

**O'AHU HAWAIIAN CANOE
RACING ASSOCIATION**

**2016
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

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4 These racing rules are an accumulation of rules which had their beginnings in 1950 when HCRA
5 was first formed. These rules are in furtherance of the purposes of OHCRA and are changed or
6 modified annually as needed. OHCRA race rules may be changed or modified only at the annual
7 OHCRA meeting prior to the coming racing season. The Moloka'i Hoe race rules can be
8 amended prior to the 1st regular season regatta.
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10 These rules govern the procedure and practice of OHCRA clubs during regattas and sanctioned
11 long distance races. They are intended to promote good sportsmanship and set the standards for
12 competitive canoe racing. These OHCRA Race Rules can be accessed "online" in a secured
13 format.
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15 Rules cannot cover every situation. These rules cover the major areas where problems have
16 arisen in the past. Whenever situations come up that are not covered, in the course of
17 deliberating new rules or modifications to the old, consideration must be given to the following:
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- 19 ●What are we trying to avoid or promote?
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- 21 ●Would most people agree the rule is fair?
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- 23 ●Does the rule apply equally to large and small clubs?
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- 25 ●Is the rule clear and easily understood?
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- 27 ●Does the rule generally help or hinder our purpose of canoe
- 28 racing?
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- 30 ●Does any proposed penalty match the seriousness of the
- 31 violation?
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Code of Ethics

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4 We are all responsible to promote good sportsmanship and fair play in the activities in which we
5 engage. This means observance of these race rules as well as generally accepted rules of
6 behavior and all governmental laws.
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9 Paddlers are required to avoid situations where a canoe is deliberately rammed, where there is
10 deliberate interference with another crew, and situations where assaults and abusive language
11 are used.
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14 Coaches are required to support and help enforce these race rules and to avoid any
15 circumvention of these rules.
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18 Officials and officers are required to do their best to be fair and not biased in their decisions and
19 in carrying out their duties.
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22 Any club members that are found drinking at our events will result in the entire club being asked
23 to leave the event and will no longer be eligible to compete for that day's events. This includes all
24 paddlers, friends and family.
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Officers - 2016

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PRESIDENT	Luana Froiseth
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Lāpule Schultz
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Jennifer Bossert
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT	George Hom
FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT	
RECORDING SECRETARY	Pua Pa'i'āina
CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY	Katie Scott
TREASURER	Cheryl Campbell
HCRA DELEGATES:	Luana Froiseth Lāpule Schultz
RACE DIRECTOR	Stan Dickson

Committees

A. Race Rules Committee

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

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

B. Race Rules Committee Members

Chair: Mike Willett
Co-Chair:

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

ĀNUENUJE 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
KEAHIKAHOE CANOE CLUB
KEOLA O KE KAI
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

<u>CANOE CLUB NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
ĀNUENUUE CANOE CLUB	11
EWA PU'U'LOA OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB	12
HAWAIIAN KANAKTION (associate)	20
HEALANI CANOE CLUB	1
HONOLULU PEARL CANOE CLUB	16
HUI LANAKILA CANOE CLUB	26
HUI NALU CANOE CLUB	2
KAI ONI CANOE CLUB	14
KAILUA CANOE CLUB	3
KEAHIAKAHOE CANOE CLUB	7
KEALA CANOE CLUB (associate)	17
KEOLA O KE KAI	18
KOA KAI CANOE CLUB	28
LANIKAI CANOE CLUB	4
LEEWARD KAI CANOE CLUB	5
MĀKAHA CANOE CLUB	6
NEW HOPE CANOE CLUB	15
OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB	8
WAIKĪKĪ SURF CLUB	9
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 OHCRA paddler registration fees.
4. A non-OHCRA member may request to sponsor a sanctioned race with the approval of the OHCRA Board of Directors. Such a non-OHCRA member should understand that if OHCRA approves and sanctions the race, it will be conducted and governed by OHCRA officials and under OHCRA rules.

B. Other Long Distance or Special Event Races

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

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

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

A. Official Order and Distance of Regatta Events

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. (See chart next page)

