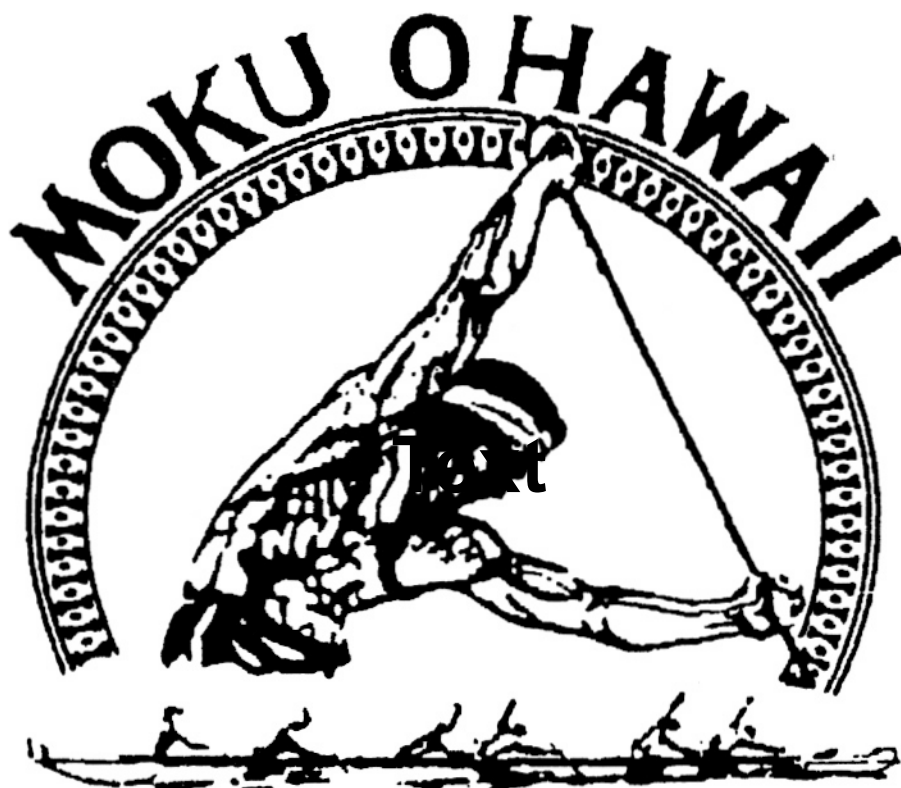


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*Outrigger Canoe Racing Association*



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2021 RACE RULES**

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**ARTICLE I  
EVENTS**

**A. OFFICIAL ORDER AND DISTANCE**

**Classified Events**

1.	Girls 12 and under	¼
2.	Boys 12 and under	¼
3.	Boys/Girls mix 12	¼
4.	Girls 13 and under	¼
5.	Boys 13 and under	¼
6.	Women Novice "B"	¼
7.	Girls 14 and under	¼
8.	Boys 14 and under	¼
9.	Mix Novice "B"	¼
10.	Girls 15 and under	½
11.	Boys 15 and under	½
12.	Men Novice "B"	½
13.	Girls 16 and under	½
14.	Boys 16 and under	½
15.	Girls 18 and under	½
16.	Boys 18 and under	½
17.	Boys/Girls 18 Mix	½
18.	Women Novice "A"	½
19.	Men Novice "A"	½
20.	Freshman Women	1
21.	Freshman 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**

28.	Women 40	½
29.	Men 40	½
30.	Women 70 **	½
31.	Men 70 **	½
32.	Women 65	½
33.	Men 65	½
34.	Women 60	½
35.	Men 60	½
36.	Women 55	½
37.	Men 55	½
38.	Women 50	½
39.	Men 50	½
40.	Men/Women 60	½
41.	Men/Women 55	½
42.	Men/Women 40	½
43.	Women Open Four	½
44.	Men Open Four	½
45.	Men/Women Open	½

\*\* Events 26, 27, 30 & 31 will be run only at the Aunty Maile Big Island Championships \*\*

## B. SPECIAL EVENTS

All special events shall be held for no longer than one-half (1/2) hour and will begin at 8:15 a.m. promptly the morning of each regatta.

