

**MOKU O HAWAII OUTRIGGER CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RULES**  
**ARTICLE I**  
**EVENTS**

**A. OFFICIAL ORDER AND DISTANCES**

**Classified Events**

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|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1.  | Girls 12 and under | 1/4 |
| 2.  | Boys 12 and under  | 1/4 |
| 3.  | Boys/Girls Mix12   | 1/4 |
| 4.  | Girls 13 and under | 1/4 |
| 5.  | Boys 13 and under  | 1/4 |
| 6.  | Women Novice "B"   | 1/4 |
| 7.  | Girls 14 and under | 1/4 |
| 8.  | Boys 14 and under  | 1/4 |
| 9.  | Mix Novice "B"     | 1/4 |
| 10. | Girls 15 and under | 1/2 |
| 11. | Boys 15 and under  | 1/2 |
| 12. | Men Novice "B"     | 1/2 |
| 13. | Girls 16 and under | 1/2 |
| 14. | Boys 16 and under  | 1/2 |
| 15. | Girls 18 and under | 1/2 |
| 16. | Boys 18 and under  | 1/2 |
| 17. | Boys/Girls 18 Mix  | 1/2 |
| 18. | Women Novice "A"   | 1/2 |
| 19. | Men Novice "A"     | 1/2 |
| 20. | Freshmen Women     | 1   |
| 21. | Freshmen Men       | 1   |
| 22. | Sophomore Women    | 1   |
| 23. | Sophomore Men      | 1   |
| 24. | Junior Women       | 1   |
| 25. | Junior Men         | 1   |
| 26. | Senior Women**     | 1 ½ |
| 27. | Senior Men**       | 1 ½ |

**Unclassified Events**

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|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 28. | Women 40                              | 1/2               |                             |
| 29. | Men 40                                | 1/2               |                             |
| 30. | <b><i>Women 70 &amp; Men 70**</i></b> | <b><i>1/2</i></b> | <b><i>(split lanes)</i></b> |
| 31. | Women 65                              | 1/2               |                             |
| 32. | Men 65                                | 1/2               |                             |
| 33. | Women 60                              | 1/2               |                             |
| 34. | Men 60                                | 1/2               |                             |
| 35. | Women 55                              | 1/2               |                             |
| 36. | Men 55                                | 1/2               |                             |
| 37. | Women 50                              | 1/2               |                             |
| 38. | Men 50                                | 1/2               |                             |
| 39. | Men/Women 60                          | 1/2               |                             |
| 40. | Men/Women 55                          | 1/2               |                             |
| 41. | Men/Women 40                          | 1/2               |                             |
| 42. | Women Open 4                          | 1/2               |                             |
| 43. | Men Open 4                            | 1/2               |                             |
| 44. | Men/Women Open                        | ½                 |                             |
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|  | HCRA State Race                          |     |
|  | Race 1 - Women 70 & Men 70 (split lanes) | 1/2 |
|  | Race 2 – Women 65                        | 1/2 |
|  | Race 3 - Men 65                          | 1/2 |
|  | Race 4 - Women 60                        | 1/2 |
|  | Race 5 - Men 60                          | 1/2 |
|  | Race 32 - Women 55                       | 1/2 |
|  | Race 33 - Men 55                         | 1/2 |
|  | Race 34 - Women 50                       | 1/2 |
|  | Race 35 - Men 50                         | 1/2 |
|  | Race 36 - Women Open Four                | 1/2 |
|  | Race 37 - Men open Four                  | 1/2 |
|  | Race 38 - Mixed Men & Women (55)         | 1/2 |
|  | Race 39 - Mixed Men & Women (40)         | 1/2 |
|  | Race 40 - Mixed Men & Women Open         | 1/2 |
|  | Race 41 - Women (40)                     | 1/2 |
|  | Race 42 - Men (40)                       | 1/2 |

***\*\*Events 26, 27, & 30 will be run only in the Aunty Maile Big Island Championship\*\****

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E. REGATTA START TIME

The first race of the regatta shall begin at 8:30 a.m.

F. COACHES MEETING

There shall be a coaches meeting prior to all regattas, which shall occur at 8:00 a.m. promptly without announcement via PA system. All clubs shall be responsible for information disseminated at said meeting.

**ARTICLE II**

**CLASSIFICATION**

(See Article II W re-classification)

- A. Senior: Open to any male or female.
- B. Junior: Open to any male or female.
- C. Sophomore: Open to any male or female.
- D. Freshmen: Open to any male or female.
- E. 18 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- F. Boys & Girls Mixed: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- G. 16 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- H. 15 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of the calendar year, Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- I. 14 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of the calendar year, Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- J. 13 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of the calendar year, Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- K. 12 & under: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of the calendar year, Jan., a.m. or p.m.
- L. Boys & Girls Mixed: Open to any paddler who has not reached his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of the calendar year, Jan., a.m. or p.m. The crew shall be three (3) girls and three (3) boys. Paddlers in this event may paddle in the 12 boys and/or girls event.
- M. Novice B: Open to any paddler who has never competed in a six-person outrigger canoe. (***For clarification, never competed shall be considered meaning in competition between members of an association where records of participation are maintained.***) A person may compete in "B" classification for only one year; however, paddlers may move into non-classified events during the current racing season and maintain their Novice status. Novice B paddlers may race in distance races during the current season and maintain their Novice status. Novice B paddlers may compete in an unclassified event they are eligible for in the same regatta, and not lose their novice status. Final determination for Novice B status to be made through HCRA website classification.
- N. Novice B Mixed: Open to any paddler who has never competed in a six-person outrigger canoe. (***For clarification, never competed shall be considered meaning in competition between members of an association where records of participation are maintained.***) The crew shall be three (3) women and three (3) men. Paddlers in this event may also paddle in the Novice B Women's or Novice B Men's event in the same regatta. Novice B paddlers may compete in an unclassified event they are eligible for in the same regatta and not lose their novice status. Final determination for Novice B status to be made through HCRA website classification.
- O. Novice A: Open to any paddler who has not paddled in a classified event other than Novice B or

Novice A. However, a Novice A paddler may have paddled Novice B previous to the current season. Novice A paddlers may paddle in non-classified events during the current racing season and maintain their Novice status. A person may compete in the Novice A classification, and non classified events for two years, then must move to a higher classification; as an example, (a step up from Novice B to Novice A during the Big Island Championship, will classify that Novice B paddler as a Novice A paddler for one season.) A paddler who has not competed in a sanctioned event for seven years or more may return to a classification no lower than Novice A. For clarification, a sanctioned event shall be considered a competition between members of an association where records of participation are maintained. Novice A paddlers may compete in an unclassified event they are eligible for in the same regatta and not lose their novice status

- P. Men or Women 40: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 40 or older who has reached his/her 40th birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.
- Q. Men or Women 50: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 50 or older who has reached his/her 50th birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.
- R. Men or Women 55: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 55 or older who has reached his/her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.
- S. Men/Women Mixed: Not a classified event Open to any male/female 55 or older who has reached his/her 55<sup>th</sup> on or before the day of the regatta/race. The crew shall be three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements.
- T. Men or Women 60: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 60 or older who has reached his or her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta.
- U. Men/Women Mixed: Not a classified event. Open to any male or female. 60 or older. The crew is composed of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements.
- V. Men or Women 65 + 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta.
- W. ***Men or Women 70+ Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 70 or older who has reached his or her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta.***

X. Reclassification

- 1. All age group (youth) paddlers may paddle in two races in each regatta and may be reclassified into a lower age group each week provided age limits are adhered to. Each week, Sophomore, Junior and Senior paddlers may be reclassified into a lower division, but no lower than Freshman. Paddlers may step up to a higher classification in the Aunty Maile Big Island Championship and be able to step down to their lower classification for the State Championship in the same year. Such paddlers classification in the next MOH season is NOT affected by this step down.
- 2. On race day, providing all conditions as specified in Article IV, Registration, have been met, a paddler may move up in classification.
- 3. A. No paddler may race in a classification for which he/she is not eligible.  
B. No paddler may race in more than two classifications for which he/she is eligible during the same regatta. Novice paddlers may paddle in an unclassified event during the same regatta and not lose their novice status. Novice paddlers stepping up to a classified event will lose their novice status.