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	Event Name	Miles	Class
1.	Girls, 12 years and under	1/4	Classified Events
2.	Boys, 12 years and under	1/4	
3.	Boys and Girls Mixed, 12 years and under	1/4	Unclassified Event
4.	Girls, 13 years and under	1/4	Classified Events
5.	Boys, 13 years and under	1/4	
6.	Girls, 14 years and under	1/4	
7.	Boys, 14 years and under	1/4	
8.	Keiki Open	1/4	Non Point Event
9.	Women Novice "B"	1/4	Classified Event
10.	Mixed Novice "B"	1/4	Unclassified Event
11.	Men Novice "B"	1/2	Classified Events
12.	Girls, 15 years and under	1/2	
13.	Boys, 15 years and under	1/2	
14.	Girls, 16 years and under	1/2	
15.	Boys, 16 years and under	1/2	
16.	Girls, 18 years and under	1/2	
17.	Boys, 18 years and under	1/2	
18.	Boys and Girls Mixed, 18 years and under	1/2	Unclassified Event
19.	Women Novice "A"	1/2	Classified Events
20.	Men Novice "A"	1	
21.	Women Freshmen	1	
22.	Men Freshmen	1	
23.	Women Sophomore	1	
24.	Men Sophomore	1	
25.	Women Junior	1	
26.	Men Junior	1	
27.	Women Senior	1-1/2	Open Events
28.	Men Senior	1-1/2	
29.	Women, 70 years and over	1/2	Unclassified Events
30.	Men, 70 years and over	1/2	
31.	Women, 65 years and over	1/2	
32.	Men, 65 years and over	1/2	
33.	Women, 60 years and over	1/2	
34.	Men, 60 years and over	1/2	
35.	Women, 55 years and over	1/2	
36.	Men, 55 years and over	1/2	
37.	Women, 50 years and over	1/2	
38.	Men, 50 years and over	1/2	
39.	Women, 40 years and over	1	
40.	Men, 40 years and over	1	
41.	Women Fours	1/2	
42.	Men Fours	1/2	
43.	Men and Women Mixed 55 years and over	1/2	
44.	Men and Women Mixed 40 years and over	1/2	
45.	Men and Women Mixed	1/2	

1 **B. Divisions**

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

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
19 First	7
20 Second	5
21 Third	4
22 Fourth	3
23 Fifth	2
24 Sixth	1

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27 **D. Awards**

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- 29 1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta:
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- 31 a. “AAA” Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 33 b. "AA" Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 35 c. "A" Division, for teams placing First, Second and Third.
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- 37 2. Individual awards will be given to crews placing First, Second and Third in each
- 38 race. The award shall have the year date applied or engraved in an appropriate
- 39 area of the award.
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- 41 3. The character and type of awards will be established by the Board of Directors.
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- 43 4. For awards other than regattas, refer to Section E. of Article XVI: Distance Race
- 44 Rules.
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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.

3. Sophomore

Open to any male or female.

4. Freshmen

Open to any male or female.

5. 18 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 18 on January 1st of the racing season.

6. 16 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who is 16 on January 1st of the racing season.

7. 15 Years & Under

Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a Freshman, Sophomore or Junior race, and who is 15 on January 1st 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 1st heat has started the 2nd heat will line up on the starting line. A paddler who is under 8 years of age on the day of the race, shall wear an approved life vest.

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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 or female (3 man/3 woman crew) 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 or 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 or female 40 years or older who is not paddling in any other event in the same regatta except the Senior race.

21. Men & Women 50 and over

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

22. Men & Women Mixed 55 and over

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

23. Men & Women 55 and over

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

24. Men & Women 60 and over

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

25. Men & Women 65 and over

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

26. Men & Women 70 and over

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

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B. Conditions of Classification

1. Identification

Birth certificate verification is required for identification purposes.

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 2nd 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 2nd 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 Girls/Boys 12 Years & Under, Girls/Boys 13 Years & Under, Girls/Boys 14 Years & Under, Novice A Men/Women, Boys/Girls 15 Years & Under, Boys/Girls 16 Years & Under, Girls/Boys 18 Years & Under, Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior. If a paddler participates in a Freshmen or Sophomore race and "steps-up" to a higher classification for their 2nd race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season.
- b. On race day, providing all conditions as 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.

1 **4. Age Group Participation**
2 **“12’s thru 18’s” - Regattas/State Championship**
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- 4 a. Paddlers in age group classifications may paddle in a higher age classification
5 during the regatta season, and the state championship. An age group paddler
6 will not be able to step-up to a classification higher than 18 Years & Under if
7 the paddler intends to return to age group classifications. A paddler classified
8 as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under may participate in either a 16’s,
9 18’s, Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior race from week to week. But if a
10 paddler classified as a 16’s or 18’s “steps-up” to a higher classification for
11 their 2nd race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification
12 for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season. The paddler may return to
13 their lowest classification the following season.
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15 b. A paddler classified in an age group classification can race once in his or her
16 classification or higher age classification from race to race. But once he or she
17 “steps-up” to a higher age classification for their second race of the regatta
18 they will remain at that higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA
19 season. At the State Championship an age group paddler who was classified
20 or stepped-up to a older age group during the OHCRA season may be
21 reclassified to his / her lowest classification.
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23 c. The following regatta season, he/she is reclassified and may move back down
24 to a younger classification as long as he/she meets the age requirements.
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26 d. A youth aged qualifying paddler 12’s-18’s, transferring from another
27 association who has participated in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race at
28 the state championship may reclassify to the lowest youth age classification
29 the paddlers’ age will allow at OHCRA.
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32 **5. Novice Status and Classification**
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- 34 a. A paddler may be classified Novice for a maximum of three (3) years. This
35 may be one (1) year as a Novice B and two (2) years as Novice A, or three (3)
36 years as Novice A. A novice B paddler that “steps-up” to Novice A during their
37 Novice B season is considered 1st year Novice with (2) Novice A seasons
38 remaining. If a Novice A paddler moves to a higher classification he or she will
39 not be able to return to Novice A for any subsequent regatta.
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41 b. The Board of Directors may waive the three (3) year novice eligibility rule
42 upon petition to permit physically fit, challenged paddlers the opportunity to
43 continue to participate at the novice level. OHCRA shall keep track of
44 physically fit, challenged paddlers that have been approved to continue
45 indefinitely at the Novice A level.
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c. Former paddlers from the 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 Freshmen, 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 Novice A up to a maximum of two (2) years.