## C. SCORING OF EVENTS

1. Points will be awarded considering the number of entries in each event to a maximum of 14 places spread as the following example: 1<sup>st</sup> – 15 (additional point for the win), 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12, 4<sup>th</sup> 11, 5<sup>th</sup> – 10, 6<sup>th</sup> – 9, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8, 8<sup>th</sup> – 7, 9<sup>th</sup> – 6, 10<sup>th</sup> – 5, 11<sup>th</sup> – 4, 12<sup>th</sup> – 3, 13<sup>th</sup> – 2, 14<sup>th</sup> - 1. Scoring will be according to the number of entries in each event.

2. Any crews disqualified during an event, will be considered as entered but will not receive any points and will be counted as a canoe beaten. Scoring: 13 canoes entered, Place/Points 1<sup>st</sup> - 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11, 4<sup>th</sup> – 10, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8, 7<sup>th</sup> – 7, 8<sup>th</sup> – 6, 9<sup>th</sup> – 5, 10<sup>th</sup> – 4, 11<sup>th</sup> – 3, 12 – 2, etc. to 13<sup>th</sup> – 1. Disqualifications are counted as entered but club gets 0, no score, and the next club gets the score, etc. Scoring will be according to entry in each event.

3. Should two (2) or more crews cross the finish line simultaneously, a tie shall be declared, and each crew shall be awarded points as if it alone crossed the finish line. Crews subsequently finishing shall be awarded points based upon the number of crews that finished ahead of them. Thus, if 3 crews tie for first place, the next finishing crew shall be awarded points for fourth place.

4. In the event a regatta must be concluded before the final event, the Race Committee shall decide the official results and post them prior to closing the event. An official regatta shall be considered as one that has included completion of the last classified event. Any points earned during such regatta toward the State Championships shall be considered official.

5. Qualifying for the HCRA State Championships shall be in the following order:

a. Top 3 crews in each event by accumulated points during the season. Points will be based on the order of finish as listed in C., 1. above. Disqualified crews will not receive points but will count as crews beaten. No points for crews scratched.

b. 4<sup>th</sup> total points, 5<sup>th</sup> total points, etc.

c. Letter of intent based on date of receipt by the Race Secretary

d. If a tie at the end of the season the tiebreaker shall be:

1. Number of regattas participated in.

2. Number of victories.

3. Number of 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place etc.

4. If tied after 1, 2, 3, then placing in the MOH Aunty Maile Big Island Championships event shall determine qualifying spot.

## D. AWARDS

### 1. Team Awards

Trophy awards shall be given to the clubs that place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the division they enter in each regatta.

### 2. Individual Awards

a. Regattas – Individual awards shall be given to the crews placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each race.

b. Long Distance Races - Individual awards shall be given to the crews placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each classification.

c. In case of a tie, the additional medals/awards shall be paid for by MOH.

### 3. Responsibility

These awards shall be the responsibility of the sponsor unless otherwise directed by MOH.

4. Clubs receiving medals/awards not belonging to them or earned by them during a regatta will return the medals/awards to the Race Secretary.

### 5. Regatta Divisions, two (2) divisions shall be in effect

A Class            24 or more entries    B Class            23 or fewer entries

MOH Aunty Maile Big Island Championships, three (3) divisions shall be in effect

A Class 30 or more entries    B Class 15 to 29 (inclusive)    C Class 14 or fewer entries

6. Divisions will be set by events participated in, by the individual club. Scratches will reduce the number of races used to calculate the division the club is in.

**E. REGATTA START TIME**

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

**F. COACHES MEETING**

A Coaches Meeting will be held at 8:00 AM prior to all regattas. No announcement will be made, and all clubs will be responsible for information provided at the meeting.

