

# O`AHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION

## 2023 RACE RULES

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## Statement of Purpose

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

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

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

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

## Statement of Rules

These racing rules are an accumulation of rules which had their beginnings in 1950 when HCRA was first formed. These rules are in furtherance of the purposes of OHCRA and are changed or modified annually as needed. OHCRA race rules may be changed or modified only at the annual OHCRA meeting prior to the coming racing season. The Moloka'i Hoe race rules can be amended prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> regular season regatta.

These rules govern the procedures and practices of OHCRA clubs during regattas and sanctioned long-distance races. They are intended to promote good sportsmanship and set the standards for competitive canoe racing. These OHCRA Race Rules can be accessed “online” in a secured format.

Rules cannot cover every situation. These rules cover the majority areas where problems have arisen in the past. Whenever situations come up that are not covered, in the course of deliberating new rules or modifications to the old, consideration must be given to the following:

- What are we trying to avoid or promote?
- Would most people agree the rule is fair?
- Does the rule apply equally to large and small clubs?
- Is the rule clear and easily understood?
- Does the rule generally help or hinder our purpose of canoe racing?
- Does any proposed penalty match the seriousness of the violation?



## Code of Ethics

We are all responsible to promote good sportsmanship and fair play in the activities in which we engage. This means observance of these race rules as well as generally accepted rules of behavior and all governmental laws.

Paddlers are required to avoid situations where a canoe is deliberately rammed, where there is deliberate interference with another crew, and situations where assaults and abusive language are used.

Coaches are required to support and help enforce these race rules and to avoid any circumvention of these rules.

Officials and officers are required to do their best to be fair and not biased in their decisions and in carrying out their duties.

Any club members that are found drinking at our events will result in the entire club being asked to leave the event and will no longer be eligible to compete for that day's events. This includes all paddlers, friends and family.

## Officers - 2023

PRESIDENT	Lāpule Schultz
VICE PRESIDENT	Siana Hunt
RECORDING SECRETARY	Jennifer Romano
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Kaui Serrao
TREASURER	Iakaika Rogerson
HCRA DELEGATES:	Luana Froiseth
	Lāpule Schultz
RACE DIRECTOR	Luana Froiseth

## Committees

### A. Race Rules Committee

1. The purpose of the Race Rules Committee is to propose, modify and review the race rules for OHCRA.
2. OHCRA race rules may be changed or modified only at the annual meeting prior to the upcoming racing season.

### B. Race Rules Committee Members

Chair: Mike Willett

Co-Chair:

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

‘Ānuenue Canoe Club  
Ewa Pu‘uloa Outrigger Canoe Club  
Healani Canoe Club  
Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club  
Hui Lanakila Canoe Club  
Hui Nalu Canoe Club  
Kai Oni Canoe Club  
Kailua Canoe Club  
Keahiakahoe Canoe Club  
Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club  
Koa Kai Canoe Club  
Lanikai Canoe Club  
Leeward Kai Canoe Club  
Mākaha Canoe Club  
New Hope Canoe Club  
Outrigger Canoe Club  
Waikīkī Surf Club  
Waimānalo Canoe Club

### C. Race Committee

The OHCRA Race Committee is composed of designated members of the Race Rules Committee. The purpose of the Race Committee is to investigate infractions and / or violations of the race rules on race day.

Decisions of the Race Committee will be as a singular vote from the committee as a whole. The results of their findings will be submitted to the Race Director only and will be final. No disclosure of individual voting will be made.

## OHCRA Membership

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

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

### Member Clubs

<b><u>Canoe Club Name</u></b>	<b><u>Club Number</u></b>
‘Ānuenu Canoe Club	11
Ewa Pu’uloa Canoe Club	12
Hawaiian Kanaktion (associate)	20
Healani Canoe Club	01
Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club	16
Hui Lanakila Canoe Club	26
Hui Nalu Canoe Club	02
Kai Oni Canoe Club	14
Kailua Canoe Club	03
Keahiakahoe Canoe Club	07
Keala Canoe Club (associate)	17
Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club	18
Koa Kai Canoe Club	28
Lanikai Canoe Club	04
Leeward Kai Canoe Club	05
Mākaha Canoe Club	06
New Hope Canoe Club	15
Outrigger Canoe Club	08
Waikīkī Surf Club	09
Waimānalo Canoe Club	10

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## ARTICLE I: Types of Races

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

### A. Sanctioned Races

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

### B. Other Long Distance or Special Event Races

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

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

### C. Racing Seasons

The calendar year is divided into 4 racing seasons. Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season.

1. The preseason is defined as races commencing on and from the first day of the calendar year and runs up to the first race of the regatta season of the same calendar year.

2. The regatta season is defined as starting with the first scheduled regatta of each calendar year and runs through the HCRA State Championship on the first Saturday in August of the same calendar year.
3. The distance season is defined as starting with the first race after the HCRA State Championship and runs through the Moloka'i Hoe race in October of the same calendar year.
4. The post season is defined as races commencing after the Moloka'i Hoe through the final day of the same calendar year.

## ARTICLE II: Regatta Event

### A. Official Order and Distance of Regatta Events

1. The number of events for a regatta shall be capped at no more than forty-five (45) events.
2. Official order and distance of regatta events.

Order	Event Name	Distance	Classification
1	Girls, 12 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
2	Boys, 12 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
3	Boys and Girls Mixed, 12 years and under	1/4 Mile	Unclassified Event
4	Girls, 13 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
5	Boys, 13 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
6	Girls, 14 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
7	Boys, 14 years and under	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
8	Keiki Open	1/4 Mile	No Point Event
9	Women Novice "B"	1/4 Mile	Classified Event
10	Mixed Novice "B"	1/4 Mile	Unclassified Event
11	Men Novice "B"	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
12	Girls, 15 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
13	Boys, 15 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
14	Girls, 16 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
15	Boys, 16 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
16	Girls, 18 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
17	Boys, 18 years and under	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
18	Boys and Girls Mixed, 18 years and under	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
19	Women Novice "A"	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
20	Men Novice "A"	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
21	Women Freshmen	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
22	Men Freshmen	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
23	Women Sophomore	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
24	Men Sophomore	1/2 Mile	Classified Event
25	Women Junior	1 Mile	Classified Event
26	Men Junior	1 Mile	Classified Event
27	Women Senior	1 1/2 Mile	Open Event
28	Men Senior	1 1/2 Mile	Open Event
29	Women, 70 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
30	Men, 70 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
31	Women, 65 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
32	Men, 65 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
33	Women, 60 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
34	Men, 60 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
35	Women, 55 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
36	Men, 55 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
37	Women, 50 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
38	Men, 50 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
39	Women, 40 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
40	Men, 40 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
41	Women Fours	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
42	Men Fours	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
43	Men and Women Mixed 55 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
44	Men and Women Mixed 40 years and over	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event
45	Men and Women Mixed	1/2 Mile	Unclassified Event



## B. Divisions

1. There will be three (3) divisions for regatta races – “AAA”, “AA” and “A”.
  - a. Division “AAA” will include clubs with thirty-one (31) or more crews.
  - b. Division “AA” will include clubs with sixteen (16) but no more than thirty (30) crews.
  - c. Division “A” will include clubs with fifteen (15) crews or less.
2. Clubs must declare their division for each regatta at the drawing of lanes.
3. Crew tabulation for divisional purposes is only for events where points are earned.

## C. Scoring of Races

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
First	7
Second	5
Third	4
Fourth	3
Fifth	2
Sixth	1

In the event of a tie where the crew times were the same .00 seconds, both crews will receive the same points.

For Keiki Open scoring method explanation see ADDENDUM C: Keiki Open Scoring.

## D. Method to qualify for lanes at the MacFarlane Regatta, OHCRA Championship and the State Championship.

1. Points are scored inversely to the number of crews racing in an event. Any crew disqualified or not finishing will receive one (1) point, except for a crew with illegal or ineligible paddlers who will receive (0) points. A crew will be scored on all of their qualifying races that they participated in only during the current regatta season. Participation is to include a race that there was a disqualification but not a "non-entrant", a "no show" or a "scratch".
2. The crew with the greater amount of points shall qualify for lane drawing.
3. In case of a tie in any particular event, the tie will be broken before the lanes are drawn for that event. The crew who finished ahead at the previous flat-water regatta during the current regatta season will be the one who breaks the tie and will be eligible for lane drawing.

## E. Awards

1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta:
  - a. “AAA” Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third
  - b. “AA” Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
  - c. “A” Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.

2. Individual awards will be given to crews placing First, Second, and Third in each race. The award shall have the year date and the event applied or engraved in an appropriate area of the award.
3. The character and type of awards will be established by the Board of Directors.
4. For awards other than regattas, refer to Section E of ARTICLE XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules.

## ARTICLE III: Classification

### A. Classifications

#### 1. Senior

Open to any male or female who is 15 years of age and older on race day. The Senior events are OPEN events. A paddler who paddles in one other event except any mixed or 4's race is also eligible to paddle in the Senior event. Participating in the Senior event in no way changes the classification of the paddler.

#### 2. Junior

Open to any male or female who is 15 years of age and older on race day.

#### 3. Sophomore

Open to any male or female who is 15 years of age and older on race day.

#### 4. Freshmen

Open to any male or female who is 15 years of age and older on race day.

#### 5. 18 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 18 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 6. 16 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 16 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 7. 15 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 15 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 8. Keiki Open

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

#### 9. 14 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 14 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 10. 13 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 13 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 11. 12 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 12 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season.

#### 12. Novice A

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

### **13. Novice B**

Open to any male or female who has never paddled in any organized, competitive 6-person outrigger canoe race in any prior calendar year or any other classified regatta event during the current calendar year. This includes HCRA member regatta & distance races, Nā 'Ōpio Canoe Races, O.I.A. Canoe Races, I.L.H. Canoe Races, and any out-of-state organized canoe races. A person may compete as a Novice B after having competed in the preseason races of the same year. A person may compete as a Novice B for only one year. A paddler who participates in any high school season for their 1<sup>st</sup> season prior to the OHCRA regatta season of the same year may classify as a Novice B. A Novice B may participate in an unclassified event during a regatta then return to Novice B the following regatta.

### **14. Novice Mixed B**

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

### **15. Boys & Girls Mixed 12 years & under**

Not a classified event. Open to any boy or girl (3 boys / 3 girls) who has not paddled in a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior race, and who is 12 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season. A paddler may not paddle in any other event in the same regatta.

### **16. Boys & Girls Mixed 18 years & under**

Not a classified event. Open to any boy or girl (3 boys / 3 girls) who is 18 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the racing season. A paddler may not paddle in any other event in the same regatta.

### **17. Men / Women Fours**

Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.

### **18. Men & Women Mixed**

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

### **19. Men & Women Mixed 40 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 40 years or older (3 male / 3 female) who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.

### **20. Men & Women 40 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 40 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race.

### **21. Men & Women 50 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 50 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race.

### **22. Men & Women Mixed 55 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 55 years or older (3 male / 3 female) who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta.

### **23. Men & Women 55 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 55 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race.

### **24. Men & Women 60 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 60 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race.

### **25. Men & Women 65 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 65 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race

### **26. Men & Women 70 and over**

Not a classified event. Open to any male and female 70 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except for the Senior race

## **B. Conditions of Classification**

### **1. Identification**

Birth certificate, State ID, Driver's License or Passport verification is required for identification purposes.

