not describe the method correctly.
If the officials concur with the coaches, then a vote by clubs will determine whether
open steerspersons will be used in the first ten events only (age groups 12 through
and including 14, and Novice B Women and Men). 13 yes 0 no
2008 pages affected: 26, Article X. M. 1.
10. Addition of the word "final" to the following concerning the entry list to read.
The final entry list OHCRA Form 400 for each race, commencing with Event 4:
Girls 13 years and under, must be submitted to the race officials no later than two
(2) races prior to the start of the applicable race. 10 yes 3 no
2008 pages affected: 15, Article VI. F. 2.
11. The minimum age of a paddler for distance races shall be 16 years of age on the
day of the race. 10 yes 3 no
2008 pages affected: 33, Article XVI. A. 3.
12. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size of 22' in overall
length. If an auxiliary boat is used in conjunction with an escort boat then each craft
must meet a minimum size of 19' in overall length and be registered with a crew
number. 11 yes 2 no
2008 pages affected: 43, Article XVII. I. 5. f.
13. All paddlers will be issued an official WRIST BAND which must be worn at all times
during the course of the race. This is MANDATORY and will be issued when the
final crew list is submitted. 12 yes 1 no
2008 pages affected: 38, Article XVII. D. 1. and 42, Article XVII. I. 3. h. new
14. Adopt the approved HCRA Guidelines For Race Cancellations found in Addendum
B of the HCRA Race Rules. 13 yes 0 no
2008 pages affected: New page 50, Addendum A
16. Delete the paragraph G concerning "Passing" in the Surf Course Regatta Rules
which states as follows: In races that do not require the canoes to maintain their
respective lanes, a canoe that is attempting to pass another will keep clear at all
times and in no way interfere with the canoe it is attempting to pass, nor will the
canoe in the lead attempt prevent another canoe from passing. 12 yes 1 no
2008 pages affected: 27, Article XI. G.
17. Correct misspelled words.
Penalites to Penalties, 2008 page 31, Article XV.
discretion to discretion, 2008 page 35, Article XVI. E. 6.
Form to from, 2008 page 41, Article XVII. I. 3. a.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-10-10 for 2010.
17 clubs voting.**

1. For ¼ mile races only, addition of lane “0” on parallel courses and addition of a lane on the right side of the course for “in and out” courses when there is one more entry than lanes available. 14 yes 3 no
2009 pages affected: 13, Article VI. B. 3.
2010 pages affected: 13
2. Rewrite the last sentence in B. referring to the scoring of qualifying races for the State Championship.
Old: The lowest scoring regatta of a crew will be eliminated from the total accrued points.
New: A crew will be scored on their top five (5) qualifying regattas for the State Championship. 16 yes 1 no
2009 pages affected: 29, Article XIII. B.
2010 pages affected: 30
3. Add H. having to do with scratches.
 1. A scratch is a withdrawal from a race that a lane has been drawn for whether or not the crew list has been submitted.
 2. If a crew will not be showing up to the starting line the club must notify the race committee that they intend to scratch.Note: Minutes from OHCRA monthly meeting of 12-7-09 will indicate a resolution passed that will allow a club to scratch up until the yellow flag, designating the five minute warning.
16 yes 1 no
2009 pages affected: 15, Article VI. Addition of H.
2010 pages affected: 16
4. Modify the wording having to do with receipt of entries and lane drawing by the race director:
Old: The Race Director will designate the place and set the time and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. Lane drawing will be held on the Monday before the regatta except for the July 4th regatta. The Race Director may change this if proper notice is given to all concerned, or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in his or her place.
New: The Race Director will designate the place, time, and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. The Race Director may make a change if proper notice is given to all concerned, or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in his or her place. 16 yes 1 no
2009 pages affected: 13, Article VI. A. 1.
2010 pages affected: 13
5. Addition of paragraph 5 to the Code of Ethics having to do with drinking:
Any club members that are found drinking at our events will result in the entire club being asked to leave the event and will no longer be eligible to compete for that day’s events. This includes all paddlers, friends and family. 10 yes 7 no
2009 pages affected: vii, Code of Ethics
2010 pages affected: vii

1 **OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-30-11 for 2011.**
2 **16 clubs voting.**