**ARTICLE II**  
**CLASSIFICATION**

(See Article II X 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. Freshman: Open to any male or female.
- E. 18 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- F. Boys & Girls Mixed 18: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year. The crew shall be three (3) girls and three (3) boys.
- G. 16 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- H. 15 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- I. 14 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- J. 13 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- K. 12 & under: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year.
- L. Boys & Girls Mixed 12: Open to any paddler who has not attained his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 JAN of the current year. The crew shall be three (3) girls and three (3) boys.
- 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 unclassified 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 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 B paddlers may compete in unclassified events during the current racing season and maintain their Novice status. A person may compete in the Novice A classification, and unclassified events for two (2) years, then must move to a higher classification, e.g., a step up from Novice B to Novice A during the Aunty Maile Big Island Championships will classify that Novice B paddler as a Novice A paddler for one (1) season. A paddler who has not competed in a sanctioned event in the past 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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> birthday 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/her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.
- U. Men/Women Mixed: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 60 or older who has reached his/her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race. The crew shall be three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements.
- V. Men or Women 65+: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 65 or older who has reached his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.
- W. Men or Women 70+: Not a classified event. Open to any male/female 70 or older who has reached his/her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta/race.

X. Reclassification

1. All age group (youth) paddlers may paddle in two (2) 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 Championships 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 (2) classifications for which he/she is eligible 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 MOH.

B. PADDLERS

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

C. ENTRANCE FEES

Each club participating in an MOH sanctioned, sponsored, or approved event shall be subject to an entrance fee of at least Six Dollars (\$6.00) for each event entered, or such higher fee, which the MOH BOD may establish. Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) shall be retained by MOH, and Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) shall be submitted to the sponsoring club. Clubs sponsoring the regatta, shall only pay Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each event entered.

D. PRACTICE RACES

Clubs in MOH may hold practice races among themselves without sanction or approval of the BOD



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, or organizations and all others utilizing MOH equipment shall submit a refundable deposit of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to the Race Secretary. All equipment shall be returned to the Race Secretary or his/her designated alternate, no later than Two (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 Race Secretary. HCRA ID Photo cards, HCRA insurance waivers and birth verification for all paddlers. 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, worn or dull sleeves will not scan and are not acceptable. The current Event Number and Description must be included in each sleeve, e.g., Event 12, Men Novice "B".

### **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**

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

### **D. CLUB ROSTERS-REGISTRATION FEES**

1. Names of new paddlers must be submitted by the deadline set by the Race Secretary.
2. A registration fee of at least One Dollar (\$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 BOD may decide. Late registration of paddlers registered in prior MOH seasons will be allowed the morning of a regatta until 8:30 AM. There will be a fee of Ten Dollars (\$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 listed 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, before a paddler may participate in a MOH race with a new club. Any transfer of a MOH 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 MOH 102, for reasons other than financial debt, the paddler may bring his/her form to a MOH board meeting with the proof of no financial debt, the release can be then signed by the Race Director, Race Secretary or the Vice President.
2. Transfer from Another Association  
Any paddler transferring to a MOH club from another Association in Hawai'i must do so online with the MOH Race Secretary. Once approved, the new club can add the paddler's name to the online registration and print their card.

3. Submission of Transfer and Release

All transfers and releases must be submitted to the MOH Race Secretary upon the official forms adopted by MOH. 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 MOH 102 must be submitted to the MOH Race Secretary. The transfer shall become effective immediately after the date of receipt is noted, and the form is processed by the MOH Race Secretary.

4. No Affiliation

A paddler with no affiliation shall be considered a member of the first club he/she paddles with.

F. Racing Season

A racing season as used in these rules shall be from 1 May to 30 September 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 specification set forth under the following Sections "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F". Koa canoes shall be used in all regattas as mandated by the Bylaws.

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. 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 suffices to satisfy the requirement for such wood.