At the time of registration with a OHCRA member club, a paddler who produces an acceptable identification as stated above with the gender indicated as X, the paddler will be asked what gender they identify as and will then participate with the gender chosen.

### **2. Definition of Classes of Events (ref. Article II. A.)**

a. A classified event is one that is ranked either by youth age, novice or ability. During the regatta, a paddler may step-up in classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day.

b. An unclassified event is one that is not ranked and a paddler who participates in these events cannot participate in any other classified or unclassified event.

c. An open event is one that anyone by gender may enter for their 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the regatta except those who participate in any of the unclassified mixed events or 4's events during the same regatta and who is 15 years of age and older on race day.

### **3. Step-ups**

a. For purposes of definition, Novice B Men / Women will be considered the lowest classification of equal equivalence, followed by the Boys / Girls 12 Years & Under, Boys / Girls 13 Years & Under, Boys / Girls 14 Years & Under, Novice A Men / Women, Boys / Girls 15 Years & Under, Boys / Girls 16 Years & Under, Boys / Girls 18 Years & Under, Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior. If a paddler participates in a Freshman or Sophomore race and "steps-up" to a higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season. A youth-aged paddler may race in two (2) classified youth-aged events in the same regatta and still retain their lowest age classification for the following regatta in the same calendar year. 16 and 18 classified paddlers who participate in the Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior events are excluded.

- b. On race day, providing all conditions are specified in registration procedures have been met, a paddler may move up in classification. The paddler's name must be submitted on entry OHCRA Form 400 with the paddler's previous classification and noted as "step-up".
- c. A paddler may participate in a maximum of 2 races per regatta.

#### **4. Age Group Participation - 12's thru 18's - Regatta's / State Championship**

- a. Paddlers in age group classifications may paddle in a higher age classification during the regatta season, and the State Championship. A youth age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a Novice A classification or higher than 18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to youth age group classifications. A paddler classified as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under may participate in either a 16's or 18's and either a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior race from regatta to regatta. But if a paddler classified as a 16's or 18's "steps-up" to a higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season. The paddler may return to their lowest classification the following season.
- b. A paddler classified in a youth age classification can race once in his or her classification or higher youth age classification (excludes the Novice A classification) from regatta to regatta. At the State Championship, an age group paddler who was classified or "stepped-up" to an older youth age group during the OHCRA season may be reclassified to his / her lowest classification.
- c. A youth aged qualifying paddler 12's – 18's, transferring from another association who has participated in a Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior race at their original association or at the State Championship may reclassify to the lowest youth age classification the paddler's age will allow at OHCRA.

#### **5. Novice Status and Classification**

- a. A paddler may be classified as a Novice for a maximum of three (3) years. This may be one (1) year as a Novice B and two (2) years as a Novice A, or three (3) years as a Novice A. A Novice B paddler that "steps-up" to Novice A during their Novice B season is considered to be a 1<sup>st</sup> year Novice with (2) Novice A seasons remaining. If a Novice A paddler moves to a higher classification, he / she will not be able to return to Novice A for any subsequent regatta.
- b. The Board of Directors may waive the three (3) year novice eligibility rule upon petition to permit physically fit, challenged paddlers the opportunity to continue to participate at the novice level. OHCRA shall keep track of physically fit, challenged paddlers that have been approved to continue indefinitely at the Novice A level.
- c. Former paddlers from 12 Years & Under, 13 Years & Under, 14 Years & Under, 15 Years & Under, 16 Years & Under, 18 Years & Under, or Novice categories who have not paddled for a minimum of five (5) years in any regatta or long distance race, and who have never paddled in any Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior classified event, may petition the Race Director in writing at the time of registration of the paddler with the last year participated, for determination of eligibility to return to paddling as a

Novice A. If approved, the former paddler may be classified as a Novice A up to a maximum of two (2) years.

- d. Paddlers in either novice classification may move up to a higher classification.
  1. A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or A who does not participate in any race during the calendar year will retain that year of novice eligibility for the subsequent season.
  2. A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or A and who participates in distance season races, preseason races or post season races only will use up a year of novice eligibility for each year they race.

## **ARTICLE IV: Eligibility**

### **A. Clubs**

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

### **B. Paddlers**

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



## ARTICLE V: Transfers and Releases

### A. Intent

1. A paddler with no present club affiliation will be considered a member of the first club he or she seeks application to.
2. A paddler, already a member of a club, who seeks membership in another club and in so doing files an application for membership, transfer or any other form of intent before participation in a sanctioned regatta in that season, will be deemed a member of the club of intent upon the securing of his or her release from the parent club.
3. Before filing a form of intent to transfer to a different club, note that no paddler will be eligible for transfer and release if he or she is in debt financially to and/or withholding property of a member club, in which case the parent club must be able to submit convincing evidence thereof to the Race Director. The club of intent may accept the paddler's financial responsibility and therefore secure his or her transfer.
4. The club of intent will be responsible for citing any and all infractions and will call said infractions to the attention of the Race Director at the race site through regular protest procedures.

### B. Transfers

#### 1. Eligibility for Transfer

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

#### 2. Paddler in Debt Financially and/or Withholding Property

No paddler will be eligible for transfer and release if he or she is in debt financially to and/or withholding property of a member club, in which case the parent club must be able to submit convincing evidence thereof to the Race Director. The club of intent may accept the paddler's financial responsibility and therefore secure his or her transfer.

#### 3. Submission of Transfer and Release

- a. All transfers and releases must be submitted to the Race Director on the official forms adopted by the Board of Directors of OHCRA.
- b. The forms must be signed by the individual paddler and the authorized club representative as recorded with OHCRA as legally authorized to sign and grant said transfer and release.

c. In order for a transfer and release of an eligible paddler to become effective at a particular race or regatta, the form for the transfer and release must be submitted to the Race Director upon registration from the particular race or regatta.

d. OHCRA will respect the classification of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA member club who has participated in a Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race of their club's association will be classified as a Freshman at OHCRA.

e. The receiving club is responsible for verification of highest classification raced and which races the paddler is eligible to participate in.

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

The Race Director, upon receiving a transfer and release form, will first note the date of the receipt on the form and expeditiously process the form.

#### **5. Paddler Declared "Free Agent"**

A paddler who has not participated for a club with whom he or she is registered for an entire racing season will, at his or her request, be declared a "free agent" even without approval of the authorized club representative, provided he or she is not in violation of Article V.B.2 – Financial Indebtedness.

#### **6. Inactive Transfer and Release**

In the case of a paddler whose club is no longer active, the Race Director and the Race Rules Committee will rule on each case. The paddler and the club of intent must petition the Race Director and the Race Rules Committee for release.

#### **7. HCRA Transfer**

If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous regatta or distance racing season, a transfer must be submitted to the Race Director no later than the date of the lane drawing for the particular regatta or the official registration of the particular distance race and must be approved by race day.

#### **8. Transfers for Distance Race Participation**

Refer to Article XVI.A: - Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules.

## ARTICLE VI: Receipt of Entries and Drawing of Lanes

### A. Time and Place

1. The Race Director will designate the place, time and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. The Race Director may make a change if proper notice is given to all concerned or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in his or her place.
2. The lane drawing schedule will be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than the regular meeting just prior to the first lane drawing. (The May OHCRA Board Meeting)
3. A club which is unable to attend the drawing of lanes at the time and date set may submit its entries together with the required fee to the Race Director at an earlier date.

### B. Lane Drawing

1. The drawing of lanes will take place after the receipt of entries for all events.
2. Only clubs who have made proper entry and paid the entry fees will be permitted to draw lanes for any particular race. The Race Director will appoint a person to draw lanes for any club properly entered but unable to be represented at the drawing.
3. The lanes to be used will be consecutive and commence with Lane 1. The total number of lanes drawn will equal the number of entries. Lane 1 will be shoreward for courses parallel to the shore, and the left-hand lane looking seaward for courses running generally perpendicular to the shore. For  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile races, if there is one more entry than the available lanes can accommodate, there can be an addition of a Lane "0" on the inside of the course for parallel courses or an addition of a lane on the right side of the course for "in and out" courses.
4. Club representatives will be seated in alphabetical order of clubs. Only one club representative will be allowed to draw lanes.
5. A container with numbered pills corresponding to the number of entries in each event will be passed around to all the clubs entered in that event. The Race Director or designated representative will be responsible for having the correct number of pills in the container for each event to be drawn.
6. The opportunity to draw first for each event will rotate alphabetically among the participating clubs until all events have been drawn.
7. In case of an error in drawing for any one particular event, everyone will return their pills and the draw for the event in error will be repeated, beginning with the same club that started the drawing for that event. The only exception will be when clubs that have not drawn a lane will not be affected by the error.
8. Pills that are pulled will be numbered one (1) through whatever number of entries there are for each event. The club that has the number one (1) pill will be able to select whichever open lane it desires. The number two (2) pill may select whichever open lane it desires, and so on until the last pill is drawn for that event.

9. Clubs whose lanes are selected by an appointee of the Race Director will abide by the lane selection made by the appointee.
10. Any club or clubs not represented for any reason at any one lane drawing will have until midnight after lane drawing has been completed to contact the Race Director or designated representative conducting the lane drawing. Those clubs will be able to select any open lanes left in an event that they wish to participate in. This rule applies only where the notification rules have been followed.
11. All lanes drawn by clubs will be final and no changes will be made.
12. During the period between the drawing of lanes and commencement of the regatta, if the actual site of the regatta is changed or the position of the course is shifted or altered from the respective locations understood at the time of the drawing of lanes, the Race Director will not permit the regatta to go on unless and until a new drawing of lanes has been conducted.
13. An event where the number of entrants outnumber the lanes available, the drawing of lanes shall take place on the day of the regatta and not later than 3 events prior to the event being drawn.

### **C. Entries at Drawing of Lanes**

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

### **D. Entries Outnumbering Lanes**

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

## E. Exhibition Races

1. The sponsor of any regatta may hold an exhibition event 1/4-mile long, with a minimum of two (2) entries.
2. Any additional event, or distance longer than 1/4-mile must have approval of the OHCRA Board of Directors.

## F. Entries on Race Day

1. For identification purposes, the final entry list will be known as OHCRA Form 400.
2. The final entry list (OHCRA Form 400) for each race, commencing with Events 1 through 5 shall be submitted by the end of the coaches meeting and then commencing with Event 6, Girls 14 and under, the final entry list must be submitted to the race officials no later than two (2) races prior to the start of the applicable race. Any changes to a crew previously submitted must be accomplished no later than two (2) races prior to the start (green flag) of the applicable race.
3. This entry list will contain only six (6) names and these names must appear on OHCRA Form 100, and OHCRA Form 200.
4. A paddler so listed may be eligible to paddle in a higher classification providing all the specifications of eligibility as set forth in these rules have been met. Once a paddler has stepped-up to a higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, this will become his or her classification for the remainder of the regatta season. Exception is youth aged paddlers participating in youth races only. Article III.B.3.a.
  - a. When the entry list is submitted, step-ups should be indicated with a note in parentheses (STEP-UP).
  - b. A club failing to indicate a step-up on OHCRA Form 400 may be liable for a \$1.00 fine for each name not so identified.
5. The persons who actually paddle the race must be those whose names appear on the entry list.
6. Failure to follow the procedures as outlined will result in disqualification of the crew.

## G. Late Entries

1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing) may be permitted for lanes. A late fee will be assessed.
2. A late entry fee for open lanes only, that were not drawn at lane drawing will be \$12.00 per lane in addition to the regular fee assessed at lane drawing.
3. There will be no late entry that would require an existing 1 heat race to expand to a 2-heat race. If the race presently is 2 heats, then the club may take an available lane in the slower heat.