d. Paddlers in either novice classification may move up to a higher classification.

A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B or A who does not participate in any race during the regatta season will retain that year of novice eligibility for the subsequent season.

A paddler officially registered with OHCRA as a Novice B 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

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A. Clubs

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

B. Paddlers

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

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ARTICLE V: Transfers and Releases

A. Intent

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

B. Transfers

1. Eligibility for Transfer

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

2. Paddler in Debt Financially and/or Withholding Property

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

3. Submission of Transfer and Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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45 Refer to Section A. of Article XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season
46 Race Rules.
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1 **ARTICLE VI: Receipt of Entries and Drawing of Lanes**

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3 **A. Time and Place**

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

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20 1. The drawing of lanes will take place after the receipt of entries for all events.
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22 2. Only clubs who have made proper entry and paid the entry fees will be permitted to
23 draw lanes for any particular race. The Race Director will appoint a person to draw
24 lanes for any club properly entered but unable to be represented at the drawing.
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26 3. The lanes to be used will be consecutive and commence with Lane 1. The total
27 number of lanes drawn will equal the number of entries. Lane 1 will be shoreward
28 for courses parallel to shore, and the left hand lane looking seaward for courses
29 running generally perpendicular to the shore. For ¼ mile races, if there is one more
30 entry than the available lanes can accommodate, there can be an addition of a
31 lane "0" on the inside of the course for parallel courses or an addition of a lane on
32 the right side of the course for "in and out" courses.
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34 4. Club representatives will be seated in alphabetical order of clubs. Only one club
35 representative will be allowed to draw lanes.
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37 5. A container with numbered pills corresponding to the number of entries in each
38 event will be passed around to all the clubs entered in that event. The Race
39 Director or designated representative will be responsible for having the correct
40 number of pills in the container for each event to be drawn.
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42 6. The opportunity to draw first for each event will rotate alphabetically among the
43 participating clubs until all events have been drawn.
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45 7. In case of an error in drawing for any one particular event, everyone will return
46 their pills and the draw for the event in error will be repeated, beginning with the
47 same club that started the drawing for that event. The only exception will be when
48 clubs that have not drawn a lane will not be affected by the error.
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50 8. Pills that are pulled will be numbered one (1) through whatever number of entries
51 there are for each event. The club that has the number one (1) pill will be able to
52 select whichever lane it desires. The number two (2) pill may select whichever
53 open lane it desires, and so on until the last pill is drawn for that event.
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- 1 9. Clubs whose lanes are selected by an appointee of the Race Director will abide by
2 the lane selection made by the appointee.
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- 4 10. Any club or clubs not represented for any reason at any one lane drawing will have
5 until midnight after lane drawing has been completed to contact the Race Director
6 or designated representative conducting the lane drawing. Those clubs will be able
7 to select any open lanes left in an event that they wish to participate in. This rule
8 applies only where the notification rules have been followed.
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- 10 11. All lanes drawn by clubs will be final and no changes will be made.
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- 12 12. During the period between the drawing of lanes and commencement of a regatta, if
13 the actual site of the regatta is changed or the position of the course is shifted or
14 altered from the respective locations understood at the time of the drawing of
15 lanes, the Race Director will not permit the regatta to go on unless and until a new
16 drawing of lanes has been conducted.
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- 18 13. An event that the amount of entrants outnumber the lanes available, the drawing of
19 lanes shall take place on the day of the regatta and no later than 3 events prior to
20 the event being drawn.
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22 **C. Entries at Drawing of Lanes**

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

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

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

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

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

A. Entrance Fees

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

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ARTICLE VIII: Race Officials