B. KOA CANOE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The hull of a canoe shall be originally hollowed out of a Koa log 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, nā mo 'o, or nā manu.
2. The canoe shall not weigh less than 400 pounds, and at least 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 canoe 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 wa 'a. Such devices must be able to be removed for visual inspection by a race committee member. No permanent devices or bulkheads will be allowed.
3. No rule will be accepted exempting the Koa canoe from any race or regatta.
4. 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 must be replaced by a koa patch prior to use of the canoe in a regatta or race in the following year the canoe is used.
- c. Koa wood restrictions apply only to the hull. All other parts of the canoe shall be 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, 'ōhi 'a, 'ohe 'ohe, and Koa. No attachable fins, keels or other devices shall be allowed.
- e. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping shall be permitted in regattas.
- f. Rigging of the ama and nā 'iako 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 materials 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 385 pounds without weights. For the purpose of weight determination, the "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:

1. The canoe shall be a six-man, single hull canoe, rigged with a single ama and double 'iako 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 buoyance 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 'iako 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 single 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, and non Koa canoes shall be weighed on a standard and approved scale, and a record of the information shall be kept on HCRA Form 801. If clubs fail to weigh canoes on the appointed date, a fee of Seventy Five Dollars (\$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 Race 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 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 canoe's number painted or decaled in block numbers no smaller than six (6) inches in height on each side of the bow of the canoe. The number of each canoe shall be in a color to be approved by the Race Director and shall be of sufficient contrast to the color of the hull so as to be readable in natural sunlight. Numerals formed from any type of tape, e.g.: duct tape, are prohibited. Any canoe that is not identified in the above noted manner, shall not be weighed by MOH, nor be allowed participation in any regatta or long distance race sanctioned, sponsored or approved by MOH.
  - 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 will also be disqualified.
  - h. The Race Committee may conduct inspection of canoes and other equipment at any time, and during a regatta or race, any official at the race may make said check.

#### MOH CANOE NUMBER AND COLOR ASSIGNMENT

1. Each club will register their canoe, Koa, Non Koa, Non Traditional and Unlimited, either owned or leased, by its own number. This number will be noted and will serve to identify that canoe from others that the club may own or lease. Regatta numbers must conform to G. 1.f. listed above. All numbers shall be painted or fastened in a fashion so as not to fall, peel or wash off. Failure shall result in disqualification. 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 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 'Ōpua	1971	KO	50	A1,2,3, etc.	50	001 X1
Kawaihae	1972	KAW	51	B1,2,3, etc.	51	002 X2
Kailana	1973	KAI	52	C1,2,3, etc.	52	003 X3
Keaukaha	1973	KEAU	53	D1,2,3, etc.	53	004 X4
Keōua	1975	KEO	54	E1,2,3, etc.	54	005 X5
Kamehameha	1975	KAM	55	F1,2,3, etc.	55	006 X6
Puna	1978	PUN	57	G1,2,3, etc.	57	007 X7
Keauhou	1979	KEHO	58	H1,2,3, etc.	58	008 X8
Kai 'Ehitu	1982	KEH	59	I1,2,3, etc.	59	009 X9
Waikoloa	1985	WKOA	60	J1,2,3, etc.	60	010 X10
Na Wa 'a Hanakahi	1999	NWH	62	N1,2,3, etc.	62	012 X12
Hui Wa 'a O Waiakea	2002	HWW	63	M1,2,3, etc.	63	013 X13
Paddlers of Laka	2005	POL	64	L1,2,3, etc.	64	014 X14
Miloli 'i	2015	PPM	66	P1,2,3, etc.	66	016 X16

3. The identification for Koa canoes in regatta and long distance races shall be the HCRA Sock # provided by MOH 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 conform to G. 1.f. listed above. All numbers shall be painted or fastened in a fashion so as not to fall, peel or wash off. Failure shall result in disqualification.

The color identification for each club is as follows:

Koa Canoe Numbers

Kai 'Ōpua	Blue/White	50
Kawaihae	Red/White	51
Kailana	Orange/Green	52
Keaukaha	Blue/Gold	53
Keōua	Light Yellow/Red	54
Kamehameha	Beige/Red	55
Puna	Yellow/Green	57
Keauhou	Green/White/Turquoise	58
Kai 'Ehitu	White/Red	59
Waikoloa	Purple/White	60
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 races numbers shall be attached to the bow of the canoe. These numbers shall be at least six (6) inches high and of contrast in color to 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 race. All numbers shall be painted or fastened in a fashion so as not to fall, peel or wash off. Failure shall result in disqualification.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICIALS

### A. RACE DIRECTOR

At the beginning of each calendar year, the President of MOH shall appoint a Race Director. The Race Director may appoint an assistant or acting Race Director to serve in the absence of the Race Director. These appointments shall require the approval of the MOH BOD.