## H. Scratches

1. A scratch is a withdrawal from a race that a lane had been drawn for whether or not the crew list has been submitted.
2. If a crew will not be showing up to the starting line, the club must notify the race committee that they intend to scratch. A club can scratch a crew up to two (2) races prior to that event. The start of the race is the (green flag) of two races prior. There will be no monetary penalty for not scratching.
3. If a crew with submitted crew names did not participate in their event and did not scratch, their names will be in the HCRAPaddler database or successor database and will be as if the paddlers had raced.

## ARTICLE VII: Fees

### A. Entrance Fees

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

## ARTICLE VIII: Race Officials

### A. Race Director

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

### B. Regatta Officials

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

### C. Official Uniform

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



## **D. Official Equipment**

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

## ARTICLE IX: Equipment

### A. Koa Canoe Specifications

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

or ID the ama so that it is distinguishable from an uninspected ama. Violation of this section by a club can result, at the discretion of the Race Rules Committee, in a penalty such as disqualification of the canoe.

11. At the discretion of the Race Director, any painted or colored ama attached to a koa canoe during a sanctioned race or regatta may be subjected to a test to determine the nature of the wood or interior. This “proof check” will be made at OHCRA’s expense.
12. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping will be permitted in any regatta.
13. Any koa canoe that is being extended, altered, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC) chairperson via OHCRA Form 500. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation of this rule.

## **B. Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design**

1. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material to include fiberglass, foam, metal, wood, etc. It must be traditional Hawaiian design. Minimum weight of hulls constructed prior to August 1, 1998 will be no less than 350 pounds. Minimum weight of hulls constructed after August 1, 1988 will be no less than 385 pounds.
2. The canoe racing weight will be no less than 400 pounds. For purposes of weight determination, the word “canoe” does not include ama, ‘iako and tying cord, but does include the hull and permanent fixtures such as the manu, gunwales, wae, seats, ribs, patches, fiberglass and lead weights required to bring the total canoe weight at least 400 pounds.
3. Lead weights added to bring the weight up to 400 pounds must be evenly distributed and permanently affixed to the canoe by means of metal screws at such location, or locations, to allow for ease of inspection by race officials at any time during a regatta or race.
4. Canoes will be weighted by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a regatta or race. At any time during the year, at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighted.
5. Floation compartments must be located at the bow and stern manu only. This rule will not apply to canoes registered prior to January 1, 1980.
6. Ama and ‘iako may be fashioned from any type of material and must be of traditional Hawaiian design. No fins, keels, or other devices will be allowed.
7. No covering on the top of the canoe to prevent swamping will be permitted in any regatta.
8. Any fiberglass molded canoe will be exempt from “water-lining” procedures provided that there have been 10 canoes made from the same mold, all of which have passed the “water-lining” procedures. Any new mold shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specification and Equipment Committee (CSEC) chairperson. In the event of multiple molds of the exact same design plug, they will also be reported to the CSEC committee chairperson in writing for determination of water-lining procedures. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation of this rule.

### C. Open Class Division

1. The canoe will be a single canoe hull, rigged with a single ama and double 'iako separated by a least one seat.
2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material.
3. There must be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for bailing, power, or steering.
4. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the bow and stern of the canoe.
5. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six (6) paddlers in a canoe.
6. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a race as long as it has its own open class division. At any time during the year at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed. Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA Form 801 (latest rev.).

### D. Unlimited OC6

1. The canoe will be a single hull, rigged with a single ama and 'iako separated by at least one seat.
2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material.
3. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the bow and stern of the canoe.
4. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six paddlers in a canoe.
5. Unlimited canoes are not required to be lashed by cord.
6. Unlimited canoes are not required to be water lined or required to follow Article XI.B – Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design requirements (currently listed on page 21).
7. Unlimited canoes have no weight or length specification limits.
8. Ama and 'iako may be fashioned from any type of material.
9. There will be no Unlimited Class Division in Regattas.
10. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a race. At any time during the year, at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed. Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA Form 801 (latest rev.).

## E. Paddle Specifications

Paddles must be single bladed and can be made from any material except that it must have visible wood in it which can be solid or veneer. OHCRA will consider Bamboo as a wood. The paddles can be made by any construction method and can be solid or hollow. Extra paddles may be carried in each canoe during a race.

## F. Miscellaneous

1. Canoes, equipment, etc. not meeting the specifications will not be permitted in OHCRA races, and the ruling of the Race Committee on this matter will be final.
2. Any crew using unspecified equipment during a race will be disqualified.
3. The Race Director may conduct inspections of equipment at any time.
4. During a sanctioned race or regatta, each club is fully responsible for its own property damage.
5. It is recommended that all member clubs carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance policy.
6. All koa canoes used in OHCRA regattas must be paddled only by registered paddlers of the club which owns (or leases) the canoe.  
  
EXCEPTION: If a canoe is damaged during a regatta, a club may borrow another club's canoe for use during that particular regatta only. The Race Director must be notified prior to such use.
7. Clubs leasing canoes during the paddling season must provide a signed copy of a lease agreement to the Race Director at the scheduled weigh-in time prior to the start of the season.
8. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanctioned event during the regatta and distance seasons (excluding preseason and post season) shall have their ama to 'iako and 'iako to hull attached or "rigged" with multiple cord lashings. No "quick straps" (ratcheting straps).
9. Cameras can be used on the canoe during distance races. Cameras will not be allowed in or on canoes during flat course or surf course regatta races.

## G. OHCRA Canoe Number Assignment

1. Koa canoe number assignments are shown in the current list of OHCRA Member Clubs found in the introduction to these Race Rules.
2. The number will be displayed on both sides of the bow. It will be no smaller than seven (7) inches in height and will be at least one (1) inch stroke. It shall also be of contrasting color to the canoe.

- a. Additional koa canoes belonging to member clubs will use the same club number followed by an upper-case letter of the alphabet from A to Z.
- b. Non-koa canoes (fiberglass, laminated koa, or other woods, metal, or foam process) will use the same club number and a lower-case letter of the alphabet from a to z.

## ARTICLE X: Flat Course Regatta Rules

### A. Course

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

### B. Starting and Finishing Lines

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

### C. Holders

1. Each canoe in the race may have no more than two (2) canoe holders holding the canoe. Clubs caught in violation will be assessed a \$25.00 fine.
2. The canoe holder must hold the canoe in such a manner that he or she does not block the canoe number from the view of the officials.
3. After the start, the holder(s) must not interfere or try to affect the outcome of the race. Holders must immediately clear the flag area after the start so as not to interfere with subsequent turns of the race or be subject to a \$100.00 fine.
4. Canoe holders must wear a club identifiable shirt.

## D. Starting

1. All starts will be in accordance with the instruction from the Starter.
2. All canoes are to be behind their flags at the start of the race.
3. A yellow flag will be displayed from the official boat five (5) minutes before the start of a race or as soon as the last canoe from the previous event reaches shore.
4. To signal the start, the yellow flag will be waved for approximately five (5) seconds; the yellow flag will be brought down, and a red flag will be raised. The official start will be within the five (5) second period and will be signified by the raising of a green flag and the lowering of the red flag simultaneously, and a blast from an air horn, pistol or other device.

## E. Stalling

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

## F. Recall

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

## G. Disqualification on Starting

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

## H. Lanes

1. Lane width is defined as the full lateral distance between adjoining flags.



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

## **I. Turns**

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

## **J. Swamping**

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

## **K. Outside Assistance**

Any crew receiving outside assistance of any sort during the course of a race will be disqualified except a crew with a physically challenged paddler. The crew with a physically challenged paddler(s) may continue the event without being disqualified provided the outside assistance did not cause forward motion of the canoe. A physically challenged paddler is one who previously been approved and recorded by the OHCRA Board of Directors.

## **L. Finishing**

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

5. After a crew has crossed the finish line, the crew may proceed to their club area outside the racecourse.
6. A crew will be fined \$25.00 for any procedural errors preceding or after conclusion of their race.
  - a. Crossing into the course prior to the conclusion of a race.
  - b. Warming up.
  - c. Delay getting to the start line.

### **M. Adverse Conditions / Open Steersperson**

1. On the day of the regatta, should the majority of the head coaches (or designated representatives) of clubs having crews participating in events one (1) through eleven (11) request open steerspersons due to claims of adverse conditions, the Race Director will confer with his / her water officials to determine whether in fact adverse conditions do exist. If the officials concur with the coaches, then a vote by clubs will determine whether open steerspersons will be used in the first eleven events only (age groups 12's through and including 14's), Novice B Women, Mixed Novice B and Novice B Men.
2. Steersperson shall be gender specific. In a female race a female will steer, in a male race a male will steer. A mixed race may have either a female or a male steersperson, but the paddler gender make-up of the crew must remain 3 female and 3 male paddlers.
3. Points / awards will be given to those who participate, whether using open steersperson or not.
4. There will be an additional vote by the head coaches (or designated representative) for reducing the length of the Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior races from 1 mile to 1/2 mile and the senior race from 1 1/2 mile to 1 mile at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the Kailua and Waimanalo regattas. The vote will be separate from the open steersmen vote during adverse conditions presently in place.

## ARTICLE XI: Surf Course Regatta Rules

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

### A. Canoe Option Choice

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

### B. Lane Drawing for Wave Races

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

### C. Course

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

### D. Open Steersmen

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

### E. Starting

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

### F. Surfing

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

### G. Adverse Conditions

If adverse conditions exist, a meeting can be called for all clubs to re-evaluate the lengths of the future events of the day so as to complete the regatta within the allotted time frame.

## **ARTICLE XII: OHCRA Championship Regatta**

### **A. Race Course**

The OHCRA Championships will have twelve (12) lanes.

### **B. Qualification of Crews**

Crews will qualify for the OHCRA Championships by the records held at all flat course regattas. See Article II. D.

### **C. Lane Drawing for OHCRA Championship**

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

## ARTICLE XIII: State Championship Regatta

- A. All crews will qualify by the records held from all flat course regattas to fill the allotted lanes at the State Championship.
- B. Points are scored inversely to the number of crews racing in an event. Any crew disqualified or not finishing will receive one (1) point, except for a crew with illegal or ineligible paddlers. A crew will be scored on all of their qualifying races that they participated in only. Participation is to include a crew that there was a disqualification but not a “non-entrant”, a “no-show” or a “scratch”.
- C. The crews with the most points per event will be a qualifying crew for that event for whatever number of lanes that are available. In case of a tie in any particular event, the tie will be broken before the lanes are drawn for that event. The crew who finished ahead at the OHCRA Championship Race will be the one who breaks the tie. In case the points are still tied, the clubs that are tied will draw numbers to break the tie. The lowest number will be declared the winner and be awarded the right to draw a lane. The tie-breaking will be conducted by the Race Director or whoever is appointed by him / her to conduct lane drawing, and this will be final and official.
- D. In case of any open lanes in any event following all the qualifications for lanes, these open lanes will be made available to any club so desiring to enter that event. Again, in the event of a tie, the same procedure in breaking the tie will determine the club entry.
- E. Conditions and reclassification of paddlers who stepped up during the OHCRA regatta season.
  - 1. Youth aged paddlers shall reclassify to their lowest race their age allows.
  - 2. Sophomore and Junior paddler shall reclassify to Freshmen.
  - 3. Novice B paddlers who stepped up to Novice A or higher during the present regatta season shall remain at Novice A or remain or reclassify to Freshmen if stepped up to Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior.
  - 4. A Novice A who stepped up to Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior shall remain or reclassify to Freshmen.
  - 5. Failure to reclassify will limit the paddler to the classification he or she stepped up to.
  - 6. Reclassification shall take place no later than as specified by the OHCRA Race Director. The current HCRA deadline is Friday prior to the State Race.