**ARTICLE III**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**A. CLUBS**

Any member of MOH, who is in good standing and has complied with Article IV Registration, shall be eligible to compete in regattas and long distance races sponsored by, sanctioned by, or approved by this Association.

### B. PADDLERS

Any male or female paddler who is a fully paid up member of a recognized MOH club, is eligible to participate, subject to their compliance with Article II and IV Classification and Registration.

### C. ENTRANCE FEES

Each club participation in the MOH sanctioned, sponsored, or approved event shall be subject to an entrance fee of at least \$6.00 for each event entered, or such higher fee, which the MOH Board of Directors may establish. \$2.50 shall be retained by MOH, \$3.50 shall be submitted to the sponsoring club. The club, which is sponsoring the regatta, shall only pay \$2.00 for each event entered.

### D. PRACTICE RACES

Clubs in MOH may hold practice races among themselves without sanction or approval of the Board of Directors providing:

1. There shall be no entry fee charged, or any awards offered.
2. Any MOH equipment damaged during the course of the practice race shall be repaired or replaced. The responsibility shall be shared by all clubs participating in the race.
3. Clubs, schools, organizations and all others utilizing MOH equipment shall submit a refundable deposit of \$150 to the Executive Secretary. All equipment shall be returned to the Executive Secretary or his/her designated alternate, no later than 2 days after the race. Failure to return the equipment in time shall result in the loss of the deposit.

## ARTICLE IV

### REGISTRATION

#### A. REGISTRATION CARDS AND I.D./PHOTO CARDS

1. Each member club shall file with the Executive Secretary, HCRA ID Photo cards and HCRA insurance waivers and birth verifications for each of its paddlers not previously registered. It shall be the duty of member clubs to submit status and name changes (i.e., name change from marriage, divorce, adoption, etc.). Every paddler must be re-registered each year.
2. Registration cards are to be printed at FULL SCALE, HIGH RESOLUTION on a Laser printer. Any internet browser other than Internet Explorer is acceptable.
3. Cards are to be trimmed at the outside border to ensure the integrity of the barcode for reading during crew registration. ***Ensure barcodes have sharp lines for scanning.***
4. ***Plastic event crew sleeves need to be clear. Not worn or dull to improve scanning.***

#### B. REGISTRATION DATE

For the purpose of eligibility, all paddlers shall be listed as having registered as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each racing season regardless of the date of their registration.

#### C. AGE VERIFICATION

1. All paddlers participating in age limit races shall submit some verification of age or birth date *eg* birth certificate, driver's license, passport or marriage certificate. Once complied with and the information made part of MOH records, the paddler need not re-comply.

#### D. CLUB ROSTERS-REGISTRATION FEES

1. Names of new paddlers must be submitted by the deadline set by the head recorder.
2. A registration fee of at least \$1.00 for each paddler listed on the club roster shall be submitted at the same time as the roster. The amount of the registration fee may be increased as the Board of Directors decides. Late registration

of paddlers registered in prior Moku O Hawai'i seasons will be allowed the morning of a regatta until 8:30 am. There will be a fee of \$10.00 per paddler and a maximum of ten (10) paddlers per club. All previous registered MOH paddlers must have their HCRA-ID number (#) turned in during the registration process. All MOH registration requirements previously mentioned shall be followed.

#### E. TRANSFERS AND RELEASES

1. Paddlers are eligible to transfer to another club unless they have a financial debt with the original club. A MOH 102 transfer form must be properly executed, except for free agent paddlers as described in paragraph 5, before a paddler may participate in a MOH race with a new club. Any transfer of a Moku O Hawaii paddler to another club for an off-island race, will not be effective after that racing season. Said paddler will remain a member of their original club the following racing season. If a paddler cannot get his/her club to sign the Release Form-102, for reasons other than financial debt, the paddler can bring his/her form to a MOH board meeting with the proof of no financial debt, the release can be signed by the Race Director, Executive Secretary, or the Vice President.
2. Transfer From Another Association  
Any paddler transferring to a Moku O Hawai'i club from a club from another Association in Hawai'i must do so online with the head recorder of MOH. Once approved, add paddlers name to the online registration and print their card.
3. Submission of Transfer and Release  
All transfers and releases must be submitted to the Head Recorder upon the official forms adopted by MOH, MOH 102. The forms must be signed by the individual paddler, the head coaches of the releasing club and the accepting club, and an officer of the releasing club. The Form MOH 102 must be submitted and processed by the Head Recorder. The transfer shall become effective immediately.
4. Review of Transfer and Release by the Head Recorder (Race Secretary)  
The Head Recorder, upon receiving a transfer and release form, shall first note the date of receipt on the form, and process the form expeditiously.
5. Free Agents  
A free agent is a paddler who has not raced for a club for one year or more and has cleared all financial obligations. A free agent may be transferred after having submitted an HCRA waiver showing intent to paddle for a new club. The transfer shall be approved or rejected by the previous club electronically (email or other means).
6. No Affiliation  
A paddler with no affiliation shall be considered a member of the first club he/she races with.

#### F. RACING SEASON

A racing season as used in these rules shall be the calendar year during which regattas and long distance races are held.

### ARTICLE V

#### EQUIPMENT

##### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

All canoes shall conform to the specifications set forth under Addendum "A". In addition, Koa and Non-Koa canoes shall conform to the specifications set forth under the following Sections "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F". Koa canoes shall be used in all regattas as mandated by the By-Laws.

It is our intent to honor and preserve the Hawaiian Koa Canoe. Whenever the inevitable conflicts come up between tradition and speed, it is our intent that tradition be more important than speed. Therefore, when some rule concerning the Koa canoe isn't specifically clear, it is agreed that the traditional method will be the one followed when interpreting the rule. The traditional method is to be defined as what the majority of the canoe builders have done in the past. When the rules spelled out below dealing with Koa canoes mention that the hull, iako, and ama, must be made of certain types of Hawaiian woods, it is required that the majority of the structural parts of each of these components be made of that wood.

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That is, the parts must be structurally sound in themselves, using those certain wood or woods. It is not meant that the hull, iako, and ama can be made out of some material other than those woods approved, and a simple, thin, non-structural covering or interior placement of that wood suffice to satisfy the requirement for such wood.

#### B. KOA CANOE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The hull of a canoe shall be originally hollowed out of Koa logs and, if extended, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired, such must be done with solid Koa components; and if original is extended, modified, patched, enlarged, and/or repaired, it must be of traditional Hawaiian racing design. No synthetic fibrous materials may be used in or on the hull, na moo, or manus.
2. The canoe shall weigh not less than 400 pounds, and at least ~~<350>~~ **385** pounds without weights. For the purpose of weight determination, the "canoe" shall not include ama, iako, or tying cord, but shall include hull and permanent fixtures such as manu, gunwales, wae, seats, ribs and patches. The canoes shall be weighed in finished condition, and must be weighed each season to maintain the 400 pound minimum. Any weights added or removed in a canoe participating in a regatta must be reported to the race committee at the coaches meeting prior to that regatta. Failure to notify will result in disqualification of the crews racing the canoe. It is recommended that each Koa canoe participating in a regatta or race, place temporary flotation devices or bulkheads in the ihu and hope of each waa. Such devices must be able to be removed for visual inspection by a race committee member. No permanent devices or bulkheads will be allowed.