A. Race Director

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

B. Regatta Officials

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

C. Official Uniform

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

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D. Official Equipment

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

ARTICLE IX: EQUIPMENT

A. Koa Canoe Specifications

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

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

B. Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design

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

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

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- 15 1. The canoe will be a single canoe hull, rigged with a single ama and double 'iako
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- 18 2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material.
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- 20 3. There must be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for bailing, power,
21 or steering.
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- 23 4. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the
24 bow and stern of the canoe.
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- 26 5. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six (6) paddlers in a
27 canoe.
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- 29 6. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe is eligible
30 to participate in a race as long as it has its own open class division. At any time
31 during the year at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed.
32 Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA form 801 (latest
33 rev.).
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35 **D. Unlimited OC6**

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- 37 1. The Canoe will be a single hull, rigged with a single ama and double 'iako
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- 40 2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material.
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- 42 3. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only at the
43 bow and stern of the canoe.
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- 45 4. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six paddlers in a
46 canoe.
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- 48 5. Unlimited canoes are not required to be lashed by cord.
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- 50 6. Unlimited canoes are not required to be water lined or required to follow "B.
51 Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design" requirements (currently listed on
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- 54 7. Unlimited canoes have no weight or length specification limits.

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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.).

E. Paddle Specifications

Paddles must be single bladed and shaped of wood only. However, the paddle used for racing may have a protective or supportive (strengthening) covering which may be fibrous, kevlar, carbon fiber, etc. The paddle may have an edging or prosthesis for protection on the bottom or sides. The paddle may have laminated (horizontally or vertically) synthetic materials (kevlar, etc.) for strength and support. 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 Rules 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 \$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 "rigged" with multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps".
9. 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.

1 **G. OHCRA Canoe Number Assignment**

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

A. Course

1. The official OHCRA race course will be ¼ 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 3 different clubs each week will inspect and, if requested, remeasure and reset the course to insure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length. A club representative may request any other adjustments to the course such as flag color coordination.
6. Only official boats will be allowed on the course.

B. Starting and Finishing Lines

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

C. Holders

1. Each canoe in the race may have no more than two (2) canoe holders holding the canoe. Violation will be 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 clear the flag area after the start so as not to interfere with subsequent turns of the race or be subject to a \$25.00 fine.
4. Canoe holders must wear a club identifiable shirt.

D. Starting

1. All starts will be in accordance with the instructions from the Starter.

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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, 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 soon as 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.

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

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

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

31 **K. Outside Assistance**

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

38 **L. Finishing**

- 39 1. The end of the race for each canoe is when the bow of the canoe crosses the
- 40 finish line.
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- 43 2. Each canoe will finish with a full crew of paddlers.
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- 1 3. The penalty for finishing in the wrong lane will be disqualification.
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- 3 4. A canoe may bury its finish line lane flag with the ama or 'iako but if the hull / manu
- 4 buries either of the two finish line lane flags it will be regarded as finishing in the
- 5 wrong lane.
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- 7 5. A crew will be fined \$25.00 for any procedural errors preceding or after conclusion
- 8 of their race.
- 9 a. Crossing into the course prior to the conclusion of a race.
- 10 b. Warming up.
- 11 c. Delay getting to the start line.
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13 **M. Adverse Conditions/Open Steersperson**

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- 15 1. On the day of the regatta, should the majority of head coaches (or designated
- 16 representatives) of clubs having crews participating in events one (1) through
- 17 eleven (11) request open steerspersons due to claims of adverse conditions, the
- 18 Race Director will confer with his/her water officials to determine whether in fact
- 19 adverse conditions do exist. If the officials concur with the coaches, then a vote by
- 20 clubs will determine whether open steerspersons will be used in the first eleven
- 21 events only (age groups 12 through and including 14, and Novice B Women and
- 22 Men).
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- 24 2. Steerspersons shall be gender specific. In a female race a female will steer, in a
- 25 male race a male will steer. A mixed race may have either a female or a male
- 26 steersperson but the paddler gender make-up of the crew must remain 3 female
- 27 and 3 male paddlers.
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- 29 3. Points/awards will be given to those who participate, whether using open
- 30 steerspersons or not.
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ARTICLE XI: Surf Course Regatta Rules

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

A. Canoe Option Choice

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

B. Lane Drawing for Wave Races

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

C. Course

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

D. Open Steersmen

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

E. Starting

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

F. Surfing

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

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 XIII: State Championship Regatta