## ARTICLE XIV: Protests

- A. A billing of \$25 will accompany any protest filed. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned to the club filing the protest. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will go into the OHCRA treasury.
- B. All protests or complaints of rule violations will be made to the Race Committee upon the finish of that particular race.
- C. Protests will be submitted by a coach or his / her representative on official forms provided by OHCRA. Head coaches of clubs involved in a protest will be notified immediately.
- D. While the Race Committee is hearing and apprising itself of the facts surrounding the protest, only coaches, OHCRA club delegates, officials involved and / or others designated by the Race Committee will be present.
- E. After the hearing is complete, the Race Committee will immediately exclude all persons, deliberate on the testimony and evidence, and render a decision.
  - 1. Calls of interference during turns and during the process of "crossovers" (ref: Article X.1.5.). The final decision of interference will be between the clubs involved, not only the water officials.
- F. The Race Committee will settle all protests and announce its decision before the end of a regatta.
- G. All decisions as determined by the Race Committee on protests will be final.
- H. Protests which have been acted upon will become a part of OHCRA's permanent record.
- I. The Race Director will keep all protest records.

## ARTICLE XV: Penalties

### A. Penalties

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

### B. Disqualifications

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

## C. Illegal and Ineligible Paddlers

For the purposes of definition:

### 1. Illegal Paddlers

- a. Modification or tampering of a paddler's identification card.
- b. One who is out of classification – i.e. higher classification paddler who paddles in a lower classification. For example: An Open paddler who paddles Novice, a Novice A who paddles Novice B, a 16 who paddles Novice.
- c. One who is paddling in the wrong age category – i.e. a 40 who paddles 50, a 16 who paddles 13.
- d. One who is paddling in the wrong gender crew – i.e. male(s) in a female crew or female(s) in a male crew, a mixed crew that is not three males and three females.

### 2. Ineligible Paddler

- a. One who has raced too many events or an incorrect combination of events.
- b. One whose data was erroneously entered or inputted into the *HCRAPaddler* database or successor database. A data-entry inputting error may include a misspelled name, incorrect date of birth, or incorrect gender selection at the time of data-entry.
- c. There shall be a \$150 fine for wrong ID card in slot and no DQ.

## D. Penalties for Illegal and Ineligible Paddlers

### 1. Illegal Paddler

- a. The penalty for a club using an illegal paddler shall be disqualification of the crew and a fine of \$300.00 per illegal paddler. The fine of \$300.00 must be paid by the canoe club and until paid, the club may not enter any further event of a regatta on a race day, nor any future regatta or race. The regatta or race shall not be interrupted or stopped because of this disqualification.
- b. A canoe club disqualified and penalized and who is in the process of settling such debt, must receive permission of the Race Committee to enter the course and to continue participation in a regatta or race.
- c. A crew of a canoe club who proceeds on the water to enter an event without permission shall be warned and asked to leave to course. Failure to do so will involve another \$300.00 fine or disqualification of the entire crew or both.

### 2. Ineligible Paddler

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



### **3. Monetary Penalties**

- a. A monetary penalty for a clerical or paperwork error which results in multiple ineligible or illegal paddlers may be reduced to a penalty for the single mistake rather than be assessed for all the paddlers involved pending appeal. See Article XV.A.6.
- b. A club who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the computer will be fined \$25,000 and no disqualification.

### **4. Confirmation of Paddlers**

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

### **E. Disqualified Clubs**

A regatta or race will not be interrupted or stopped because of disqualification and the payment.

## **ARTICLE XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules**

Any invitational race sanctioned by OHCRA will be classed an “open race” and be subject to the following provisions:

### **A. Race Participation**

1. Preseason  
A paddler may participate in the preseason races with any club and will be free to move from club to club for the remainder of the preseason without requiring a transfer.
2. Regatta Season  
A paddler may participate in the regatta season after having gone through the registration process governed by these race rules. Once the paddler has participated in a regatta event for a club, he / she will NOT be allowed to participate in any other regatta event with another HCRA member club for the remainder of that regatta season through the HCRA State Championship.
3. Distance Season  
After the State Championship Regatta, a paddler wishing to paddle the distance season with another HCRA club must obtain a transfer form from the Race Director. This form must be signed by an authorized representative of the club he / she paddled for during the regatta season and / or the State Championship Regatta and an authorized representative of the club the paddler is going to paddle with during the distance season of the same calendar year. A paddler may participate in the distance season races with any club and will be able to move from club to club for the remainder of the distance season. The paddler will require a transfer to move to another club. The minimum age of a paddler for distance races shall be 15 years of age on the day of the race.
4. Post Season  
A paddler may participate in the post season races with any club and will be free to move from club to club for the remainder of the post season of the same calendar year without having to transfer.

### **B. General Regulations**

1. All OHCRA-sanctioned races are to utilize canoes of Hawaiian design according to HCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications, except for the Unlimited division.
2. Invitations must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval at the regular board meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
3. Invitations must specify, and the Board of Directors must approve, the rules which will govern the event.
4. A map of the proposed race course and site must accompany the invitation and will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
5. Sponsors wishing to promote an event cannot include the open division with the koa division, and / or non-koa division.

6. The Board of Directors will establish the OHCRA entry fees for all distance races no later than May.
7. All OHCRA member clubs are prohibited from competing in any type of race that would allow the open class division to compete with the koa and / or non-koa division.
8. Sponsors wishing to promote or hold an open class race must first offer a Hawaiian class, if both events are held on the same day.
9. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to obtain, and invitations must be accompanied by, valid evidence of approval by the United States Coast Guard and State Department of Land and Natural Resources – Harbors Division.
10. Provisions such as officials, etc., may be established by the Board of Directors at its discretion.
11. Only officially registered crews will be allowed on the race course.
12. A distance race course is defined as the distance between the first and last canoe.
13. Cameras can be used in or on the canoe during distance races. Cameras will not be allowed in or on canoes during flat course of surf course regattas races.

### **C. Rounding Marks**

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

### **D. Overlap**

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

### **E. Classifications & Awards**

1. Classifications will include but not be limited to Junior Boys & Girls, Open Men & Women, Masters Men & Women whose ages will be governed by the OHCRA Race Rules. Boys and Girls aged 15, 16, 17 on race day shall participate in the Junior division only. Boys and Girls that are 18 years of age on race day and qualify for the 18's regatta classification during the same calendar year shall have the choice between the Junior division or an adult division.
2. There can be "Iron" type races and "Relief" type races.
3. Iron races will consist of 6 paddlers.

4. Junior's and Men's relief races will consist of nine (9) paddlers for Junior Boys, Open, Masters 40+, Masters 50+, and twelve (12) paddlers for Masters 55+, Masters 60+ and Masters 65+.
5. Junior's and Women's relief races will consist of ten (10) paddlers for Open and Masters 40+, at least 10 paddlers and up to 12 paddlers for Junior's, Master's 50+, 55+, and 60+.
6. It will be at the discretion of the sponsoring body whether to offer all above classifications or any additional classifications based on number of entries received or conditions of the race. For canoe type divisional regulations see Article XVI.B General Regulations.
7. The character and type of all awards, including divisions and distribution of cash awards will be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Cash awards must be paid to the clubs ONLY.
8. For the distance season, individual awards will be given to crews placing First, Second, and Third in each class and / or division. The award shall have the year date and the event applied or engraved in an appropriate area of the award.
9. Prizes and awards given in the open class will not exceed in value the awards given to the Hawaiian design class.
10. For change races, Koa and Unlimited division for female will consist of 10 paddlers. Koa and Unlimited division for male will consist of 9 paddlers. There will be no subdivisions.

## **F. Race Director's Responsibilities**

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

## **G. Start, Course, Finish**

1. The type of start and the location of finish will be as designated by the sponsoring club, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. Swamped or overturned canoes
  - a. If a canoe swamps or overturns after the start of the race, the canoe may be righted and bailed out & will be allowed to continue in the race. No mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe.
  - b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on an escort boat may assist in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe.

- c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the swamped canoe but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line while the canoe is officially entered in the race.
3. The finish line will be so designated by markers or flags.

## H. Escort Boats

1. Escort boats for distance races with crew changes will be mandatory for each crew a club enters. In races with no changes or substitutes, the escort boat will be optional.
2. For safety purposes, all escort boats must comply with all United States Coast Guard rules and regulations.
3. Unsafe conditions due to an escort boat being overcrowded with spectators or helpers may cause it to be declared unfit as an escort by the Race Committee.
4. Escort boats must have working communications with race officials at all times. A radio check by each crew's escort boat with the race official boat will be mandatory prior to the start of the race. Failure to have a radio or be able to establish communications will result in disqualification. VHF radios must be installed in the boat, no "hand-held" radios will be allowed.
5. Only one (1) escort boat is permitted per crew. The Race Director may allow a secondary or backup escort boat upon notification prior to the commencement of the race. A backup escort must meet the same requirements as a primary escort boat. If a backup escort is authorized, it must keep well away from its canoe and primary escort boat, rendering no assistance of any kind to either. Secondary escorts will be obligated to remain clear of other racing crews and their escorts. Interference with other canoes and / or escort boats will result in disqualification of the crew it is associated with. In the event of a breakdown or casualty, the secondary escort may assume the duties of the primary escort with notification to the head water official or the Race Director.
6. On all starts, escort boats will be prohibited in the field of racing canoes for a minimum of ten (10) minutes, or as defined as an imaginary square boundary from the lead canoe to the last canoe and the first canoe on the farthest left to the farthest right.
7. Each escort boat shall have a 3' X 4' red flag and the means to raise it. The red flag will make finding the troubled escort boat and crew easier should they be in need of assistance.
8. Each escort boat shall have a bridle to safely tow the canoe.
9. There will be mandatory insurance for all escort boats. It is recommended that all escort/auxiliary boat(s) carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance coverage.

## I. Escort Boat Violations

1. The penalty for an escort boat entering the field of racing canoes without permission of the Race Director and / or the Race Committee, will be the adding of fifteen (15) minutes to the finish time of the canoe that the escort boat is escorting.

2. Two warnings by a race official or the Race Committee to an escort boat to keep away from a canoe, or any other infraction, will be the disqualification of the canoe the escort boat it is escorting.

## **J. Registration and Eligibility**

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

## **K. Visiting Clubs / Paddlers**

1. A Hawaii-based club must register for the race as a valid HCRA member club.
2. Paddler(s) presently registered with a club in another association may participate with a club whom they are not registered with for OH CRA distance races. The paddler will need an approval letter.
3. An out-of-state club must show proof of insurance and be approved by the OH CRA Race Committee.

## ARTICLE XVIII: Race Rules Amendments

### A. General

1. The deadline for accepting proposed amendments for the next racing season shall be made prior to the committee meeting preceding the annual OHCRA meeting, where the proposals will be voted on by the member clubs. The committee meeting date will be no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting.
2. A record of amendments to the Race Rules book shall be listed under this article. The record of amendments will include voted on, the voting score and any “housekeeping” changes that the amendment change has incurred.