The Race Director shall:

1. Serve as Race Director for all races and regattas sanctioned or sponsored by MOH.
2. Serve as Chair 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 MOH Race Rules.
4. Brief and provide all race officials with copies of the MOH Race Rules at the annual Coaches and Officials Clinic.
5. Shall conduct a coaches meeting prior to each regatta at 8am. The Race Director or his/her representative shall provide information pertaining to the day's events, such as weather, course conditions and/or anticipated delays. The Race Director shall conduct each regatta according to MOH race rules. Interpretation of Race Rules or Bylaws will not be conducted at these meetings. Coaches should discuss rule interpretations with their respective MOH representative.

#### B. RACE SECRETARY

At the beginning of each calendar year, the President of MOH shall appoint a Race Secretary. This appointment shall require the approval of the MOH BOD.

The Race Secretary shall:

1. Serve as Head Recorder at all regattas and races sanctioned by MOH.
2. Accept, file and computerize all forms, rosters, cards, transfers and releases, canoe verifications, and all other forms needed for operation of MOH. These records are the property of MOH, and should never be released to any individual for his or her own use.
3. Supervise recorders and course clerks at all races.
4. Review the drawing of lanes before circulation.

#### C. RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee shall consist of the MOH representative of each club who has attended the annual Coaches and Officials Clinic. 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 the annual Coaches and Officials Clinic. Any Race Committee member who has not attended these meetings will be ineligible to vote. Race Committee duties:

1. Hear and render decisions as soon as possible on valid protests. Decisions of this committee on matters under its cognizance will be binding and final.
2. Inspect equipment when required.
3. Inspect the race course

#### D. REGATTA OFFICIALS

The following officials shall be appointed by the Race Director and or Race Secretary to serve at all races:

1. Water Officials: At least two (2) officials and no more than four (4), plus one (1) boat captain per boat to determine race course infractions. Water Officials must have attended the present year's Coaches and Officials Clinic. Boat captain may be an official if qualified.
2. 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 event.
3. At least two (2) and not more than four (4) timers.
4. At least four (4) officials to perform random crew checks at the Race Secretary's choice.
5. Two (2) computer officials to register and validate crews, enter results and upload to HCRA at the end of the regatta.
6. One (1) announcer and one (1) assistant.
7. Two (2) 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 will result in a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine per person not provided for at each regatta.
8. One (1) official from the sponsoring club to assign awards to the 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 Race Secretary. Payment for these uniforms shall be the responsibility of MOH.

#### G. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

Equipment required for 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 at the finish line, to determine the outcome of any race.

### **ARTICLE VII** **RECEIPT OF ENTRIES AND DRAWING OF** **LANES**

#### A. DATE

The Race Secretary shall set the time and date for the receipt of registration and drawing of lanes. Such date shall be the Sunday prior to each regatta.

#### 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 nonrefundable. The lane drawing will use the online computer system, provided all applicable MOH race rules have been followed. A copy of the coach's lane draw sheet will be available online after completion of the lane draw.
3. Clubs which 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 of 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:
    1. Lanes for the first regatta shall be determined by the official order of finish in the Aunty Maile Big Island Championships the previous year. If a club has an entry at the first regatta but did not enter the Aunty Maile Big Island Championships, follow a. 2. below. If a club does not have an entry in the first regatta but had one at the Aunty Maile Big Island Championships, the next official finisher in that event will have the pull.
    2. The order of random drawing shall be in order of entry into MOH. E.g., for event one (1) Kai 'Ōpua pull first, second Kawaihae and so on. For the second event, Kawaihae pulls first, Kai 'Ōpua 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 'Ōpua is scheduled to pull first for event one (1) but has no entry. For event two (2) Kai 'Ōpua will pull last.
  - b. Second and subsequent regattas during the season:
    1. Lane drawings for each event shall be done according to the official order of finish for that event in the previous regatta. E. g. in event one (1) in the first regatta the official order of finish was 1<sup>st</sup>, Kai 'Ōpua, 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 'Ōpua will pull first for event one (1), Keaukaha pulls 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kamehameha 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on.
    2. 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 Director's discretion.
8. Clubs will be able to purchase an open lane on the day of a regatta (except for the Aunty Maile Big Island Championship). Events 1 to 4 will have to be purchased by 8am and all other lanes must be