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- 4 A. All crews will qualify by the records held from all flat course regattas to fill the allotted lanes
- 5 at the State Championship.
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- 7 B. Points are scored inversely to the number of crews racing in an event. Any crew disqualified
- 8 or not finishing will receive one (1) point, except for a crew with illegal or ineligible paddlers.
- 9 A crew will be scored on all of their qualifying races that they participated in only, minus the
- 10 lowest scoring race. Participation is to include a race that there was a disqualification but not
- 11 a "non-entrant", a "no-show" or a "scratch".
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- 13 C. The crews with the most points per event will be a qualifying crew for that event for whatever
- 14 number of lanes that are available. In case of a tie in any particular event, the tie will be
- 15 broken before the lanes are drawn for that event. The crew who finished ahead at the O'ahu
- 16 Championship Race will be the one who breaks the tie. In case the points are still tied, the
- 17 clubs that are tied will draw numbers to break the tie. The lowest number will be declared the
- 18 winner and be awarded the right to draw a lane. The tie-breaking will be conducted by the
- 19 Race Director or whoever is appointed by him/her to conduct lane drawing, and this will be
- 20 final and official.
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- 22 D. In case of any open lanes in any event following all the qualifications for lanes, these open
- 23 lanes will be made available to any club so desiring to enter that event. Again, in the event of
- 24 a tie, the same procedure in breaking the tie will determine the club entry.
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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 completed, the Race Committee will immediately exclude all persons, deliberate on the testimony and evidence, and render a decision.
- 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 lane drawing or the next OHCRA monthly meeting, whichever is first; otherwise, the club will be ineligible to draw lanes and be ineligible to vote.
5. Penalties are always subject to appeal by the Board of Directors, but pending such appeal, any suspension of a paddler or disqualification of a crew will stand.
6. A paddler, crew or club may appeal in writing any suspension, fine, or disqualification. Said appeal will be heard by at least eleven (11) members of the Board of Directors convened as a Board of Appeals within five (5) days of receipt of the written appeal.
7. The Appeals Board may approve, reverse or suspend the decision of the Race Committee or Disciplinary Committee. The decision of the Appeals Board is subject to review by the Board of Directors.

B. Disqualifications

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

1 **C. Illegal and Ineligible Paddler**

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3 For purposes of definition:

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5 **1. Illegal Paddler**

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

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9 **2. Ineligible Paddler**

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

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

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15 **1. Illegal Paddler**

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

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

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

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

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38 **2. Ineligible Paddler**

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

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43 **3. Monetary Penalties**

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45 a. A monetary penalty for a clerical or paperwork error which
46 results in multiple ineligible or illegal paddlers may be reduced to
47 a penalty for the single mistake rather than be assessed for all
48 the paddlers involved pending appeal. See Article XV. A. 6.

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50 b. A club who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the
51 computer will be fined \$25.00 and no disqualification.
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1 **4. Confirmation of Paddlers**

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

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9 A regatta or race will not be interrupted or stopped because of disqualification and fine
10 payment.
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1 **ARTICLE XVI: Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules**
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4 Any invitational race sanctioned by OHCRA will be classed an "open race" and be subject to the
5 following provisions:
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7 **A. Race Participation**
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- 9 1. A paddler may participate in the preseason races with any club and will be free to
10 move from club to club for the remainder of the preseason without requiring a
11 transfer.
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13 2. A paddler may participate in the regatta season after having gone through the
14 registration process governed by these race rules. Once the paddler has
15 participated in a regatta event for a club, he/she will not be allowed to participate in
16 any other regatta event with another HCRA member club for the remainder of that
17 regatta season through the HCRA State Championship.
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19 3. After the state championship regatta, a paddler wishing to paddle the distance
20 season with another HCRA club must obtain a transfer form from the Race
21 Director. This form must be signed by an authorized representative of the club
22 he/she paddled for during the regatta season and/or the state championship and
23 an authorized representative of the club the paddler is going to paddle with during
24 the distance season of the same calendar year. A paddler may participate in the
25 distance season races with any club and will be able to move from club to club for
26 the remainder of the distance season. The paddler will require a transfer to move
27 to another club. The minimum age of a paddler for distance races shall be 15 years
28 of age on the day of the race.
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30 4. A paddler may participate in the post season races with any club and will be free to
31 move from club to club for the remainder of the post season of the same calendar
32 year without having a transfer.
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34 **B. General Regulations**
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- 36 1. All OHCRA-sanctioned races are to utilize canoes of Hawaiian design according to
37 HCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications, except for the Unlimited division.
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39 2. Invitations must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval at a
40 regular Board meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
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42 3. Invitations must specify, and the Board of Directors must approve, the rules which
43 will govern the event.
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45 4. A map of the proposed race course and site must accompany the invitation and will
46 be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
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48 5. Sponsors wishing to promote an event cannot include the open division with the
49 koa division, and/or non-koa division.
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51 6. The Board of Directors will establish the OHCRA entry fees for all distance races
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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 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 or surf course regatta races.

C. Rounding Marks

In races that do not require canoes to maintain their respective lanes and a single marker flag and float are 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.