### B. Amendment Records

#### **OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-6-07 for 2007. 16 clubs voting.**

1. Allow OHCRA Race Rules to go online. 15 yes 1 no. Statement of Rules 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph
2. Establish 3 divisions for club standings at regattas instead of the present 2. 14 yes 2 no. Article II, B. 1.
3. Move both Master’s 40+ Women and Men to events 33 and 34 which are after the Masters 50+ Men. 14 yes 2 no. Article II, A, 33-39.
4. Delete the provision for allowing clubs to merge when there is out of state participation during the distance season. 12 yes 4 no. Article XVI, B, 11-12.
5. Include the Moloka’I Hoe race rules in the OHCRA race rules book and have the OHCRA race rules committee, board of directors and member clubs govern them as done with the present Race Rules. 14 yes 2 no. Articles XVII, XVIII.
6. Define the calendar year into the racing seasons that we presently race in, Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season. 16 yes 0 no. Article I, C.
7. Change the title of the Article pertaining to the regatta season from Flat Course Rules to Flat Course Regatta Rules. 16 yes 0 no. Article X title.
8. Change the title of the Article pertaining to a surf race during the regatta season from Surf Course Rules to Surf Course Regatta Rules. 16 yes 0 no. Article XI title.
9. Change the title of the Article pertaining to distance race seasons from Distance Race Rules to Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules. 16 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 8. Article XVI title.
10. Reword the section pertaining to race participation during the calendar year, Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season. 15 yes 1 no. Article XVI, A, 1-2.
11. Add additional wording under Awards for distance races to define the classification of distance races. 16 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 1-3.
12. Add in the words (6 person0 to distinguish between 1 person canoe experience and 6-

person canoe experience for the definition of Novice B Classification. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, A, 12.

13. Add in the words (age classification) and (age) in the first and second sentence of Age Group Participation to clarify the intent of the rule. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 4, b.

14. Replace the words (Upper Division) with (Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior) to clarify what is meant by "Upper Division". 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 5, c.

15. Under Transfers, delete in b. (in any race or regatta) and (during the racing season) and add in (during the regatta or long-distance seasons). A paddler who has paddled competitively during the regatta season or distance season for a club will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that racing season. This amendment define switch of the four seasons a paddler must stay with their club and which season they switch from club to club. 16 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 1, b.

16. Add in new section to identify how a transferred paddler will be received by OHCRA from other associations. OHCRA will respect the classifications of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA club who has participated in a Sophomore or Junior race of their club's association will be classified a sophomore at OHCRA. 16 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 3, d.

17. Make provisions to allow one race instead of a 2-heat race when a known scratch would allow a single heat for an event. If an event that was to have 2 heats has a known scratch since the original lane drawing, and the number of lanes can now accommodate the number of entries, the lanes may be redrawn to avoid a second heat. The redrawing of lanes shall take place not later than 3 races prior to the redrawn event. 13 yes 3 no. Article VI, B, 13 new.

18. Reword the rules governing how we inspect the regatta racecourse prior to the start of the regatta. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race Director or person directed by the Race Director, in company with one representative from 3 different clubs each week will inspect and, if requested, remeasure, and reset the course to ensure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length. A club representative may request any other adjustments to the course such as flag color coordination. 16 yes 0 no. Article X, A, 5.

19. Keep a record of the amendments to the race rules book under the amendment article of the OHCRA Race Rules Book. 16 yes 0 no. Article XVII, B new.

**OHCRA Race Rules Supplemental Amendment voted on and approved 2-5-07 for 2007. 15 clubs voting.**

1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta. AAA division for clubs' placing first, second, and third, AA division for clubs placing first, second, and third, A division for clubs placing first, second, and third. 10 yes 5 no. Article II, D, 1, a-b.



**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-5-08 for 2008. 17 clubs voting.**

1. Any koa canoe being extended, altered, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specification and Equipment Committee (CSEC) chairperson. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation of this rule. 14 yes 3 no. Article IX, A, 13 new.
2. Any fiberglass molded canoe will be exempt from “water-lining” procedures provided that there have been 10 canoes made from the same mold, all of which have passed the “water lining” procedures. Any new mold shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specification and Equipment Committee (CSEC) chairperson. In the event of multiple molds of the exact same design plug, they will also be reported to the CSEC committee chairperson in writing for determination of water-lining procedures. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation of this rule. 15 yes 2 no. Article IX, B, 8 new.
3. Under heading of escort boats, change wording in #2 page 36 (are subject to) and in (must comply with). New wording: For safety purposes, all escort boat must comply with all United States Coast Guard rules and regulations. 17 yes 0 no. Article XVI, H, 2.
4. Clarify turns in flat course Regatta rules. Change wording in #4 page 25 (right) and add in (correct). New wording: The penalty for not turning on the correct flag will be disqualification. 17 yes 0 no. Article X, I, 4.
5. Under Preseason, Distance Season, Post season Races, only officially registered crews will be allowed on racecourse. 17 yes 0 no. Article XVI, B, 12 new.
6. Definition of a distance racecourse: A distance racecourse is defined as the distance between the first and the last canoe. 17 yes 0 no. Article XVI, B, 13 new.
7. Acknowledge and define the term “cross-over” in a turn. A cross-over is allowed while executing a turn. A cross-over is defined as a canoe crossing the path of another canoe in the adjacent lane whether entering or exiting the turn provide all other rules are abided by. 17 yes 0 no. Article X, I, 5 new.
8. Include the voting score on the amendments that pass on the amendment page. New wording: A record of amendments to the Race Rules book shall be listed under this Article. The record will include the actual amendment voted on, the voting score and any “housekeeping” changes that the amendment change has incurred. 17 yes 0 no. Article XVII, A, 2.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 2-2-09 for 2009. 13 clubs voting.**

1. Change the method of totaling accrued points of a crew toward qualification to the State Championship. The lowest scoring regatta of a crew will be eliminated from the total accrued points. 7 yes 6 no. Article XIII, B.
2. Addition of a 60+ classification to Moloka’I Hoe. 8 yes 5 no. Article XVII, I, 3, a.
3. Reconfigure club divisions for regattas. AAA=27 or more crews, AA=14 but no more than 26 crews, A=13 crews or less. 8 yes 5 no. Article II, B, 1, a, b, c.

4. Optional ¼ mile or ½ mile racecourse for regattas. New wording: The official OHCRA racecourse will be ¼ mile or ½ mile in length to be determined no less than 30 days prior to the regatta and will be laid out in equal lanes, no less than 80 feet wide. 9 yes 4 no. Article X, A, 1.
5. Addition of the word “only” to assigned lane flag that a crew must turn on. All turns will be left turns around assigned lane flags only. 11 yes 2 no. Article X, I, 1.
6. Clarify ruling if a canoe buries a flag on the finish line. A canoe may bury its finish line lane flag with the ama or ‘iako but if the hull / manu buries either of the two finish line lane flags it will be regard as finishing in the wrong lane. 13 yes 0 no. Article X, L, 4 new.
7. Addition of club representative along with the club coach when notifying a club whose crew has been disqualified. The coach or representative of the canoe club which has been disqualified will be notified by a race official before public announcement. 13 yes 0 no. Article X, G, 5.
8. Notifying a club as soon as possible after a disqualification. A club whose crew has been disqualified shall be notified as soon as possible. 13 yes 0 no. Article XV, B, 3 new.
9. Change the wording to reflect the present way open steerspersons are determined. The old wording did not describe the method correctly. If the officials concur with the coaches, then a vote by clubs will determine whether open steerspersons will be used in the first ten events only (age groups 12 through and including 14, and Novice B Women and Men). 13 yes 0 no. Article X, M, 1.
10. Addition of the word “final” to the following concerning the entry list to read: The final entry list OHCRA Form 400 for each race, commencing with Event 4, Girls 13 years and under, must be submitted to the race official no later than two (2) races prior to the start of the applicable race. 10 yes 3 no. Article VI, F, 2.
11. The minimum age of a paddler for distance races shall be 16 years of age on the day of the race. 10 yes 3 no. Article XVI, A, 3.
12. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size of 22’ in overall length. If an auxiliary boat is used in conjunction with an escort boat, then each craft must meet a minimum size of 19’ in overall length and be registered with a crew number. 11 yes 2 no. Article XVII, I, 5, f
13. All paddlers will be issued an official WRIST BAND which must be worn at all times during the course of the race. This is MANDATORY and will issued when the final crew list is submitted. 12 yes 1 no. Article XVII, D, 1. & Article XVII, I, 3, h new.
14. Adopt the approve HCRA Guidelines for Race Cancellations found in Addendum B of the HCRA Race Rules. 13 yes 0 no. new page Addendum A.
15. Delete the paragraph G concerning “Passing” in the Surf Course Regatta Rules which states as follows: In races that do not require the canoes to maintain their respective lanes, a canoe that is attempting to pass another will keep clear at all time s and in no way interfere with the canoe it is attempting to pass, nor will the canoe in the lead attempt or prevent another canoe

from passing. 12 yes 1 no. Article XI, G.

16. Correct misspelled words. Penalties, Article XV. Discretion, Article XVI, E, 6. from Article XVII, I, 3, a.

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

1. For ¼ mile races only, addition of lane “O” on parallel courses and addition of a lane on the right side of the course of “in and out” courses when there is one more entry than lanes available. 14 yes 3 no. Article VI, B, 3.

2. Rewrite the last sentence in B, referring to the scoring of qualifying races for the State Championship. Old: The lowest scoring regatta of a crew will be eliminated from the total accrued points. New: A crew will be scored on their top five (5) qualifying regattas for the State Championship. 16 yes 1 no. Article XIII, B.

3. Add H. having to do with scratches. 1. A scratch is a withdrawal from a race that a lane has been drawn for whether or not the crew list has been submitted. 2. If a crew will not be showing up to the starting line the club must notify the race committee that they intend to scratch. Note: Minutes from OHCRA monthly meeting of 12-7-09 will indicate a resolution passed that will allow a club to scratch up until the yellow flag, designating the five-minute warning. 16 yes 1 no. Article VI new H.

4. Modify the wording having to do with receipt of entries and lane drawing by the race director. Old: The Race Director will designate the place and set the time and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. Lane drawing will be held on the Monday before the regatta except for the July 4<sup>th</sup> regatta. The Race Director may change this if proper notice is given to all concerned or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in his or her place. New: The Race Director will designate the place, time, and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. The Race Director may make a change if proper notice is given to all concerned or may assign someone else to conduct the lane drawing in his or her place. 16 yes 1 no. Article VI, A, 1.

5. Addition of paragraph 5 to the Code of Ethics having to do with drinking: Any club members that are found drinking at our events will result in the entire club being asked to leave the event and will no longer be to compete for that day’s events. This includes all paddlers, friends, and family. 10 yes 7 no. Code of Ethics.

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

1. Addition of Men & Women 65+ classifications. 9 yes 7 no. Article II, A. & Article III, A, 24.

2. Addition of Keiki Open race. 14 yes 2 no. Article II, A. & Article III, A, 8.

3. A club can scratch a crew up to the yellow flag designating the 5-minute warning prior to the race they intend to scratch. Article VI, H, 2.

4. An age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a classification higher than 18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to age group classifications. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 4, a.