Except as provided herein, all patches (including ribbing) installed in the hull of a koa canoe shall be made of koa wood. Exceptions are as follows:

- a. Non-koa patches, which were installed prior to the canoe, weigh in at the first regatta of 1980, and reported in writing to the Race Director as to the type of material size and location in the canoe hull.
- b. Non-koa patches, which were installed after the canoe weigh-in at the first regatta of any year and replaced by a koa patch prior to use of the canoe in a regatta or race in any following year.
- c. Koa wood restrictions apply only to the hull. All other parts of the canoe shall be of wood only, but may be other than koa wood.
- d. Ama and 'iako shall be fashioned from only Hawaiian woods including, but not limited to: wiliwili, hau, milo, 'ohi'a, 'ohe'ohe, and koa. No attachable fins, keels or other devices shall be allowed.
- e. Violation of paragraph B 3 above by a club may result in a penalty such as the disqualification of the canoe, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- f. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping shall be permitted in regattas.
- g. Rigging of the ama and iakos to a Koa canoe will be with aho or kaula only. No mechanical devices will be allowed. Tape or rubber may be used only to cover the traditional rigging cord.

#### C. NON-KOA SPECIFICATIONS

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. The canoe shall weigh not less than 400 pounds including weights added. The canoe cannot weigh less than ~~<350>~~ **385** pounds without weights. For the purpose of weight determination the word "canoe" shall not include ama, 'iako, and tying cord, but shall include hull and permanent fixtures such as manu, gunwales, wae, seats, ribs, patches, fiberglass and lead weights required to bring the total canoe weight to at least 400 pounds. Lead weights shall be permanently affixed by means of metal screws to the canoe at such location or locations to allow for ease of inspection by the race officials at any time during a regatta or race. Any weights added or removed in a canoe participating in a race, must be reported to the race director prior to that race. Failure to notify may result in disqualification of the crews racing in the canoe.
2. Ama and 'iako may be fashioned from any type of material. No attachable fins, keels, or other devices shall be allowed.

#### D. NON TRADITIONAL CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

A Non Traditional Class canoes shall have no design restrictions other than those set forth below:

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1. The canoe shall be a six-man, single hull canoe, rigged with a single ama and double iakos separated by at least one seat. It shall not weigh less than 400 pounds, and shall not exceed 45 feet in length. There shall be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for bailing, powering or steering. Fiberglass canoes must have positive buoyancy with flotation compartments only at the bow and stern of the canoe. Any weights added or removed in a canoe participating in a race must be reported to the race committee or race director prior to that race. Failure to notify may result in disqualification of the crews racing in the canoe.
2. In addition, the following sections shall apply: Article V: B-2, C-1, C-2 Exception: The hull does not have to be a traditional Hawaiian design.
3. Koa and Non Koa canoes as defined in paragraphs B and C of this section, may not compete in the Non Traditional Class

#### E. UNLIMITED CLASS

An unlimited class canoe shall have no design restrictions other than those set forth below:

1. The canoe shall be a six man single hull canoe, rigged with a single ama and double iakos separated by at least one seat. There shall be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for powering or steering.
2. Koa and Non Koa canoes as defined in paragraphs B and C of this section may not compete in the Unlimited Class.

#### F. PADDLE SPECIFICATIONS

Paddles must be singled bladed and shaped of wood only. They may include other materials such as; glass fiber, Kevlar, carbon fiber, etc., in their construction and covering. The entire paddle (grip, shaft, and blade) must be formed of wood. A paddle with no visible wood in the blade must conform to the list of paddles and paddle makers on the HCRA website ([www.hcrapaddler.com](http://www.hcrapaddler.com))

#### G. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF CANOES AND EQUIPMENT

1. The Race Director and Certification Committee shall be responsible for arranging the weigh-in of all canoes which shall be accomplished as follows:
  - a. Unlimited canoes need not be weighed if chosen by their club, but the name and number must be recorded.
  - b. Prior to the first drawing of lanes for the opening regatta of the race season, all koa, non-koa, non traditional and unlimited canoes shall be weighed on a standard and approved scale, and a record of the information shall be kept. If clubs fail to weigh canoes on the appointed date, a fee of \$75. 00 shall be charged for supplemental weighing/certifying.
  - c. Canoes must be weighed and certified before they will be eligible to participate. Participation of canoes not certified or weighed for the current year will be deemed ineligible and the crew disqualified.
  - d. Certification copies shall be issued to each club and the Executive Secretary. Canoes weighing less than 400 pounds shall have metal weights permanently affixed by means of screws under the seats of the canoe.
  - e. Clubs shall notify the Race Director if any internal or external structural changes have been made to their canoe since the first weigh-in of the current season. Any modification to the hull, gunwales, wae, seats, or any other structural change shall cause the canoe to lose its certification issued under these rules.
  - f. At the time of the official weighing of canoes prior to the start of the regatta season, each canoe intended to be used in any regatta or long distance race shall be identified with the canoes number painted or decaled in block numerals no smaller than six (6) inches in height on each side of the bow of the canoe. The number of each canoe shall be painted or decaled in a color to be approved by the race director and shall be of sufficient contrast to the color of the canoes hull so as to be identifiable and readable in natural sunlight. Numerals formed from any type of tape; ex: duct tape are prohibited. Any canoe that is not identified in the above-noted manner, shall not be weighed by the Moku O Hawai'i Canoe Racing Association, nor shall any canoe not identified in the above noted manner be allowed participation in any regatta or long distance race sponsored or approved by the Moku O Hawai'i Canoe Racing Association.
  - g. Any canoe found without the necessary weights attached during a regatta or race will be ruled ineligible and its crew disqualified. Any crew using said canoe prior to this event in this regatta or race will also be disqualified.
  - h. The Race Committee may conduct inspection of canoes and other equipment at any time, and during regatta or race, said check may be made by any official at the regatta or race.



MOH CANOE NUMBER AND COLOR ASSIGNMENT

1. Each club will register their canoe, Koa, Non Koa, Non Traditional, either owned or leased by its own number. This number will be noted on MOH 10 and will serve to identify that canoe from others that the club may own or lease. Before each regatta, the clubs shall notify the Race Director/Race Secretary of which canoe it will be using in that regatta. If another canoe is to be used, the Race Director/Race Secretary shall be notified so a determination can be made as to the certification of the alternate canoe. Failure to make the notification may result in the disqualification of the crew.

2. Canoe number assignments are as follows:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ENTRY YEAR</u>	<u>ABV</u>	<u>KOA</u>	<u>NON-KOA</u>	<u>HCRA</u>	<u>NON TRAD/UNLIMITED</u>	
Kai Opuā	1971	KO	50	A1,2,3,4,, etc.	50	001	X1
Kawaihae	1972	KAW	51	B1,2,3,4, etc.	51	002	X2
Kailana	1973	KAI	52	C1,2,3,4, etc.	52	003	X3
Keaukaha	1973	KEAU	53	D1,2,3,4, etc.	53	004	X4
Keoua	1975	KEO	54	E1,2,3,4, etc.	54	005	X5
Kamehameha	1975	KAM	55	F1,2,3,4, etc.	55	006	X6
Puna	1978	PUN	57	G1,2,3,4, etc.	57	007	X7
Keauhou	1979	KEHO	58	H1,2,3,4, etc.	58	008	X8
Kai E Hitu	1982	KEH	59	I1,2,3,4, etc.	59	009	X9
Waikoloa	1985	WKOA	60	J1,2,3,4, etc.	60	010	X10
Kona Athletic Club	1990	KAC	61	K1,2,3,4, etc.	61	011	X11
Na Wa'a Hanakahi	1999	NWH	62	N,2,3,4, etc.	62	012	X12
Hui Wa'a O Waiakea	2002	HWW	63	M1,2,3,4, etc.	63	013	X13
Paddlers of Laka	2005	POL	64	L1,2,3,4 etc.	64	014	X14
Miloli'i	2015	PPM	66	P1,2,3,4, etc.	66	016	X16

3. The identification for koa canoes in regatta and long distance races shall be the HCRA Sock # provided by Moku O Hawai'i or a printed number at least 6" high. If a Club is borrowing a canoe, the sock of the borrowing club must be put on the canoe. Regatta numbers must be at least 6 inches high, and visible on the left and right side of the canoe.