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4 1. Addition of Men & Women 65 and over classifications. 9 yes 7 no
5 2010 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 7, Article III. A.
6 2011 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 7, Article III. A. 24
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8 2. Addition of Keiki Open race. 14 yes 2 no
9 2010 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 6, Article III. A.
10 2011 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 6, Article III. A. 8.
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12 3. A club can scratch a crew up to the yellow flag designating the 5 minute warning
13 prior to the race they intend to scratch. 16 yes 0 no
14 2010 pages affected: 16, Article VI. H. 2.
15 2011 pages affected: 15
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17 4. An age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a classification higher than 18
18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to age group classifications.
19 16 yes 0 no
20 2010 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 4. a.
21 2011 pages affected: 8
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23 5. Reword under heading of G. Late Entries
24 **old wording:**
25 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing)
26 may be permitted for both paddlers and lanes. A late fee in both cases will be
27 assessed.
28 2. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will be assessed each individual paddler
29 submitted. This will apply to all regatta and distance races.
30 3. Late entry fees for open lanes only will be \$12.00 per lane.
31 **new wording:**
32 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing)
33 may be permitted for lanes. A late fee will be assessed.
34 2. A late entry fee for open lanes will be \$12.00 per lane in addition to the regular
35 fee assessed at lane drawing.
36 16 yes 0 no
37 2010 pages affected: 15, Article VI. G. 1 thru 3
38 2011 pages affected: 15
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40 6. Reword under 7. HCRA Transfer
41 **old wording:**
42 If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous racing
43 season, a transfer **and release** must be submitted to the Race Director no later
44 than the date of the lane drawing for the particular race or regatta.
45 **new wording:**
46 If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous **regatta or**
47 **distance** racing seasons, a transfer must be submitted to the Race Director no later
48 than the date of the lane drawing for the particular regatta **or the official**
49 **registration of the particular distance race and must be approved by race day.**
50 16 yes 0 no
51 2010 pages affected: 12 Article V. B. 7.
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7. Delete “Regatta”, “Distance” and “Molokai Hoe” Race Director and replace with “Race Director”. 15 yes 1 no
2010 pages affected: viii, Officers
2011 pages affected: viii

8. Add in “per paddler” for fines for illegal and ineligible paddler
D. 1. a. \$300.00 per paddler. (ref. illegal paddler)
D. 2. \$300.00 per paddler. (ref. ineligible paddler)
13 yes 2 no 1 abstain
2010 pages affected: 33, Article XV. D. 1. a. and D. 2.
2011 pages affected: 32

9. Reword under 1. b. Eligibility for Transfer
old wording:
b. A paddler who has paddled competitively during the regatta season or distance season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that racing season.
new wording:
b. A paddler who has paddled competitively during a regatta season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that regatta season. A paddler who has paddled competitively during a distance season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that distance season.
14 yes 1 no 1 abstain
2010 pages affected: 11, Article V. B. I. b.
2011 pages affected: 11

10. VHF radios will be installed in the escort/auxiliary boat(s), no “hand helds” will be allowed. 11 yes 3 no 2 abstain
2010 pages affected: 44, XVII. I. 5. g.
2011 pages affected: 43

11. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanctioned event during the regatta and distance seasons shall have their ama to ‘iako and ‘iako to hull attached “rigged” with multiple cord lashings, no “quick straps”. 13 yes 2 no 1 abstain
2010 pages affected: 23, Article IX. E. 8. and page 41, Article XVII. E. 15.
2011 pages affected: 22, and 40

ADDENDUM A. GUIDELINES FOR RACE CANCELLATIONS

1. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for conducting a “safe outrigger canoe race.”
2. Cancellation of races will occur under the following conditions:
 - a. Adverse weather conditions
 - b. Medical/Health conditions (i.e. sewage spill)
 - c. Darkness
 - d. Other reasons as determined by the Race Director in conjunction with the Race Committee.
3. The Race Director is responsible for making the announcement of race cancellation.
4. The Race Director shall consult with Race Committee and the sponsor(s) of the race, if necessary, in making any decision to cancel the race.
5. Cancellation based on adverse weather conditions may include the following:
 - a. Winds in excess of 25 knots (small craft warnings).
 - b. Wave heights 12-15 feet.
 - c. Current and other tidal changes affecting the course.
 - d. In addition to the above conditions, the Race Director and Race Committee shall consult with official boat captain(s), listen to marine weather and all other sources, as is necessary, in determining whether a race should be conducted.
6. The announcement should be made the morning of the race, except where circumstances exist which allow for cancellation the night before or earlier.
7. Cancellation Alternatives
 - a. The Race Director, along with the Race Committee, shall consult with the sponsor(s) of the race to determine if there is an alternate course or an alternate date and time. The Race Director and Race Committee, along with other interested parties (sponsor(s), representatives from competing crews, etc.) shall consider the logistics of having an alternate course or alternate date. The final decision will be left to the Race Committee, and Race Director, with input from the sponsor(s).
 - b. Any decisions regarding entry fee refunds, logistics, travel arrangements, other expense considerations, and who should be responsible for arrangements or reimbursements shall be left to the discretion of the Race Director and Race Committee.