5. Reword under heading of G. Late Entries. Old: 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing) may be permitted for both paddlers and lanes. A late fee in both cases will be assessed. 2. A late registration fee of \$10 will be assessed each individual paddler submitted. This will apply to all regatta and distance races. 3. Late entry fees for open lanes only will be \$12 per lane. New: To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing) may be permitted for lanes. A late fee will be assessed. 2. A late entry fee for open lanes will be \$12 per lane in addition to the regular fee assessed at lane drawing. 16 yes 0 no. Article VI, G, 1-3.

6. Reword under 7. HCRA Transfer. Old: If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous racing season, a transfer and release must be submitted to the Race Director no later than the date of the lane drawing of the particular race or regatta. New: If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous regatta or distance racing seasons, a transfer must be submitted to the Race Director no later than the date of the lane drawing of the particular regatta or the official registration of the particular distance race and must be approved by race day. 16 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 7.

7. Delete "Regatta", "Distance", and "Moloka'i Hoe" Race Director and replace with "Race Director". 15 yes 1 no. Officers.

8. Add in "per paddler" for fines for illegal and ineligible paddler. 13 yes 2 no 1 abstain. Article XV, D, 1, a, and D, 2.

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

10. VHF radios will be installed in the escort/auxiliary boat(s), no "hand helds" will be allowed. 11 yes 3 no 2 abstain. Article XVII, I, 5, g.

11. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanctioned event during the regatta and distance seasons shall have their ama to 'iako and 'iako to hull attached "rigged" with multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps". 13 yes 2 no 1 abstain. Article IX, E, 8. & Article XVII, E, 15.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-9-12 for 2012. 16 clubs voting.**

1. Add 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence concerning ineligible paddler fines to read: However, if there is a single mistake "paperwork error" that results in more than one ineligible paddler, the fine will be \$150 per mistake. 16 yes 0 no. Article XV, D, 2.

2. Add new #2 under rename G. concerning swamped or overturned canoes to read: Start, Course, Finish, #2 Swamped or overturned canoes. a. If a canoe swamps or overturn after the start of the race, the canoe may be righted and bailed out and will be allowed to continue in the race. No mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe. b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on tan escort boat may assist in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe. c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the

swamped but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line while the canoe is officially entered in the race. 16 yes 0 no. Article XVI, G.

3. Add #3 concerning crew regatta division to read: Crew tabulation for divisional purposes are for point events only. 15 yes 1 no. Article II, B.

4. Change to eleven (11) where ten (10) crews are referred (3 places) in #1 under Adverse Conditions/Open Steersperson. 16 yes 0 no. Article X, M, 1.

5. Add to title after Age Group Participation "12's thru 18's. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 4.

6. Add d to read: A youth aged qualifying paddler 12-18's transferring from another association who has participated in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race at the state championship may reclassify to the lowest youth age classification the paddlers' age will allow at OHCRA. 13 yes 3 no. Article III, B, 4.

7. Add to 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: Moloka'i Hoe race rules can be amended prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> regular season regatta. 15 yes 1 no. Statement of Rules.

8. Repair the grammar error designation should be designating. 16 yes 0 no. Article VI, H, 2.

9. Raise protest fee from \$10 to \$25. 11 yes 5 no. Article XIV, A.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-7-13 for 2013. 16 clubs voting.**

1. Reduce the length of the following events: Men Novice B from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Girls 15's from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Boy's 15's from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Boy's 18's from 1 mile to ½ mile. Men Novice A from 1 mile to ½ mile. Women Freshmen from 1 mile to ¼ mile. Men Freshmen from 1 mile to ¼ mile. Women Sophomore from 1 mile to ½ mile. Men Sophomore from 1 mile to ½ mile. Women 40's from 1 mile to ½ mile. Men 40's from 1 mile to ½ mile. 12 yes 4 no. Article II, A.

2. Remove the restriction of not letting a paddler who has participated in a Sophomore or Junior race to participate in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race from week to week. 11 yes 5 no. Article III, A, 2, 3, 4. Article III, B, 2, a & b.

3. Remove the restriction of not allowing 16's and 18's youth classifications from participating in the Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race. Delete the words describing the restriction. Added sentence: A padder classified as a 16's or 18's may participate in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race from week to week. But will not be able to participate in the 16's or 18's races during the same regatta. 13 yes 3 no. Article III, A, 5, 6. Article III, B, 4, a.

4. Include a restricted age requirement that a paddler must be 15 years of age on race day for the Senior race. 13 yes 3 no. Article III, A, 1. & Article III, B, 2, c.

5. Remove the option of a ½ mile course to bring all courses to a standard ¼ mile. 12 yes 4 no. Article X, A, 1.

6. Add the following definitions to Article III, B, 2: a. A classified event is one that is ranked either by youth age, novice, or ability. During the regatta a paddler may step-up in classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day. b. A unclassified event is one that is not ranked and a paddler who participates in these events cannot participate in any other classified or unclassified event. c. An open event is one that anyone by gender may participate for their 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the regatta except those who participate in any of the mix or 4's events. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 2, a, b, c.
7. The following amendment which passed is moot because of the approval of amendments 2 & 3. If a transferring paddler who at a previous HCRA club/association stepped up from youth age groups to a Junior race and then transfers to an OHCRA club who does not have an age group crew to qualify for, would then initially classify as a Freshmen. 15 yes 1 no. Article none.
8. Change the scoring of the races during the OHCRA season from the present top 4 finishers 5-3-2-1, to the top 6 finishers 7-5-4-3-2-1. 13 yes 2 no 1 abstain. Article II, C.
9. There will be mandatory insurance for all escort boats. Article XVI, H, 9. & Article XVII, I, 5, J.
10. Delete 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence having to do with a single mistake "paperwork error" resulting in multiple ineligible and illegal paddlers and replace with new #3 as follows: A monetary penalty for a clerical or paperwork error which results in multiple ineligible or illegal paddlers may be reduced to a penalty for the single mistake rather than be assessed for all the paddlers involved pending appeal approval. 15 yes 1 no. Article XV, D, 3.
11. Rephrase classification of novice B men and women to clarify that a paddler can compete in preseason races and still be a novice B of the same year and to include the OIA as examples of competition that excludes a paddler from novice B. Open to any male or female who has never paddled in any organized competitive 6-person outrigger canoe race in any prior calendar year. This includes HCRA member distance races, Na 'Opio Canoe Races, OIA Canoe Races, ILH Canoe Races and any out of state organized canoe races. A person may compete as a Novice B after having competed in the preseason races of the same year. A person may compete as a Novice B for only one year. 15 yes 1 no. Article III, A, 13.
12. Added the following last sentence to 13. A paddler who participates in any high school season for their 1<sup>st</sup> season prior to the OHCRA regatta season of the same year may classify as a Novice B. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, A, 13.
13. Added words to the following to clarify existing meaning: A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B and who participates in distance season races, preseason races or postseason races only, will use up a year of novice eligibility for each year they race. 15 yes 1 no. Article III, 5, d.
14. Add in "excluding pre and post season" to the following to clarify that pre and post seasons are only seasons that "quick straps" can be used: All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanctioned events during the regatta and distance seasons (excluding preseason and postseason) shall have their ama to 'iako and 'iako to hull attached "rigged" with multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps" 16 yes 0 no. Article IX, E, 8. & Article XVII, E, 15.

15. Cameras can be used in or on the canoe during distance races. Cameras will not be allowed in or on canoes during flat course or surf course regatta races. 16 yes 0 no. Article XVI, B, 14. & Article XVII, E, 16. & Article IX, E, 9.

Housekeeping: Article II. Classification for the 16's, 15's, 14's, 13's, 12's, Mixed 12's. Remove words describing "who has not paddled in older youth aged crews". This should have been done when the rule was passed to allow youth aged paddlers to participate in an older age crew and then return to their lowest age crew they qualify for the following week. This removal in no way changes the classification or eligibility. 2013 pages affected 5, 6.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-6-14 for 2014. 16 clubs voting.**

1. Lengthen the 15 girls, 15 boys and Novice B Men races from  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile 16 yes 0 no. Article II, A.
2. Reduce the length of the Women Four and Men Four events from  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. 10 yes 6 no. Article II, A.
3. Lower the minimum age to participate in Preseason, Distance Season and Postseason from 16 years to 15 years of age on race day. 13 yes 3 no. Article XVI, A, 3.
4. Delete page 35, #9 which reads: An open class race must start no less than two (2) hours following the Hawaiian class if both events are held on the same day. 11 yes 5 no. Article XVI, B, 9.
5. Change who accepts a promissory note from Race Committee to Treasurer or designated assistant. 16 yes 0 no. Article XV, A, 4.
6. A crew will be fined \$25 for any procedural errors preceding or after conclusion of their race. Crossing into the course prior to the conclusion of a race, warming up, delay getting to the start line. 13 yes 3 no. Article X, L, new #5.
7. Remove regatta & long-distance race words & replace with Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, Post Season. 16 yes 0 no. Article I, A, 1.
8. Add to a: If a paddler participates in a Freshmen or Sophomore race and "steps-up" to a higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 3, a.
9. Add new c: A paddler may participate in a maximum of 2 races per regatta. 16 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 3.
10. Add to b: If a Novice A paddler moves to a higher classification, he or she will not be able to return to a Novice A for any subsequent regatta. 15 yes 1 no. Article III, B, 5, a.
11. Add 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: OHCRA shall keep track of physically fit, challenged paddlers that have been approved to continue indefinitely at the Novice A level. 15 yes 1 no. Article III, B, 5, b.

12. Holders must clear the flag area after the start so as not to interfere with subsequent turns of the race or be subject to a \$25 fine. 13 yes 3 no. Article X, C, 3.
13. Canoe holders must wear a club identifiable shirt. 12 yes 4 no. Article X, C.
14. Change the wording to allow more than 2 canoe holders in the water but only 2 holders holding the canoe. Violation of this rule is a \$25 fine. 15 yes 1 no. Article X, C, 1.
15. Change the word “three” to “two” in the first sentence for racecourse marking. This is a housekeeping item that was not changed in 2013 amendments. 16 yes 0 no. Article X, A, 2.
16. A club who mistakenly puts a wrong id card in the slot or who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the computer will be fined \$25 and no disqualification. 9 yes 0 no. Article XV, D, new 4

**Supplemental clarification amendment to OH CRA Race Rules voted on and approved by the OH CRA Board on 2-3-14 for 2014. 18 clubs voting.**

1. Reword the 16’s and 18’s youth limitations of movement in classification. Old: A paddler classified as a 16’s or 18’s may participate in a Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior race from week to week. But will not be able to participate in the 16’s or 18’s race during the same regatta. New: A paddler classified as a 16’s or 18’s may participate in either a 16’s, 18’s Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior race from week to week. But if a paddler classified as a 16’s or 18’s “steps-up” to a higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OH CRA regatta season. The paddler may return to their lowest classification the following season. 17 yes 0 no 1 abstain. Article III, B, 4, a.

**OH CRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 2-2-15 for 2015. 18 clubs voting.**

1. Open Class Division. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a race as long as it has its own open class division. At any time during the at the season at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed. Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA form 801 (latest rev.) 17 yes 1 no. Article IX, C, new 6.