The color identification for each club is as follows:		<u>Koa Canoe Numbers</u>
Kai Opuā	Blue/White	50
Kawaihae	Red/White	51
Kailana	Orange/Green	52
Keaukaha	Blue/Gold	53
Keoua	Light yellow/Red	54
Kamehameha	Beige/Red	55
Puna	Yellow/Green	57
Keauhou	Green/White/Turquoise	58
Kai E Hitu	White/Red	59
Waikoloa	Purple/White	60
Kona Athletic Club	Turquoise/White/Pink	61
Na Wa'a Hanakahi	Red/Black/Yellow	62
Hui Wa'a O Waiakea	Blue/Yellow	63
Paddlers of Laka	White/Blue	64
Miloli'i	Green/Gold	66

In long distance race numbers shall be attached to the bow of the canoe. These numbers shall be at least six (6) inches high and be of contrast in color from the hull. If canoes are borrowed by other clubs, the original numbers on the canoe shall remain. All numbers must be displayed on the left and the right in a manner where numbers can be read after the long distance race. All numbers shall be painted or fastened in a fashion so as not to fall, peel, or wash off. Failure shall result in a time penalty.

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## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICIALS

#### A. RACE DIRECTOR

At the beginning of each calendar year, the President of MOH shall appoint a Race Director. The President may also appoint an assistant or acting Race Director. These appointments shall require the approval of the Board of Directors. The Race Committee shall approve the appointment of an acting Race Director if the MOH Board cannot be convened. The Race Director shall:

1. Serve as Race Director for all races and regattas sanctioned or sponsored by MOH.
2. Serve as Chairman of the MOH Race Committee.
3. Preside at and supervise the officials of all MOH sanctioned or sponsored races and regattas, and ensure that said races and regattas are conducted in full compliance with these Race Rules.
4. Brief and provide all race officials with copies of the Race Rules at the annual official's clinic.

#### B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/RACE SECRETARY

1. At the beginning of each calendar year, the President of MOH shall appoint an Executive Secretary/Race Secretary. This appointment shall require the approval of the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary/Race Secretary shall:

- a. Serve as Head Recorder at all regattas and races sanctioned or sponsored by MOH.
- b. Accept and file and computerize all forms, rosters, cards, transfers and releases, canoe verifications, and all other forms needed for the operation of MOH. These records are the property of MOH, and should never be released to any individual for his/her own use.
- c. Supervise recorders, course clerks, inspectors, long distance and others, at all races.
- d. Review the drawing of lanes before circulation.

#### C. RACE COMMITTEE

##### 1. Make-up

The Race Committee shall consist of the MOH representative of each club who has attended the coaches and officials clinics. The Race Committee members may change from race to race, and the Head Coaches may name their replacement. All members shall be mandated to attend coaches and officials clinics. Any Race Committee member who has not attended these meetings will be ineligible to vote.

##### 2. Duties:

- a. Hear and render decisions as soon as possible on valid protests. Decisions of this committee on matters under its cognizance shall be binding and final.
- b. Inspect equipment when required.
- c. Inspect the race course.

#### D. REGATTA OFFICIALS

The following officials shall be appointed by the Race Director or Race Secretary with the approval of the Race Committee to serve at all races.

- ~~a. Not less than two (2) or more than six (6) inspectors.~~
- ~~b. Judges to determine the first five (5) places.~~
- c. At least two, and no more than four (4) timers.
- ~~d. Two (2) starters and not more than four (4) assistants.~~
- ~~e. At least six (6) clerk of courses to do random checks at the Race Secretary's choice.~~
- f. One (1) announcer and one (1) assistant.
- ~~g. One recorder and adequate number of assistants required for the tasks.~~
- ~~h. One position/person (s) from each participating club to make up and serve as officials at all MOH races. These officials shall report to the Official Stand prior to the start of the regatta and shall remain through the race day until said club is finished for the day. Failure to comply shall result in a \$50 fine for each regatta.~~

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- ~~i. One (1) recorder from the sponsoring club to maintain events and record results on the Official Results Board.~~  
~~j. At least two (2), and not more than four (4) spotters. →~~
- a. *Official Boats: No less than two (2) officials or more than four (4) plus one boat captain per boat to determine race course infractions. OB1 will be the official start boat. Official Boat No. 2 must have attended present years Coaches/Officials clinic. Boat skipper may be an official if qualified.*
  - b. *Two (2) officials to accept and categorize crew sheets submitted from participating clubs and who ensure all crew sheets have been submitted prior to each events*
  - c. *At least two and no more than four (4) timers.*
  - d. *At least (4) officials to perform random crew checks at the Race Secretary`s choice.*
  - e. *Two computer officials to register and validate crews and to enter race results and upload to HCRA at the end of the regatta.*
  - f. *One (1) announcer and one (1) assistant.*
  - g. *Two computer officials to register and validate crews and to enter race results and upload to HCRA at the end of the regatta.*
  - h. *One position/person (s) from each participating club to make up and serve as officials at all MOH races. These officials shall report to the Official Stand prior to the start of the regatta and shall remain through the race day until said club is finished for the day. Failure to comply shall result in a **\$100 fine** for each regatta.*
  - i. *One official from the sponsoring club to assign awards to winning crews and post results on the official results board*

#### E. OFFICIAL RESULTS BOARD

An Official Results Board shall be provided by MOH. This “results board” shall be used for all regattas and long distance events and shall be maintained “up to date” for each event during the course of and as soon as possible after the end of those events.

#### F. OFFICIAL UNIFORMS

Official uniforms shall be assigned by the Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Payment for these uniforms shall be the responsibility of Moku O Hawai'i, either through direct sponsorship or treasury disbursement.

#### G. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

Equipment required for the use of the regatta officials shall be provided by MOH unless required otherwise by these rules.

#### H. CAMERA AT FINISH LINE

The official may use a digital camcorder, set up on the finish line, to determine the outcome of any race.

### ARTICLE VII

#### RECEIPT OF ENTRIES AND DRAWING OF LANES

##### A. DATE

The Executive Secretary shall designate the place and set the time and date for the receipt of registration and drawing of lanes. Such date shall be the Sunday prior to the first regatta of the season, and the Sunday prior to subsequent regattas.

##### B. LANE DRAWING

1. Lane fees must be paid by lane drawing time, Sunday at 5pm. Clubs not doing so will have no recourse but to draw whatever lanes are left available. There will be no exception.
2. Entry fees are non-refundable. The lane drawing will use the online computer system provided all applicable MOH race rules have been followed. A copy of the coaches lane draw sheet will be available online
3. Clubs who have fines outstanding shall not participate in a regatta until the fine has been paid in full.
4. Lane one (1) shall be the shoreward lane for regatta courses that generally parallel the shore. For courses which run seaward, lane one (1) shall be the left most lane when looking seaward
5. The selection of lanes shall be by the various clubs in the order described below.

a. First regatta of the season:

- Lanes for the first regatta shall be determined by the official order of finish in the Moku O Hawaii championships the previous year. If a club has an entry in the first regatta but did not enter the MOH championships follow a-2. If a club does not have an entry at the first regatta, but did have one at the MOH championships, the next official finisher in that event will have the pull.
- The order of random drawing shall be in order of entry into Moku O Hawaii. For example, for event one, Kai O Pua pull first, second Kawaihae and so on. For the second event, Kawaihae pulls first, Kai O Pua pulls last. If a club is scheduled to pull first but is not entering that event, the club will nevertheless pull last for the next event. For example; Kai O Pua is scheduled to pull first for event one but has no entry. For event two Kai O Pua will pull last.

b. Second and subsequent regattas during the season.