purchased at least four (4) races prior to the event. The fee will be \$20.00 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

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 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. The current Event Number and Description must be included in each sleeve, e.g., Event 12, Men Novice "B".
2. Confirmation of a last minute substitution that is inserted in the final entry list must be completed before the start of the event. Coaches using substitutions in violation of Article IV will result in 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 the same flag color in the same lanes.
3. The course shall be ready for inspection at least One (1) hour before the start of the regatta.
4. Sponsoring clubs shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) if the course is not ready by the stipulate regatta starting time. (Exception: Emergency causes may be considered upon approval of the Race Director).
5. Clubs utilizing MOH flags shall submit a refundable deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to the Race Secretary. All flags shall be returned to the Race Secretary or his/her designated alternate, no later than 2 days after the race. Failure to return the flags in time shall result in loss of the deposit.
6. If less than 15 lanes are laid; the last lane will be red.

B. OFFICIAL BOATS

1. For all regattas there shall be three (3) boats. One (1) shall be designated as pick-up 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 Fifty Dollar (\$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 Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).
2. Failure to provide these boats at the start of the races will result in a fine of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$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. Adequate tables and chairs shall be provided. A covered stand and chairs for finish line officials in Kona shall also be provided the officials to shelter them from the sun and rain.

#### D. COMMUNICATIONS

A system for updating participants will be provided by MOH. This may be 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 the 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 regatta.
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 Fifty Dollars (\$50) will be paid by the sponsoring club(s).
4. Any club failing to produce awards (medals, trophies or otherwise) by the end of that event will be suspended from MOH until those awards are produced. That club will also be fined no less than Fifteen- Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), that (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 time as the faulting club is reinstated in MOH. Extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the club will be considered by an emergency meeting called by the President of MOH. A quorum is necessary for a decision. The defaulting club's proof of extenuating circumstances may be customer copies of order forms, letterhead letters from the award producing company with notification 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 Race Secretary prior to the start of each regatta in sufficient time for them to be checked in the categories listed.

#### F. OFFICIAL'S LUNCHES

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 by the Race Secretary.
2. Sufficient beverages, water and or soda, juice, etc. shall be placed on each boat for consumption by MOH officials, as well as in the official's stand.

#### G. PERMITS

1. All MOH clubs hosting a race must obtain all required marine event permits. Failure to do so may result in a Five-Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) penalty and/or cancellation of the race.

## **ARTICLE IX** **FLAT COURSE RULES**

#### A. COURSE

1. The course must be surveyed by a licensed surveyor and meet the following requirements. Failure to do so will result in no points awarded to qualify for Hawai'i State Championships and the course will be deemed unofficial.
2. The official 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 Forty (40) feet outside of lane 1 and the last lane red flags.
3. 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 Thirty (30) inches, preferably one yard (36 inches) square, shall be made of lightweight quick drying cloth, and as far practicable, shall be colored in solid colors such that no two lanes shall have the same colored flag.
4. The distance between the starting mile lines and 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.
5. The starting/finish line shall be red to red flag.
6. At least one (1) hour before the first race, the Race Director, in company with one representative from

each club who wishes, shall inspect, and if required, re-measure and re-set the course to ensure that all lanes between any two (2) lines are of equal length and that the flags are placed in accordance with MOH Race Rules, Article VIII, 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.