2. Addition of Unlimited OC6. D. Unlimited OC6. 1. The canoe will be a single hull, rigged with a single ama and double ‘iako separated by at least one seat. 2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material. 3. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the bow and stern of the canoe. 4. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six paddlers in a canoe. 5. Unlimited canoes are not required to be lashed by cord. 6. Unlimited canoes are not required to be water lined or required to follow “B Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design” requirements (currently listed on page 21). 7. Unlimited canoes have no weight or length specification limits. 8. Ama and ‘iako may be fashioned from any type of material. 9. There will be no Unlimited Class Division in Regattas. 10. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in a race. At anytime during the year at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed. Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA form 801 (latest rev.). Page 36. 1. Addition to sentence 1 Article XVI, B, 1. (except for the Unlimited division) to read: All OH CRA sanctioned races are to utilize canoes of Hawaiian design according to HCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications, except for the Unlimited division. 16 yes 2 no.



Article IX, and Article XVI, B, 1. New D and 37.

3. Change distance for regatta races to equal that of HCRA. a. Boys 18's to 1 mile, b. Men Novice A to 1 mile. c. Women Freshmen to 1 mile. d. Men Freshmen to 1 mile. e. Women Sophomore to 1 mile. f. Men Sophomore to 1 mile. g. Women Fours to ½ mile. h. Men Fours to ½ mile. i. Women 40's to mile. j. Men 40's to 1 mile. 11 yes 7 no. Article II, A.

4. Addition of a Boys and Girls Mixed 16's ½ mile after the 16 boys' event. 10 yes 8 no. Article III, A, 16.

5. Reword to have a \$25 penalty for the wrong event card not the paddler id cards. Old: A club who mistakenly puts a wrong id card in the slot or who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the computer will be fined \$25 and disqualification. New: A club who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the computer will be fined \$25 and no disqualification. 18 yes 0 no. Art. XV, d, e, b.

6. Replace "Team trophies" with "Awards of choice" for preseason, distance season and post season awards. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 8.

OHCRA Race Rules Amendments (Moloka'i Hoe) voted on and approved on 6-1-15 for 2015. 18 clubs voting.

1. Change wording to reflect crews must be 18 years or older for adult divisions. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVII, D, 1.

2. Add Junior division guidelines. 16 yes 2 no. Article XVII, D, 1.

3. Add 65+ division and guidelines. 10 yes 8 no. Article XVII, D, 1.

4. All crews must start and finish in the same racing jersey which can be same colored short sleeve, long sleeve or sleeveless. Article XVII, I, 1, new g., and 7. New d.

5. All escort boat drivers must provide a boat driver's license. 18 yes 0 no. Art. XVII, I, 5, new r.

6. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size 22' overall length as per US Coast Guard form CG-5397 latest revision, #6 Overall Dimensions under II Vessel Data and Dimensions. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVII, I, 5, f.

7. All flags flown from boats on the Moloka'i Hoe course shall be per-approved by OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVII, H, 3.

8. Moloka'i Hoe Race Rules herein must be identical to the Race Rules on the Moloka'i website. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVII, A.

9. Minors are not allowed on escort/auxiliary boats except participants in the Junior division. 17 yes 1 no. Article XVII, 5, q.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved on 1-10-16 for 2016. 18 clubs voting.**

1. A canoe must not interfere with another canoe while executing a cross-over. 18 yes 0 no.

Article X, I, 5.

2. A paddler may participate in the distance season races with any club and will be able to move from club to club for the remainder of the distance season. The paddler will require a transfer to move to another club. 15 yes 3 no. Article XVI, A, 3.

3. Delete Boys and Girls 16 mixed race and replace with Boys and Girls 18 mixed. 13 yes 5 no. Article III, A, 16.

4. Add a Men 70+ and a Women 70+ race. 10 yes 8 no. Article III, A, new 26.

5. Change the name "Oahu Championship Regatta" to "OHCRA Championship Regatta". 18 yes 0 no. Article XII.

6. Requirements for visiting clubs and paddlers from other associations. 17 yes 1 no. Article XVI, new K.

7. A mixed race may have either a female or male steersperson, but the paddler gender make-up of the crew must remain 3 female and 3 male paddlers. 18 yes 0 no. Article X, M, 2.

8. The individual awards shall include the year date applied or engraved. 13 yes 7 no. Art. I, D, 2.

9. Clarify the Novice B classification to include a paddler who never raced in a classified race during a current regatta and HCRA member regatta race in any prior calendar year. 18 yes 0 no. Article III, A, 13.

10. Housekeeping addition of Master's 65+. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 4.

11. A crew will be scored on their qualifying races that they participated in only, minus the lowest scoring race. Participation is to include races that there was a disqualification but not a "non-entrant", a "no show" or "scratch". 11 yes 7 no. Article XIII, B.

12. An event that the amount of entrants outnumber the lanes available, the drawing of lanes shall take place on the day of the regatta and no later than 3 events prior to the event being drawn. 17 yes 1 no. Article VI, B, 13.

13. The number of events for a regatta shall be capped at no more than forty-five (45). 16 yes 2 no. Article II, A, new 1.

14. A crew with a physically challenged paddler who receives outside assistance during a race for the paddler may continue the event without being disqualified provided the outside assistance did not cause forward motion of the canoe. A physically challenged paddler is one who has previously been approved and recorded by the OHCRA board of directors. 17 yes 1 no. Article X, K.

15. During a regatta where the Surf Course Regatta Rules are in effect, if adverse conditions exist, a meeting can be called for all clubs to re-evaluate the lengths of the future events of the

day so as to complete the regatta within the allotted time frame. 17 yes 1 no. Article XI, new G.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved on 2-6-17 for 2017. 17 clubs voting.**

1. Change the paddle specifications to read: Paddles must be single bladed and can be made from any material except that it must have visible wood in it which can be solid or veneer.

OHCRA will consider bamboo as wood. The paddle can be made by any construction method and can be solid or hollow. Extra paddles may be carried in each canoe during a race. 15 yes 2 no. Article IX, E., b,

2. Remove the words Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior from the classification descriptions on page 6 and 7 for the 15's, 14's, 13's, and 12's races. Minimum age for Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior race. Must be 15 years of age on race day. 14 yes 3 no. Article III, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11.

3. Adjust the number of crews that each division has: AAA=31-45, AA=16-30, A=1-15. 12 yes 5 no. Article II, B, 1, a, b, c.

4. Abolish the "drop the lowest scored race" rule. 9 yes 8 no. Article XIII, B, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence. ci

5. Keiki Open scoring method to be written down in the race rules book. 14 yes 3 no. Article II, C, new C. and (Addendum C).

6. Add similar wording to describe illegal and ineligible paddlers such as the HCRA proposal.

**1. Illegal Paddler.** a. One who is adding under another's name i.e. impersonating another paddler. Incorrect paddler identification on cards placed into the final entry list. b. Modification or tampering of a paddler's identification card. c. One who is out of classification i.e. a higher classification who paddles in a lower classification. For example: a paddler who paddles Novice A who paddles 16 who paddles Novice. d. One who is paddling in the wrong age category i.e. a 40 who paddles 50, a 16 who paddles 13. e. One who is in the wrong gender crew i.e. male(s) in a female crew or female(s) in a male crew, a mixed crew that is not three males and three females. **2 Ineligible Paddler.** a. One who has raced too many events, and incorrect combination events. b. One whose data was erroneously entered or inputted into *HCRAPaddler* system or successor database. A data-entry inputting error may include a misspelled name, incorrect date of birth, or incorrect gender selection at time of data-entry. 15 yes 1 no 1 abstain. Article XV, C, 1 & 2.

7. If a crew with submitted crew names did not participate in their event and did not scratch, their names will be in the *HCRAPaddler* system or successor data base and will be as if the paddlers had raced. 14 yes 1 no 1 abstain. Article VI, H, new 3.

8. Reformat 1, 2, 3, 4, under A with headings instead of only paragraphs as preseason, regatta season, distance season, and post season. 15 yes 1 no 1 abstain. Article XVI, A.

9. Changes to words underlined: 4. a. 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: A youth age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a NA classification or higher than 18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to youth age group classifications.

4. b. 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: A paddler classified in a youth age classification can race in his or her youth classification or higher youth age classification (excludes the Novice A classification) from regatta

to regatta. But once he or she “steps-up” to higher youth age classification for their second race of the regatta, they will stay at that higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA season. 15 yes 2 no. Article III, 4, a, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, 4, b, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence.

10. A youth aged qualifying paddler 12’s-18’s, transferring from another association who has participated in a Freshmen Sophomore or Junior race at their original association, or the state championship may reclassify to the lowest youth age classification the paddler’s age will allow at OHCRA. 17 yes 0 no. Article III, 4, d.

11. Add a sample promissory note as addendum C. 16 yes 1 no. Addendum C.

12. Change the canoe identification number size from 6” tall to 7” tall. 16 yes 1 no. Art. IX, G, 2.

13. Changes to crew name list must be no later than 2 races prior to the event to clarify. 17 yes 0 no. Article VI, F, 2, add to 2.

14. Add Junior Boys and Girls to classifications & awards for distance. 17 yes 0 no Art. XVI, E, 1.

15. Typo Boys 18 should be one mile not ½ mile in length. 17 yes 0 no. Article II, A, 2.

16. Delete the following sentence that was not deleted last year. (housekeeping). A paddler who has paddled competitively during a distance season for a club, will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of the distance season. 17 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 1, b. last sent.

17. Move the 70’s Women and Men to the first event of the regatta. 16 yes 1 no. Art. II, 2.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-7-2018 for 2018. 18 clubs voting.**

1. Change girls 18’s from ½ mile to 1 mile and Novice A men from 1 mile to ½ mile. 12 yes 6 no. Article II, A, 2.

2. Move the 70’s Men events form the first 2 events of the regatta to after the Senior Men’s events. 15 yes 3 no. Article II, A, 2.

3. Method to qualify for lanes at the MacFarlane Regatta, OHCRA Championship and the State Championship. **1.** Points are scored inversely to the number of crews racing in an event. Any crew disqualified or not finishing will receive one (1) point, except for a crew with illegal or ineligible paddlers who will receive (0) points. A crew will be scored on all of their qualifying races that they participated in only during the current regatta season. Participation is to include a race that there was a disqualification but not a “non-entrant”, a “no show” or a “scratch”. **2.** The crew with the greater amount of points shall qualify for lane drawing. **3.** Incase of a tie in any particular event, the tie will be broken before the lanes are drawn for that event. The crew who finished ahead at the previous flat-water regatta during the current regatta season will be the one who breaks the tie and will be eligible for lane drawing. 18 yes 0 no. Article XI, B, 1. Article XII, A, B.

4. Add a 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence to read: 9. There will be mandatory insurance for all escort boats. It is recommended that all escort/auxiliary boat(s) carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance

coverage. 17 yes 1 no. Article XVI, H, 9.

5. Add 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence to #2 defining that the green flag is two race prior. For submitting crews or crew changes. 2. The start of the race (green flag) of two race prior. 18 yes 0 no. Art. VI, F, 2.

6. Change the length of the 40's men and the 40's women from 1 mile to ½ mile. 14 yes 4 no. Article VI, F, 2.

7. There will be an additional vote by the head coaches (or designated representative) for reducing the length of the Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior races from 1 mile to ½ mile and the Senior race from 1 ½ miles to 1 mile at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the Kailua and Waimanalo regattas. The vote will be separate from the open steersmen vote during adverse conditions presently in place. 16 yes 2 no. Article X, M, new 4.

8. Add to "year-date" to include "event" printed or engraved on medals and awards. 16 yes 2 no. Article II, D, 2.

9. Add underlined words: After the start, the holder(s) must not interfere or try to affect the outcome of the race. Holders must immediately clear the flag area after the start so as not to interfere with subsequent turns of the race or be subject to a \$100 fine. 13 yes 5 no. Art. X, C, 3.