- Lane drawings for each event shall be done according to the official order of finish for that event in the previous regatta. For example in event one in the first regatta the official order of finish was 1<sup>st</sup>, Kai O Pua, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keaukaha, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kamehameha, 4<sup>th</sup> Kawaihae, 5<sup>th</sup> Keauhou. For the second regatta, Kai O Pua will pull first for event one, Keaukaha pulls 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kamehameha 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on.
- When a club did not enter an event, or scratched in the previous regatta, but wishes to draw a lane for an event, the club will select a lane after b. 1 is completed. When there is more than one such club, the order of selecting lanes will follow a. 2.

6. During the period between the drawing of lanes and the commencement of a regatta, if the actual site of the regatta is changed, or the position of the course is shifted or altered from the respectively understood locations at the time of the drawing of lanes, the Race Director shall not permit the regatta to go on unless and until a new drawing of lanes has been conducted or coaches of every club entering the regatta approve.
7. Once lanes have been drawn, the lanes cannot be changed on the day of the regatta, or added prior to the regatta. The only exception will be at the Race Directors discretion.
8. Clubs will be able to purchase an open lane on the day of a regatta (except for the Big Island Championship). Events 1 to 4 will have to be purchased by 8 am and all other lanes must be purchased at least four (4) races prior to the event. The fee will be \$20 per lane, payable at the time of the purchase. Each club will be able to purchase up to three (3) lanes per regatta and only non-drawn lanes are eligible (may not purchase or go to a scratched lane).

C. FINAL ENTRY LIST (MOH 108)

1. The event picture sleeve shall be submitted on the day of the regatta prior to each event, and upon the call of the race officials. This sleeve shall contain the MOH identification cards with paddlers` pictures and names for each event, however, it shall contain only six (6) or four (4) names for each event. These names must be selected from the computer generated alphabetical roster submitted before the drawing of lanes.
2. Confirmation of a last minute substitution that is inserted on the final entry list must be completed before the start of the event. Coaches using substitutions in violation of Article IV will result in a disqualification.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**SPONSORING CLUB'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. LAYING OF LANES

1. Flags shall be uniformly sized and identified as to color and lane placement for every regatta.

Lane 1	Red
Lane 2	Yellow
Lane 3	Green
Lane 4	Black/White (diagonal)
Lane 5	Orange
Lane 6	Blue/Yellow (diagonal)
Lane 7	Pink
Lane 8	Orange/Green (diagonal)
Lane 9	White

Lane 10	Blue/White (diagonal)
Lane 11	Purple
Lane 12	Green/White (diagonal)
Lane 13	Blue
Lane 14	Yellow
Lane 15	Red

2. Starting lane flags, quarter mile flags and half mile flags shall at all times correspond and be identified by the same flag color in the same lanes.
3. The course shall be ready for inspection at least two (2) hours before the start of the regatta.
4. Sponsoring clubs shall be fined \$100 if the course is not ready by one hour later than the stipulated regatta starting time. (Exception: Emergency causes may be considered upon approval of the Race Committee).
5. Clubs utilizing MOH flags shall submit a refundable deposit of \$100 to the Executive Secretary. All flags shall be returned to the Executive Secretary or his/her designated alternate, no later than 2 days after the race. Failure to return the flags in time shall result in the loss of the deposit.
6. If less than 15 lanes are laid, the last lane will be red.

**B. OFFICIAL BOATS**

1. For regattas there shall be at least three (3) boats provided for Hilo, and Kona courses. However, if the start/finish officials are to be on land (at the discretion of the Race Director), only three (3) boats are required. One shall be designated as a pickup and official emergency boat, if necessary. All boats must be working, moving and officiating throughout the regatta or long distance race. All boats must be in radio or cell phone contact with the Race Director and official stand. Each boat without contact will result in a \$50.00 penalty per boat. If a boat breaks down during the race and cannot finish officiating for the remainder of that race, there will be a penalty of \$25.
2. Failure to provide these boats at the start of the races will result in a fine of \$150 per boat.
3. Official boats must have an overhead cover.

**C. OFFICIAL STAND**

A covered stand for all officials shall be provided. This stand shall afford protection for all officials from rain, sun, and wind, as much as possible and shall be placed where the general public will not have direct access to it. Adequate tables and chairs shall also be provided. A covered stand and chairs for all finish line officials in Kona shall also be provided for the officials to shelter them from the sun and rain.

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

~~Adequate sound systems shall be provided. Speakers shall be placed so that all participating clubs can clearly hear any communications from the official stand.~~ ***A system for updating participants will be provided by MOH. This may be by a public address system or by Low Power FM transmission or a combination of both. Individual clubs will be responsible for providing the FM receivers for their clubs to hear announcements and results from the Official's Stand.*** Power shall be supplied by generator provided by MOH. Sponsoring clubs will provide gasoline for generator throughout the day.

**E. AWARDS**

1. Trophies shall be provided for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the regattas.
2. In case of a tie regatta, MOH shall be responsible for any additional trophies required.
3. Medals shall be sorted and placed in bags according to events and places in the event. If this is not done, a fine of \$50 will be paid.
4. Any club failing to produce awards (medals, trophies or otherwise) by the end of that event for those awards will be suspended from MOH until those awards are produced. That club will also be fined no less than \$1,500.00 (being the approximate cost of the awards). This suspension will remain in effect until the fine is paid or those awards are produced. Club members affected by this rule may transfer to another club until such a time as the faulting club is

reinstated. Extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the club in question will be considered by an emergency meeting called by the President of MOH. A quorum is necessary for a decision. The defaulting clubs proof of extenuating circumstances; customer copies of order forms, letter-head letters from the award producing company with notification that they are unable to complete their contract on time, etc.

5. The sponsoring club shall be held responsible for missing or misdirected medals. All medals shall be submitted to the Head Recorder prior to the start of each regatta in sufficient time for them to be checked in the categories listed.

F. OFFICIALS LUNCHESES

1. Providing lunches for the officials is the responsibility of the sponsoring club. The number of officials should be submitted to the sponsoring club at each regatta.
2. Sufficient beverages, water and or soda, juice, etc. shall be placed on each boat for consumption by MOH officials and in the officials stand.

- G. All Moku O Hawai'i clubs hosting a race must obtain all required marine event permits. Failure to do so may result in a \$500.00 penalty and/or cancellation of the race.

## ARTICLE IX

### FLAT COURSE RULES

A. COURSE

1. The official race course shall be ¼ mile in length and shall be laid out in equal lanes, not less than eighty (80) feet wide. The official boundaries of the course shall be 40 feet outside of the lane 1 and last lane red flags.
2. Each lane shall be designated by two (2) flags of the same color, one at each end of the course. Flags shall have minimum dimensions of 30 inches preferably one yard (36 inches) square, shall be made of lightweight quick

drying cloth, and as far as practicable, shall be colored with solid colors such that no two lanes shall have the same colored flag.