1 **E. Classifications & Awards**

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- 3 1. Classifications will include but not be limited to Open Men & Women, Masters Men
- 4 & Women whose ages will be governed by the OHCRA Race Rules.
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- 6 2. There can be “Iron” type races and “Relief” type races.
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- 8 3. Iron races will consist of 6 paddlers.
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- 10 4. Men’s relief races will consist of 9 paddlers for Open, Masters 40+, Masters 50+,
- 11 and 12 paddlers for Masters 55+ and Masters 60+ and Masters 65+.
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- 13 5. Women’s relief races will consist of 10 paddlers for the Open, Masters 40+ and 12
- 14 paddlers for Masters 50+, Masters 55+, and Masters 60+.
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- 16 6. It will be at the discretion of the sponsoring body whether to offer all above
- 17 classifications or any additional classifications based on number of entries received
- 18 or conditions of the race. For canoe type divisional regulations see B. General
- 19 Regulations under this Article.
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- 21 7. The character and type of all awards, including divisions and distribution of cash
- 22 awards will be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Cash awards must be
- 23 paid to the clubs only.
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- 25 8. Awards of choice must be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for each
- 26 class and/or division.
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- 28 9. Prizes and awards given in the open class will not exceed in value the awards
- 29 given to the Hawaiian design class.
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31 **F. Race Director's Responsibilities**

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

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- 3 1. The type of start and the location of finish will be as designated by the sponsoring
- 4 club, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
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- 6 2. Swamped or overturned canoes.
- 7 a. If a canoe swamps or overturns after the start of the race, the canoe may be
- 8 righted and bailed out and will be allowed to continue in the race. No
- 9 mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe.
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- 11 b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on an escort boat may assist
- 12 in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe.
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- 14 c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the swamped
- 15 canoe but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line
- 16 while the canoe is officially entered in the race.
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- 18 3. The finish line will be so designated by markers or flags.
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20 **H. Escort Boats**

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

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

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- 26 1. Registration of paddlers for the distance racing season must be submitted to the
27 Race Director and Head Recorder one week before the first sanctioned race of the
28 year. Participating clubs and paddlers must comply with the pertinent sections of
29 Article IV on eligibility, and with registration procedures.
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- 31 2. A paddler not duly registered for the current year may so register at the time the
32 name is submitted on OHCRA Form 200, and complete registration with an ID card
33 (refer to registration procedures).
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- 35 3. This list may be updated at any time. However, the eligibility of a paddler will be in
36 accordance with registration procedures.
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38 **K. Visiting Clubs / Paddlers**

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- 40 1. A Hawaii based club must register for the race as a valid HCRA member club.
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- 42 2. Paddler(s) presently registered with a club in another association may participate
43 with a club whom they are not registered with for OHCRA distance races. The
44 paddler will need an approved transfer.
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- 46 3. An out of state club must show proof of insurance and be approved by the OHCRA
47 race committee.

1 **ARTICLE XVII: Moloka'i Hoe Race Rules**

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3 **A. Introduction**

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5 Moloka'i Hoe is produced and administered by the O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing
6 Association (OHCRA) Moloka'i Hoe Committee. Moloka'i Hoe is the property of the title
7 sponsor and OHCRA, which hereby reserves all rights of any nature whatsoever. Any
8 use of the race, its name, equipment or material associated herewith without expressed
9 written consent of the title sponsor and OHCRA is prohibited. Moloka'i Hoe Race Rules
10 here in must be identical to the Race Rules on the Moloka'i Hoe website.

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12 **B. Entry Eligibility**

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14 This race shall be open to all canoe clubs or organizations submitting an entry
15 application and meeting the requirements of the Moloka'i Hoe Committee. OHCRA
16 Race Rules will apply to this race unless herein modified. Merging of canoe clubs may
17 be allowed. Each club or organization must submit a complete entry application on an
18 official entry form provided by OHCRA. No entry will be accepted unless all the
19 requirements herein are complied with. The Moloka'i Hoe Committee reserves the right
20 to accept or reject any application.

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22 **C. Entry Requirements**

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24 1. Must submit completed **Entry Form Application** by the specified deadline date.
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26 2. Must submit all **Moloka'i Hoe Waiver Forms** by the specified time on the deadline
27 date.
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29 3. Must attach **HCRA Canoe Specification Form**. This form must be received before
30 canoes are shipped to Moloka'i. Non-compliance with this rule will result in refusal
31 of transporting canoe to Moloka'i.
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33 4. Must pay entry fee before canoe is shipped to Moloka'i. The Race Director will
34 assign the canoe shipping date for each entry.
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36 5. The Moloka'i Hoe Committee may refuse to accept any entries received after the
37 deadline date.
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39 6. It is mandatory that the coaches fo each participating crew attend the coaches
40 meeting held the day before the race. The crew may be disqualified if the coach
41 does not attend the meeting.