10. Delete d concerning multiple \$500 fines for illegal paddlers. 15 yes 3 no. Art. XV, D, 1, del d.

11. Clarifications: Conditions and reclassification of paddler who stepped-up during the OHCRA regatta season. **1.** Youth aged paddler shall reclassify to their lowest race their age allows. **2.** Sophomore and Junior paddlers shall reclassify to Freshmen. **3.** Novice B paddlers who stepped-up to Novice A or higher during the present regatta season shall remain at Novice A or remain or reclassify to Freshmen if stepped-up to Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior. **4.** A Novice A who stepped up to Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior shall remain or reclassify to Freshmen. **5.** Failure to reclassify will limit the paddler to the classification he or she stepped-up to. **6.** Reclassification shall take place no later than as specified by Race Secretary? 17 yes 1 no. Article XIII, new E.

12. A Novice B may paddle in an unclassified event during a regatta then return to Novice B the following regatta. 17 yes 1 no. Article III, 13, add to 13.

13. A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as Novice B or A who does not participate in any race during the ~~regatta season~~ calendar year will retain that year of novice eligibility of the subsequent season. 18 yes 0 no. Article III, b, 5, d.

14. Added novice A to the following: A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or A and who participates in distance season race, preseason race or post season race will use up a year of novice eligibility for each calendar year they raced. 18 yes 0 no. Article III, b, 5, d, sec par.

15. Clarify: There will be no late entry that would require an existing 1 heat race to a 2-heat race. If the race presently is 2 heats, then the club may take an available lane in the slower heat. 17 yes 1 no. Article VI, G, new 3.

16. Clarification add 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: Boys & Girls aged 15, 16, 17 on race day shall participate in the Junior division only. Boys and Girls who are 18 years of age on race day and qualify of the 18's regatta classification during the same calendar year shall have the choice between the Junior division or an adult division. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 1.

17. Clarify nine paddlers for Junior Boys: Junior's and Men's relief races will consist of 9 paddlers for Junior Boy's, 9 paddlers for Open, Masters 40, Masters 50+ and 12 for Masters 55+, Masters 60+, and Masters 65+. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 4.

18. Clarify 10 paddlers for Junior Girls: Junior's and Women's relief races will consist of 10 paddlers for Junior Girl's, 10 paddlers for Open, Masters 40+, and 12 paddlers for Masters 50+, Masters 55+, and Masters 60. 18 yes 0 no. Article XVI, E, 5.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-6-19 for 2019. 17 clubs voting.**

1. Shorten both the Girls and Boys 18's events from 1 mile to ½ mile. 17 yes 0 no. Art. II, A, 2.
2. Calls of interference during turns and during the process of "crossovers" (ref. Article X.1.5.). The final decision of interference will be between the clubs involved, not only the water officials. 13 yes 4 no. Article XIV, E, new 1.
3. **Old:** Junior's and Women's relief races will consist of ten (10) paddlers for Junior Girls, Open, Master's 40+, and twelve (12) for Master's 50+, Master's 55+ and Master's 60+. **New:** Junior's and Women's relief races will consist of ten (10) paddlers for Open and Masters 40+, at least 10 paddlers and up to 12 paddlers for Junior's , Master's 50+, 55+, and 60+. 17 yes 0 no. Article XVI, 5, (reword 5).
4. Allow youth paddlers 12's thru 18's to race 2 youth aged classified races during the same regatta and still maintain their lowest classification for the next regatta. 11 yes 6 no. Article III, B, 3, a.
5. Delete the definition of illegal paddler. Add in: There shall be a \$150 fine for wrong id card in slot and no dq. 14 yes 3 no. Article XV, C, 1, & 2.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-12-20 for 2020. 17 clubs voting.**

1. A late entry fee for open or scratched lanes will be \$12 per lane in addition to the regular fee assessed at lane drawing. 14 yes 3 no. Article VI, G, 2.
2. Change divisions from 3 to 4. AAAA 28+, AAA 17-27, AA 7-16, A 1-6. 10 yes 7 no. Art. II, B, 1.
3. Housekeeping for 4 b and c. Age Group Participation. **b.** delete 2<sup>nd</sup> long sentence which conflicts with page 8. **c.** delete c, conflicts with page 8. These should have been done when the rule was passed to allow the youth to race 2 classified races in one regatta and still go back to their lowest age classification the next regatta. 15 yes 2 no. Article III, B, 4, b, c.
4. Identification verification can use Birth Certificate, State ID, Driver's License or Passports. 17 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 1.

5. Houskeeping: Remove “Oahu Championship” in two places and replace with OHCRA Championship. 17 yes 0 no. Article XIII C.
6. Submit the final entry lists of the first 5 events by the end of the coaches meeting. 15 yes 2 no. Article VI, F, 2.
7. A club can scratch a crew up to two races prior to that event. The start of the race is the (green flag) of two races prior. 17 yes 0 no. Article VI, H, 2.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-10-21 for 2021. 18 clubs voting.**

1. Reworded “Intent” of transfer and “Transfers” to read the same: No paddler will be eligible of transfer and release if he or she is in debt financially to and/or with holding property of a member club, in which case the parent club must be able to submit convincing evidence thereof to the Race Director. The club of intent may accept the paddler’s financial responsibility and therefore secure his or her transfer. 18 yes 0 no. Article V, A3, B2.

2. Paddlers in age group classifications may paddle in a higher age classification during the regatta season, and State Championship. A youth age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a Novice A classification or higher than 18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to youth age group classifications. A paddler classified as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under may participate in either a 16’s or 18’s ***and either a*** Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior race from ~~week regatta to week regatta~~. But if a paddler classified as a 16’s or 18’s “steps-up” to a ***Freshmen*** or higher classification for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season. The paddler may return to their lowest classification the following season. 18 yes 0 no. Article III, B, 4, a.

3. Put the record of amendments in back of race rules book. 17 yes 1 no. Amendments.

4. OHCRA will respect the classification of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA ***member*** club who has participated in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race of their club’s association will be classified as ~~Sophomore~~ ***Freshmen*** at OHCRA. 18 yes 0 no. Article V, B, 3, d.

5. Housekeeping Entry’s on race day: A paddler so listed may be eligible to paddle in a higher classification providing all the specifications of eligibility as set forth in these rules have been met. Once a paddler has paddled in a ***stepped-up to a*** higher classification ***for their 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the regatta***, this will become his or her classification ***for the remainder of the regatta season***. ***Exception is youth aged paddlers participating in youth race only. Article III. B. 3. a.*** 18 yes 0 no. Art. VI, F, 4.

6. Change the divisions back to 2019. AAA 31+, AA 16-30, A 1-15. 16 yes 2 no. Article II, B, 1.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-10-22 for 2022.** Add to 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to read: At the time of registration with a OHCRA member club, a paddler who produces an acceptable identification as stated above with the gender indicated as X, the paddler will be aside what gender they identify as and will then participate with the gender chosen. Article III.

**OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 1-7-23 for 2023**

1. Reduce race length for events 21-24 Women & Men Freshmen, Women & Men Sophomore from 1 mile to ½ mile. Article II. A. 2. 17 yes 0 no.
2. Add in incase of a tie both crews will receive the same points. Article II. C. 16 yes 1 no.
3. Add there will be no monetary penalty for not scratching. Article VI. H. 2. 16 yes 1 no.
4. Change #5 to #6 and add new #5 After a crew has crossed the finish line, the crew may proceed to their club area outside the race course. Article X. L. 5. and 6. 16 yes 1 no.
5. Change # 8 to read: For the distance season, individual awards will be given to crews placing First, Second, and Third in each class / or division. The award shall have the year date and the event applied or engraved in an appropriate area of the award. Article XVI. E. 8. 17 yes 0 no.
6. Add the words (green flag) to clarify when the last chance to change a regatta crew member. Article VI. F. 2. 16 yes 1 no.
7. Koa and Unlimited divisions for Female will have 10 paddlers, Male will have 9 paddlers, there will be no subdivisions. Article XVI. E. new #10. 15 yes 2 no.
8. Only lanes available on regatta race day will be open lanes that were not drawn at lane drawing. Article VI. G. 2. 16 yes 0 no 1 abstain.



## ADDENDUM A: Guidelines for Race Cancellations

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

## ADDENDUM B: Promissory Note

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned promises to pay to the order of the O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, P.O. Box 2498 Honolulu, HI 96804, or at such other address as the holder hereof may designate in writing, in the lawful money of the United States of America, the sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_.00) without interest, ON DEMAND.

If this note is not paid when due and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if suit is brought to enforce collection hereof, the borrower shall pay all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by payee or holder of this note in connection therewith.

The Club and all endorsers, guarantors, sureties, accommodation parties hereof and all other persons liable or to become liable for all or any part of this indebtedness, severally waive demand, presentment for payment, notice of dishonor, protest and notice of protest, and expressly agree that this note and any payment coming due hereunder may be extended or otherwise modified from time to time without in any way affecting liability hereunder.

The laws of the State of Hawai'i shall govern the interpretation, effect and enforcement of this note and all amendments and extensions thereto, and any and all collateral and related documents, including, where and if applicable, security agreements, financing statements, purchase agreements, and any and all amendments thereto.

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By \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

(State position with Club)

## ADDENDUM C: Keiki Open Scoring

<u>Same day events prior to Keiki open</u>	<u>1st place time of the event</u>	<u>Diff in sec. per crew based from 14 Boys</u>	<u>Diff in sec. per paddler based on age &amp; gender</u>
12G	2:17.63	:-18.19	:-03.03
12B	2:11.14	:-11.70	:-01.95
13G	2:13.38	:-13.94	:-02.32
13B	1:59.74	:-00.30	:-00.05
14G	2:07.58	:-08.14	:-01.36
14B	1:59.44	:-00.00	:-00.00

<u>Club ID</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Raw Time</u>	<u>Adjusted Time</u>	<u>12G</u>	<u>12B</u>	<u>13G</u>	<u>13B</u>	<u>14G</u>	<u>14B</u>
00	Club A	2:05.15	1:56.44	1	1	1	1	1	1

Scoring of the Keiki Open event uses the previous gender and age events of the same regatta in the calculations. See columns 1 and 2 top. The 14B will be considered the standard time regardless whether it is the fastest of the day. Every other time will be compared to the 14B.

The 3rd column top shows that the 12G were 18.19 seconds slower than the 14B and the 12B were 11.70 seconds slower than the 14B and so on down the list. If the 12B time was faster than the 14B the 12B difference would be positive rather than negative.

The 4th column top shows the difference per paddler which takes the 3rd column's time and divides by 6. The example above shows -18.19 divided by 6 equals -3.03 seconds per each 12 girls in the crew, -11.70 divided by 6 equals -1.95 seconds per each 12 boy in the crew.

The bottom section in the example shows Club A entered the Keiki Open with one of every age and gender of the previous races. They had a 1/4-mile water real time of 2:05.15 (raw time). To get to the adjusted time each of the times in the 4th column will be subtracted from the raw time. 2:05.15 subtract 3.03, 1.95, 2.32, 0.05, 1.36, 0.00 and the result will be the adjusted time of 1:56.44.

The time of 1:56.44 will be compared to all other crews on the water calculated using the same method to determine the winner. This method takes into consideration that the crews on the water do not need to consist of the same age or gender paddlers as long as they are all qualified to be in any of the 6 previous events.

The next regatta will use a new set of numbers based on that day's regatta events.