3. The distance between the starting mile lines and the ¼ mile lines shall be established by actual measurement of both lane 1 and the last numbered lane to ensure that all three lines are parallel. All flags on each line shall be, as nearly as practicable, in a straight line.
4. The starting/finishing line shall be the red to red flag. The starting line for ¼ mile races shall be the red to red flag when the finish line camera is not operational. The finishing line for ¼ mile races and the starting/finishing line for all other races shall be the lines established by the finish line camera.
5. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race Director, in company with one representative from each club who so wishes, shall inspect, and if required, re-measure and re-set the course to ensure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length and that the flags are placed in accordance with MOH Race Rules, Article VIII. A. Laying of lanes. Moreover, in order for record times to have meaning, the distance between lines shall not be allowed to vary from ¼ mile by more than five (5) feet.
6. ***The Moku o Hawaii regatta season shall consist of seven (7) regattas. Three (3) regattas will be held in Kona, and four (4), including the Aunty Maile Championships will be held in Hilo. In order to comply with Moku o Hawai'i By Laws Article XII, Race and Racing Rules, section 3a, clubs may combine to host a regatta.***

B. STARTING

1. As much as practical, at the beginning of each race, the crews requiring ID check, will be notified prior to the race start by the water officials. The steersperson must physically acknowledge, by visible hand signal to the water official, that he/she is aware of its ID check.
2. Yellow Flag

A yellow flag will be displayed from the official stand or starter boat as soon as the last canoe from the previous race reaches shore depending on that canoe being in the next event. The raising of the yellow flag signifies the next race will commence. In Hilo, the race will start in seven (7) minutes for the ¼ mile races and in Kailua Bay, the race will start in eight (8) minutes for the ¼ mile races. All other races will commence in five (5) minutes for both courses.

3. Yellow Flag Waving

At the end of the five (5) or seven (7) minute period or sooner if all race participants are at the starting line, the starter will commence waving the yellow flag and continue for about ten (10) seconds. This signifies that the start will begin shortly.

4. Red Flag

After the yellow flag stops waving, a red flag will be displayed. This signals that the start is imminent. When the red flag is lowered the race starts. This flag will be lowered somewhere within a ten (10) second period after it is raised. ***Red and green flag cannot be up at the same time. Once the red flag is down, it cannot be raised again.***

5. Green Flag

After the red flag is lowered, a green flag will be raised and kept flying until the completion of the race. If the race is not recalled within the ten (10) second period, it will be declared a good start.

C. DISQUALIFICATION ON STARTS

1. At the start of a race, any canoe beyond the two red end flags on the starting line, or in the wrong lane, shall be disqualified. There will be no false starts.
2. Touching of any flag, float, pole, or other appurtenances by the hull, paddle, paddler, ama, or 'iako of a canoe at the start of a race shall result in the disqualification of the crews. Exception: Inclement weather may result in the waiving of this rule at the discretion of the Race Committee, providing all clubs have been notified about this action prior to the start of the applicable event.
3. Each canoe must start and finish the race with a full crew of 4 (four) and 6 (six) paddlers.
4. A disqualified canoe may continue to race, unless for some specific reason the Race Committee decides otherwise.
5. A canoe club disqualified for any reason will be notified by calling a representative of that club by a public announcement before the disqualification is made official.
6. Crossing the starting line, which is designated by the two red flags at each end, shall result in the disqualification of the crew. This penalty may be waived by the Race Committee under certain inclement weather conditions, provided that all clubs have been notified prior to the next event scheduled.

D. RECALL OF A START

1. A start shall be recalled only if the start official deems the start to be an unfair start.
2. An unfair start in which case the recall must be instigated by the starter, not by a canoe crew.
3. The race shall not be restarted if, from the point the yellow flag starts waving to indicate the race is about to start, any canoe hulis or swamps. The starter will continue waving the yellow flag and start the race. Article IX, Paragraph 1 shall also apply in this situation.

E. ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Under adverse conditions, and at the discretion of the Race Committee, the disqualification rules on touching flags, poles, floats, and appurtenances thereof, shall be waived. This may be done at the start of the event, or if deemed necessary, at any point on the racecourse. All clubs and coaches must be notified of this waiver prior to the next event. More experienced steersmen may be permitted to steer in ¼ mile races at the discretion of the Race Committee. Times will not be recorded and the award will revert to the original steersman.

#### F. STALLING

The starter shall not hold up the start for a canoe deliberately lagging behind the starter's command to get on the starting line. A lagging canoe shall have no right of protest on the ground of an unfair start in the event the race is started; however, a lagging canoe shall not be deprived of a recall for swamping, capsizing or equipment breakage before the start of a race. Any canoe with equipment breakage will have ten (10) minutes to repair the breakage.

#### G. LANES

All canoes must remain in their own lanes. Canoes shall keep in their respective lanes as closely as possible throughout the race and in no way interfere with other participating canoes. Where two canoes approach each other from opposite directions in the same lane, each canoe must occupy, as nearly as possible, the one half (1/2) width of lane nearest its own line of flags so that the canoes will pass each other hull to hull, or shall take whatever action is required to avoid a collision. Lane widths are defined as the full lateral distance between adjoining flags. The lane width for that lane nearest the shore (lane 1) and that lane farthest out (last lane out) will be a distance from the flag of 40 feet. On the Hilo course, a colored buoy will be placed 40 ft. shoreward from the Lane 1 red flag. This buoy will designate the outside lane width for Lane 1.

#### H. URNS

At any point in the turn maneuver, if the flag touches the water as the result of the action of the canoe, the crew will be disqualified. Should the ama pass to the left of the flagpole and the hull to the right of the flag as viewed with the entire canoe hull shall result in a disqualification. Where canoes assigned to adjoining lanes occupy the same lane during a turning maneuver, they shall adjust in such a way as to occupy as nearly as possible the one-half (1/2) width of lane nearest its own line of flags. Where canoe "A" fails to remain as nearly as possible in its own one half (1/2) width of the lane nearest its own line of flags and causes canoe "B", to avoid a collision, to change its course to its flag while being in its own one half (1/2) width of the lane nearest its own line of flags, canoe "A" will be disqualified.

#### I. SWAMPING

A canoe that swamps or flips over during a race may be bailed out by its crew and proceed in the race within seven (7) minutes of the swamping or overturn. Outside assistance will disqualify the crew. All canoes must finish with a full crew of six (6) members or four (4) members, as the event may require.

#### J. ONE ENTRY

If a crew is the only entry in an event, the coach of that crew may request entering another race. The request must be made to the Race Director only, and must be made prior to the event the crew had drawn a lane for. The crew will not paddle out to the starting line of its originally entered event. If the request is allowed, the crew will be permitted to race with a two-lane separation from the closest participant. The entry will be announced by the announcer during the event participating in. Points will be scored by the changing crew as a lone entrant (two points) and the scoring in the race participated in will only be for those crews originally entered.

#### K. FINISH LANE

Once the bow of the canoe crosses the finish line, any part of the canoe may touch the flag or floater. Immediately upon crossing the finish line, crews shall continuously move their canoes in the direction of their respective clubs on shore via the most direct route available, depending on the race being in progress or completed.

#### L. OFFICIAL COMPLETION OF RACE

While a race is underway, the starter boat will display the green flag. When the race is officially completed, the green flag will be lowered.

#### M. DISPLAY OF BLACK FLAG

If a race official observes a rule violation while a race is in progress, a black flag will be displayed and the race official shall notify the official stand which rule was violated by which crew.