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43 **D. Paddlers Eligibility**

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45 1. The final selected race crew will consist of nine (9) male paddlers in junior, open,
46 40+, and 50+; and twelve (12) male paddlers in the 55+, 60+ and 65+. Minimum
47 age must be not less than 18 years of age as of the day of the race for the adult
48 divisions, there will be no exceptions. The Final Entry must be submitted no later
49 than the specified time prior to the race date. All paddlers will be issued an official
50 WRIST BAND which must be worn at all times during the course of the race. This
51 is MANDATORY and will be issued when the final crew list is submitted.

1 Junior Divison

- 2 a. An escort boat used for any Junior division crew entry will need to be 22 feet
3 or longer.
4 b. A coach of a junior division crew will need to be at least 21 years of age.
5 c. A helper will be required for all junior crews.
6 d. A crew will consist of nine (9) paddlers.
7 e. The Moloka'i Hoe Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any crew.
8 f. All individuals that desire to enter into the Junior division must complete a
9 qualifying race.
10 g. A crew member must be at least fifteen (15) years of age or older on the day
11 of any qualifying race and sixteen (16) years of age but not older than
12 eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the Moloka'i Hoe.
13 h. A qualifying race is a race of 24 or more miles which includes water changes
14 and canoe canvas.
15 i. Proof of entry and completion of any qualifying race is required. This will
16 include the race crew entry form (including names, birthdates and any other
17 information listed on the form) of the qualifying race along with the signature
18 of the race director or executive board member of the association that is
19 hosting the race. This form shall be included by the crew with your registration
20 packet.
21 j. A 16 or 17 year old paddler cannot participate in another adult crew. An 18
22 year old has the choice as a legal adult to participate in either the junior or
23 adult divisions.
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25 65+ Division

- 26 a. All individuals that disire to enter the 65+ division must complete a qualifying
27 race.
28 b. A qualifying race is a race of 24 or more miles which includes water changes
29 and canoe canvas.
30 c. Proof of entry and completion of any qualifying race is required. This will
31 include the race crew entry form (including names, birthdates and any other
32 information listed on the form) of the qualifying race along with the signature
33 of the race director or executive board member of the association that is
34 hosting the race. This form shall be included by the crew with your registration
35 packet.
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37 2. It is the entrant's responsibility to see that their paddlers are physically fit and
38 capable of participating in a marathon canoe paddling event. If there is a question
39 regarding a paddlers physical fitness, it shall be the entrant's responsibility to
40 provide a medical clearance form and obtain the Moloka'i Hoe Committee's
41 approval before the paddler enters the race.
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43 7. All crew members must be able to swim.
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45 8. Each paddler must sign designated liability and publicity waivers.
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47 9. Merging clubs: Paddlers from different clubs may merge to form a crew provided
48 that each paddler gets written permission to merge from their respective clubs
49 designated representative and submits these same letters of permission to the
50 Race Director for approval.
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52 10. All participants who are not a current member of an HCRA club will be charged an
53 insurance assessment at the time of registration.
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E. Canoe Hull, Rigging And Equipment

1. All canoes (including rigging, 'iako, ama, hull shape above waterline, at waterline, and below waterline) must meet current OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications.
2. Only koa canoes that have been measured and certified under OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications for koa canoes will be allowed to race in the Koa Division.
3. Only non-koa canoes that have been measured and certified under OHCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications for non-koa canoes will be allowed to race in the Non-Koa Division.
4. No fins or keels will be allowed on ama in either division.
5. The minimum racing weight of any canoe, excluding the ama, 'iako, and tying cord is set at 400 lbs. Minimum weight of hulls constructed before August 1, 1998, shall be no less than 350 lbs. Lead weights must be permanently affixed to the canoe to bring the weight to 400 lbs. The added weight(s) must be evenly distributed between seats 2 and 5 and must be permanently affixed to the bottom of the seats to bring the hull weight to 400 lbs. Only certified lead weights must be used and must be permanently bolted or screwed to the seats of the canoes throughout the entire race. Weights must not be removed during the race and must remain secured until the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee give clearance. Adding weights to a canoe will be the responsibility of the entrant. The OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee must certify all added weights.
6. The OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee reserves the right to weigh any canoe regardless of any other authorities prior weight certification.
7. Canvas or other covering on the canoe is MANDATORY.
8. No sails or other artificial means of propulsion are permitted on the canoe.
9. No mechanical means of bailing water out of a canoe are allowed.
10. No foot support or braces of any kind are permitted inside the canoe. Only non-skid materials are allowed.
11. During the race each entry shall have its assigned identification symbol permanently displayed on the front manu of its canoe. The OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee will assign this identification.
12. An inspection of all equipment used in the race will be conducted at Hale O Lono Harbor prior to the race.
13. At the discretion of the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee, any equipment that substantially differs from the existing traditional Hawaiian design is subject to rejection of said equipment.
14. The OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee shall have the final decision of approving or disapproving any entry, any canoe or any equipment.