#### 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 the 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 eight (8) minute period, or sooner if all race participants are at the starting line, the starter will commence waiving the yellow flag and continue for about Five (5) seconds.  
This signifies the start will begin shortly.
4. Red Flag  
After the yellow flag stops waiving, 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 flags 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 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 (2) 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 direction of the Race Director, 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/or 6 (six) paddlers.
4. A disqualified canoe may continue to race, unless for some specific reason the Race Director decides otherwise.
5. A canoe club disqualified for any reason will be notified by calling a representative of the club by a public announcement before the disqualification is made official.
6. Crossing the starting line which, is designated by the two (2) red flags at each end, prior to the start shall result in the disqualification of the crew. The Race Director may waive this penalty 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. In an unfair start, the starter, not a canoe crew, must instigate the recall.
3. The race shall not be restarted if, from the point the yellow flag starts waiving to indicate the race is about to start, any canoe capsizes or swamps. The starter will continue waiving 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 Director, the disqualification rules on touching flags, poles, floats and appurtenances, therefore, 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 steerspersons may be permitted to steer in ¼ mile races, at the discretion of the Race Director. Times will not be recorded and the award will revert to the

original steersperson.

#### 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 (2) 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 the 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 shoreline (lane 1) and that lane farthest out (last lane out) will be a distance from the flag of Forty (40) feet. On the Hilo course, a colored buoy will be placed Forty (40) feet shoreward from the Lane 1 flag. This buoy will designate the outside lane width for Lane 1.

#### H. URNS

At any point in a 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, this 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 the 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 own 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 capsizes 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 has 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 announcer will announce the entry during the event participating in. Points will be scored by the changing crew as a lone entrant two (2) points, and the scoring in the race participated in will only be for those crews originally entered.

#### K. FINISH LINE

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 club 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.

#### 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, MOH Race Rules, shall be the disqualification of all crews using the ineligible equipment in the race/regatta.
- C. The penalty for using an ineligible paddler in a race, shall be the disqualification of the entire crew. An ineligible paddler is one who has not met all the requirements as set forth in Article III, Eligibility, AND Article IV – Registration, of MOH Race Rules.
- D. For using an illegal paddler, the offending club will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) plus the disqualification of the crew for the first offense. An illegal paddler is one who participates in an event under another person's name and MOH photo ID card. For every subsequent offense, an additional One Hundred Dollar (\$100) fine shall be levied, and the infraction will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee with a 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 without written notification received by the Race Secretary within the first four (4) minutes after the yellow flag is raised prior to the start of the event shall result in a Twenty Five Dollar (\$25) fine.
- G. Collision will result in 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 with the forward progress of a canoe shall result in the disqualification of the offending crew.
- I. Finishing in the wrong lane shall result in the disqualification of the 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 Director, 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 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 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 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 for 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 of suspension 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 BOD. 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** **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 104 accompanied by a Twenty Five Dollar (\$25) payment, submitted by the coach or his/her official representative, before the end of the second race after the alleged violation.

1. Coaches and 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 noted on the MOH 104, and the fee shall be returned to the protesting club. If the protest is ruled “not valid” for reasons other than a judgment call, then the protest fee will 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 XII** **LONG DISTANCE RACES**

A long distance race shall be defined as one (1) continual race. (Note: See MOH Bylaws Article XIII, Race and Racing Rules, Section 3. d. for distances.)