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***N. Scratching a Lane: Once a club scratches a race, they give up all rights to that lane and that lane is available to other clubs if they buy-in for that race. Once a club scratches a race, the scratch cannot be undone.***

## **ARTICLE X**

### **PENALTIES**

- A. Any violation of the foregoing paragraphs may result in the disqualification of the crew involved, at the discretion of the Officials and/or Race Committee.
- B. EQUIPMENT VIOLATION AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE V – EQUIPMENT, of these Race Rules, shall be the disqualification of all crews using the ineligible equipment in the race/regatta.
- C. For using an ineligible paddler in a race, the penalty shall be the disqualification of the entire crew. (Clarification: An ineligible paddler is one who has not met all the requirements as set forth in Article III – Eligibility, and Article IV – Registration, of the Race Rules).
- D. For using an illegal paddler, the offending club will be fined \$100 plus the disqualification of the crew, for the first offense. (Clarification: An illegal paddler is one who participates in an event under another persons name and MOH photo ID card. For every subsequent offense, an additional \$100 fine shall be levied and the infraction will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee with the possible suspension of the coach or club involved.
- E. If the final entry list is not received before the start of a race or regatta event, the entire Crew is disqualified.
- F. Scratches: Scratches without written notification of the Executive Race Secretary within the first four minutes after the yellow flag is raised prior to the start of the event shall result in a twenty-five (\$25) dollar fine.
- G. Collision: Disqualification of the offending canoe. Each crew in a race/regatta shall take whatever action is required to avoid a collision with another canoe. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of both canoes involved.
- H. Interference: Interference with the forward progress of a canoe shall result in the disqualification of the offending crew.
- I. Finishing in a wrong lane shall result in the disqualification of a crew involved.
- J. Canoes not turning on assigned lane flags with the flag on the ama side shall be disqualified.
- K. Crews or paddlers determined as ineligible and/or disqualified prior to an event, shall be prohibited from participating in a regatta or race. There shall be no unofficial entries within the established racing field.
  - 1. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a fine shall be levied for the infraction of this rule.
  - 2. Failure to comply with requests to leave the racing field may result in Disciplinary action and possible suspension.
- L. Any canoe entering the race course before all canoes have finished the race shall result in the disqualification of the crew involved. The “race course” shall be defined as the distance of each respective event from its intended start to its completion.
- M. All fines levied during a regatta must be paid before the club fined participates in the next race during that regatta.

- N. At the completion of each event there will be a random check of crews fronting the official stand. One of the crews checked will be randomly selected from the first, second, or third place crews in cumulative standings of their respective division that year. Additional checks will randomly be selected from all crews in the race. There will be a random check of crews for the first race of each year. Crews must-respond to their club number displayed by a MOH official. Any selected crew not presenting itself to the officials at the check will be disqualified. The crew must have all original members in the canoe at the time of the check.

### SUSPENSION

1. Suspension from MOH requires that the paddler so suspended plays no role whatsoever in any MOH sanctioned event. This includes, but is not limited to: paddler, coach, escort boat passenger (in any capacity) or participant. Any such action will be construed as “defiance” of a MOH suspension.
2. Any paddler participating with a suspended paddler in defiance of an MOH suspension shall be immediately suspended for the same duration of suspension as the originally suspended paddler.
3. Any club supporting a suspended paddler in defiance of an MOH suspension shall be immediately suspended from MOH for the same duration as the originally suspended paddler. Supporting individuals in defiance of an MOH suspension shall include, but are not limited to: registering such individuals, providing equipment, and providing coaching. Members (who are not currently suspended as individuals) of a club suspended in this manner may transfer to any other club in which they are entitled to register and participate as normal in any MOH sanctioned event
4. If a paddler or a club is found to be in defiance of a MOH suspension, then MOH shall petition HCRA to extend that suspension to all HCRA sponsored events and those of its' association members.
5. Any MOH suspension of an individual or club may be appealed to the MOH Board of Directors. The suspension will remain in effect until the appeal is heard. If the appeal is successful then the suspension will be immediately lifted. Valid reasons for appeal include, but are not limited to: new factual evidence and sanctions taken by clubs against offending members.

## ARTICLE XI

### LONG DISTANCE RACE RULES

A long distance race shall be defined as one continual race.

#### A. SPONSORS

Sponsors of a long distance race must submit the following information to the Race Director, Executive Secretary and all other MOH clubs at least two weeks prior to the event they intend to sponsor. The club sponsoring the long distance race shall not be required to pay any entry fees for that particular race. This information may be submitted by circulated written documents, email, or content of website with email notification to Moku O Hawai'i members of said content. The information shall include the following:

1. Starting and finishing sites and length in miles, of race.
2. Type of awards to be offered: trophies, medals, or any other awards and how distribution will be made.
3. The amount of entry fees shall be established by the sponsoring club. For races with entry fees over \$50.00, \$3.00 of each entry fee shall go to MOH. For races with entry fees less than \$50.00, \$1.00 of the entry fee shall go to MOH. For all entries entered in any long distance race, be it statewide, international or worldwide, a fee to MOH must be paid.

4. A map of the proposed race course including start and finish flags or markers, turn markers and hazardous area markers.
5. Classification of canoes: Koa, non-koa or other. It shall be within the sole discretion of the sponsor to determine the classification of canoes to participate in any long distance race. The sponsor may determine to include koa or non-koa or non-traditional, or any other classification established by these rules, or any combination of these classifications that the sponsor may chose.
6. The responsibility for obtaining escort boats shall be clearly defined, as to participating clubs or sponsoring clubs action.
7. Invitational packets will include the applicable Race Rules, including Article V Equipment, and copies of MOH Form 115 Long Distance Entry Form and Waiver and Release of Liability.
8. The Queen Liliuokalani Long Distance Canoe Race sponsored by Kai Opua Canoe Club, being of International stature will be exempt from MOH Long Distance Race Rules with the exception of paragraph 3. Section A. Article XI of these rules and operate under HCRA Race Rules. Kai Opua will appoint its own Race Director for this event.

#### B. AWARDS

The character and type of all awards shall be determined by the sponsoring club, except that no monetary awards shall be allowed.

#### C. RACE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The MOH Race Director, Race Secretary, the Race Committee, and Officials shall officiate at all long distance races sanctioned and approved by the Board of Directors and held on the Island of Hawai'i.
2. The Race Director, Executive Race Secretary and not less than two (2) Race Committee officials shall preside at any distance races. Officials and starters necessary for the race shall be under the jurisdiction of the Race Director and Race Committee and made available to the Race Director by the club sponsoring the race. All such personnel shall have attended the Coaches and Officials Clinic.
3. In the event of small craft warning, cancellation of the race shall be the responsibility of the Race Committee.
4. If any unusual or un-clarified situation arises on the race site, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, take a vote of all its members in order to arrive at a decision.

#### D. STARTS AND FINISH

1. The type of start and location of start and finish shall be subject to the Board of Directors, and shall be determined by the host club. Such information shall be communicated in the race information packet circulated to members and/or at the prerace meeting.
2. The finish line shall be so designated by two (2) markers or two (2) flags.
3. Canoes past the starting line at the start of a race, and canoes not following course markers, shall have minutes added to their finish time. For races over 20 miles, 10 minutes shall be added. For races less than 20 miles, 5 minutes shall be added. For races less than 10 miles, 3 minutes shall be added. The coach involved shall be notified as soon as possible about the penalty.
4. The race starter may recall and re-start any races, which he judged should be recalled and re-started.

#### E. ESCORT BOATS AND OFFICIAL BOATS

- 1 Each crew entered in a long distance race for more than six (6) paddlers shall provide an escort boat. All Marine and Coast Guard rules shall apply. Relief paddler changes must, and shall be made during the race from the escort boat only. No team may do a race for nine (9) or more paddlers with only six (6) paddlers. Exceptions must be approved by the Race Director.
2. In "Iron man/women", 6 paddler races, the use of an escort boat is prohibited in the racing field unless authorized for safety reasons by the Race Committee. All Marine and Coast Guard rules shall apply.
3. Unsafe conditions due to an escort boat being overcrowded may cause it to be declared unfit as an escort boat by the Race Committee until extra passengers are removed.