#### A. SPONSORS

Sponsors of a long distance race must submit the following information to the Race Director, Race Secretary and all other MOH clubs at least two (2) weeks prior to the event they intend to sponsor. The club sponsoring the long distance race shall not be required to pay any entrance fees for that particular race. This information may be submitted by circulated written documents, email or content of web site with email notification to MOH 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), Three Dollars (\$3.00) of each entry fee shall go to MOH. For races with entry fees less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), One Dollar (\$1.00) of the entry fee shall go to MOH. For all entries entered in any long distance race, be it statewide, international or world- wide, a fee to MOH must be paid.
4. A map of the proposed race course including the 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 will include Koa and may determine to include Non Koa or non traditional, or any other classification established by these rules, or any combination of these classifications that the sponsor may choose.
6. The responsibility for obtaining escort boats shall be clearly defined, as to participating clubs or sponsoring club's action, see Article XII, E. 1 through 8 below for clarification.
7. Invitational packets will include the current MOH Race Rules, including Article V Equipment, and copies of MOH 107 Long Distance Entry Form and the HCRA Waiver and Release of Liability.
8. The Queen Lili 'uokalani Long Distance Canoe Race sponsored by Kai 'Ōpua Canoe Club, being of International stature, will be exempt from MOH Long Distance Race Rules with the exception of Article XII, Section A. 3., of MOH Long Distance Race Rules and operate under HCRA Race Rules. Kai 'Ōpua will appoint its own Race Director for this event.

#### B. AWARDS

The character and type of 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 MOH BOD and held on the Island of Hawai 'i, with the exception of the Queen Lili 'uokalani Long Distance Canoe Race as noted above in Article XII, A, 8.
2. The Race Director, 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 MOH Coaches and Officials Clinic held during that calendar year.
3. In the event of a small craft warning, cancellation of the race shall be the responsibility of the Race Director.
4. If any unusual or unclarified situation arises on the race site, the Race Director will arrive at a decision.

#### D. STARTS AND FINISH

1. The type of start and location of start and finish shall be subject to the MOH BOD 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 Twenty (20) miles, Ten (10)

minutes shall be added. For races less than Twenty (20) miles, Five (5) minutes shall be added. For races less than Ten (10) miles, Three (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/she judges 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. The Race Director must approve exceptions.
2. In "Iron man/women", six (6) paddler races, the use of an escort boat is prohibited in the racing field unless authorized for safety reasons by the Race Director. 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 Director 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 canoe or hinder another canoe.
6. If a canoe swamps or capsizes, 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 One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) per missing boat, and possible cancellation of the race. All boats must be in radio or cell phone contact with the Race Director. Each boat without contact will result in a Fifty Dollar (\$50) penalty per boat.
8. Sponsoring clubs shall provide sufficient beverages – water and/or soda, juice, for each boat for consumption by the MOH 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 Article IV, Sections A. 1. and 2. and D.1. 2. of the current MOH Race Rules.
2. A paddler not registered for current year may do so at the time the list is submitted. Classification cards or approved transfers must accompany the list.
3. MOH 107 Long Distance Entry Form and the HCRA 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 ID number. Any canoe without an ID 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 its crew disqualified.
6. There shall be no unofficial entries in long distance races. Any unofficial entry will be disqualified and fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). Such fines 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 are 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 XIII**  
**FORMS**

1. PADDLER RELEASE AND TRANSFER	MOH 102
2. ID CHECK	MOH 103
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## **ARTICLE XIV** **RULES OF CONDUCT**

In addition to the following Rules of Conduct, all Officials, Paddlers, Club members, Guests and other participants shall abide by MOH Bylaws Article XIV, Rules of Conduct, and Article XV, Code of Ethics

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

#### **1. REGATTAS**

- A. Clubs will be held responsible for the individual and collective conduct of their members 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 Director, Race Secretary or BOD of MOH, 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 by either the Race Director or BOD of MOH.
- D. Paddlers, coaches or officials shall not consume alcohol or illegal drugs during a regatta at the regatta site. Violation of this will result in a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) of the individuals 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 club the person doing the harassment is associated with, will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). If the harassment continues after the fine the club the person doing the harassment is associated with will be suspended for 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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense. For a second offense, the club(s) will receive a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) fine and the individuals involved will be suspended from MOH. For a third offense, the club(s) will receive a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) fine and the club(s) 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(s) must be witnessed by one (1) or more officials who shall refer the incident(s) 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.
- G. No paddler or crew shall intentionally cause contact between such paddler or crew's 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 Director, 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 Race Director and the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **2. 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 MOH 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 MOH 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 MOH club hosting race longer than 14 miles must request U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary participation. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the race.