4. On all starts, escort boats will be prohibited in the field of racing canoes for a minimum of five (5) minutes or as specified otherwise. The field will be defined as an imaginary square boundary from the lead canoe to the last canoe and the first canoe on the farthest left to the first canoe on the farthest right.
5. Escort boats must follow their canoe no closer than the perpendicular plane formed by the stern of the canoe, except when dropping off or picking up relief paddlers. At no time shall the escort boat cause a wake in order to assist their own canoe, or to hinder another canoe.
6. If a canoe swamps, any means may be used to aid it except towing it in the direction of the finish line. An escort boat's violation of rules may cause the crew to be disqualified.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the sponsor to provide at least three (3) official boats for all long distance races. Failure to provide these shall result in a fine of \$100 per missing boat and possible cancellation of race. All boats must be in radio or cell phone contact with the Race Director. Each boat without contact will result in a \$50.00 penalty per boat.
8. Sponsoring clubs shall provide sufficient beverages – water and/or soda, juice for each boat for consumption by the Association's Officials.

#### F. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

It is agreed that during the long distance season it is not as important that each paddler paddle with the canoe club he/she is registered with. Transfers or releases of any kind are therefore not required. Then at the beginning of the following Regatta season that paddler will be registered with the last club he/she paddled with during the regatta season. Paddlers shall be registered with a MOH club and turned in to the race secretary during the long distance season.

A paddler with a financial obligation to a club may not paddle with another club in a long distance race. This may result in the disqualification of the crew.

1. Paddlers must comply with the rules of registration, MOH IV-A1 and 2, D1 and 3 of these Race Rules.
2. A paddler not registered for a current year may do so at the time the list is submitted. Classification cards or approved transfers must accompany the list.
3. Form MOH-115, Long Distance Entry Form and Waiver and Release of Liability must be submitted prior to the race commencing. Failure to comply will result in the ineligibility of the crew to race.
4. All participating canoes must have an I.D. number. Any canoe without an I.D. number will be declared ineligible and its crew disqualified.
5. Any entry form without crew designation (i.e. Open, Masters, Mixed, Sr. Masters, etc.) will be declared ineligible and the crew disqualified.
6. There shall be no unofficial entries in long distance races. Any unofficial entry will be disqualified and fined \$300. Such fine must be paid before members of that crew participate in the next MOH event. Crews participating in MOH events with previously disqualified and fined paddlers will be disqualified if fines were not paid prior to that event.
7. No team may enter a MOH race unless sponsored by a MOH club. Exceptions may be for participating non MOH member crews, with approval of the race director. Failure to comply with this rule will disqualify the crew.

**ARTICLE XII**

**PROTESTS**

A protest defined, is a complaint about the misapplication of a rule by an official, or the failure to enforce a rule as listed within these rules. No protest about the judgment call of an official will be allowed.

A. All protests or complaints of rule violations shall be made to the Race Director upon the finish of that particular event by an oral “Intent to Protest” notice. This oral notice must be followed by a written protest on MOH Form 110, accompanied by a \$25 payment, submitted by the coach or his official representative, before the end of the second race after the alleged violation.

1. Coaches of crews involved in a protest will be notified and may provide information relative to the protest.
2. The Race Committee shall investigate and make a determination of the facts involved in the protest, and may solicit information from any source. The Race Committee may exclude any and all persons from its deliberations. If the Race Committee determines that the protest is not acceptable because it involves a “judgment call”, the protest and its fee shall be returned with an explanation. If the protest is ruled “valid” an appropriate notation shall be submitted on the protest form, and the fee shall be returned to the submitted. If the protest is ruled “not valid” for reasons other than a judgment call, then the protest fee shall be kept by MOH.

B. If need be, the Race Committee shall declare a break in the conduct of the races so as to transact its business. The Race Committee will hear all protests and announce its decision as soon as possible preferably before the end of the next event.

C. All decisions of the Race Committee on Protests shall be final.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**FORMS**

1. RELEASE AND TRANSFER (WHITE)	MOH 102
2. CANOE WEIGHT (WHITE) CANOE REGISTRATION (WHITE)	MOH 103-104
3. DRAWING OF LANES (WHITE)	MOH 105
4. RANDON/CONFIRMATION (WHITE)	MOH 109
5. PROTEST FORMS (WHITE)	MOH 110
6. OFFICIAL RESULTS (WHITE)	MOH 111
7. OFFICIAL RECORDS (WHITE)	MOH 112
8. HCRA QUALIFICATION FORM (WHITE)	MOH 114
9. LONG DISTANCE ENTRY RESULTS (WHITE)	MOH 116
10. ADULT INSURANCE WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY	MOH 117
11. MINOR INSURANCE WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY	MOH 118
12 HCRA PHOTO ID CARD	HCRA 500

## RULES OF CONDUCT

### PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES BELOW SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

#### I. REGATTAS

- A. Clubs will be held responsible for the individual and collective conduct of their member and/or paddlers.
- B. Only coaches of member clubs or member club's representatives will be permitted in the official stand area. Other persons may be allowed at the call or discretion of the Race Committee, Head Recorder, or Board of Directors of Moku O Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing Association, and/or members of the Disciplinary Committee.
- C. Deliberate interference with official channels of communication during the regatta by club members shall result in official action either by the Race Committee or Board of Directors of MOH. Determination of penalties shall be at their discretion.
- D. Alcohol or illegal drugs shall not be consumed by paddlers or officials during a regatta at the regatta site. Violation of this will result in a fine of \$500 of the individual/s involved. The regatta site will be as defined by the Race Director at that race.
- E. Harassment, including verbal or physical abuse of officials during a regatta will not be tolerated. In each race/regatta, the first time this occurs, the offending club the person doing the harassment is associated with, will be fined \$100.00. If the harassment continues after the fine, the club the person doing the harassment is associated with will be suspended from the rest of the events in that race/regatta.
- F. Aggressive behavior or assault during the progress of a race/regatta shall result in the disqualification of the crew(s) involved and a fine of \$500.00 for the first offense. For the second offense, the club will receive a \$500.00 fine and the individuals involved will be suspended from MOH. For the third offense, the club will receive a \$500.00 fine and the club will be suspended from MOH. It is the intent that these fines be for the first, second, and third offenses during the same season. The recommendation of the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee. The infraction must be witnessed by one or more officials who shall refer the incident to the Race Director for further action. This rule applies to clubs participating in or during the course of races or regattas and while in the designated site on shore. Decisions or recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding. Said fines must be paid before participation in the next MOH event. Any person found to be in violation of this rule may be suspended from participating in any MOH sanctioned event for a period not to exceed three hundred and sixty five (365) consecutive days beginning at 12:00am on the calendar day immediately following the date of the violation. The length of the suspension shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall include suspension from participation in the HCRA Championship as a representative of a MOH club. Any person subject to such suspension may be a member of a MOH club and may register as such a member.
- G. No paddler or crew shall intentionally cause contact between such paddler or crews canoe and any other canoe, nor shall any paddler or crew intentionally attempt to overturn any competing canoe, as may be determined by the Race Committee. Any violation of this rule shall result in disqualification of the offending crew, and the Race Committee, in concert with the Disciplinary Committee, may impose a fine on the crew members that is proportionate to the nature of the offense, as determined by the committees.

#### II. LONG DISTANCE RACES

- A. All rules previously set for regattas shall be in effect for long distance races.
- B. Warnings issued by officials shall be adhered to. Failure to do so may cause disqualification of the clubs involved.
- C. The conduct of club members in Moku O Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing Association while in transit, to and from paddling sites, in residence on sites, shall be in accordance with the Rules of Conduct set for regattas and long distance races.
- D. Any Moku O Hawaii club hosting a long distance canoe race must notify the U.S. Coast Guard of the event. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the race.
- E. Any Moku O Hawaii club hosting a race longer than 14 miles must request U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary participation. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the race.