- 1 15. All canoes entered in any OHCRA sanction event during the regatta and distance
2 seasons (excluding preseason and postseason) shall have their ama to 'iako and
3 'iako to hull attached "rigged" with multiple cord lashings, no "quick straps".
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5 16. Cameras can be used in or on the canoe during distance races. Cameras will not
6 be allowed in or on canoes during flat course or surf course regatta races.
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8 **F. Paddles**

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10 Paddles must be single bladed and shaped of wood only. However, the paddle used for
11 racing may have a protective or supportive (strengthening) covering which may be
12 fibrous, kevlar, carbon fiber, etc. The paddle may have an edging or prosthesis for
13 protection on the bottom or sides. The paddle may have laminated (horizontally or
14 vertically) synthetic materials (kevlar, etc.) for strength and support. Extra paddles may
15 be carried in each canoe during a race.
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17 **G. Water Safety**

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

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43 1. Any signage used by the entrant must be pre-approved by the OHCRA Moloka'i
44 Hoe Committee. The OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee reserves the right to
45 remove any signage which is not in good taste or which sabotages the promotional
46 rights of the title sponsors and the presenting sponsor. Use of conflicting
47 sponsorship signage on canoes, escort boats, and the athletes themselves, shall
48 be left to the discretion of the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee.
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50 2. Signage on a canoe must be between the two (2) 'iako of each canoe. Signage on
51 escort boat may be any place except port side of bow where the OHCRA Moloka'i
52 Hoe Committee requires placement of the assigned identification for each entry.
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- 1 3. Any flags used by the entrant must be pre-approved by the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe
2 Committee.
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- 4 4. Race sponsor signage may be put on any canoe or escort boat used in the
5 Moloka'i Hoe Race at the request of the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee.
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- 7 5. Final determination for use of sponsorship signage will be left to the discretion and
8 judgment of the OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee.
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10 I. Course Rules

- 11 1. Start Of The Race
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- 14 a. All canoes shall be ready to start before the time set for the beginning of the
15 race at Hale O Lono Harbor. The starting line for the race will be
16 approximately 300 feet seaward to Hale O Lono Harbor entrance groin.
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- 18 b. All canoes will assemble behind the starting line.
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- 20 c. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m.
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- 22 d. Any air horn or other sound device and the raising of the green flag will signal
23 the start of the race, or other method as described at the coaches meeting.
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- 25 e. Any canoe over the starting line at the start will be penalized ten (10) minutes
26 which will be added to their official finish time.
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- 28 f. All crews must start and finish in the same racing jersey which can be same
29 colored short sleeve, long sleeve or sleeveless.
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- 31 2. Course
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- 33 a. The course shall be from the starting line at Hale O Lono Harbor, Moloka'i to
34 the finish line at Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Kālia, Waikīkī Beach.
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- 36 b. A Crew may follow any course to the finish line provided that it rounds the
37 orange bouy at the channel entrance to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
38 before crossing the finish line.
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- 40 c. Specific diagrams will be provided at the coaches meetings. Entries are
41 encouraged to visit the finish line area before the race.
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- 43 3. Paddlers And Relief Paddlers
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- 45 a. The final selected race crew will consist of (9) nine male paddlers in junior,
46 open, 40+, and 50+, and 12 male paddlers in the 55+, 60+ and 65+. Minimum
47 age must be not less than 18 years of age as of the day of the race for the
48 adult divisions. These names shall be submitted to the assigned race official
49 before 12 noon the day before the race and must have come from the Crew
50 List Form.
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- 52 b. There may be no more than (6) male paddlers in any one canoe at any time
53 during the race.
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- 1 c. Starting and relief paddlers may be used at the discretion of the coach.
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3 d. The first change of paddlers will take place, at the discretion of the Race
4 Director, no earlier than La'au Point or thirty (30) minutes, or no later than
5 forty-five (45) minutes. An official boat will signal the end of the time period as
6 described at the coaches meeting.
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8 e. All canoes must pass between La'au Point and a prescribed official boat that
9 will be stationed at a set distance from La'au Point.
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11 g. The last change shall be before the channel marker off of the Hilton Hawaiian
12 Village Hotel.
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14 h. Each canoe must finish the race with six (6) male paddlers in the canoe to
15 qualify for placement and awards.
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17 i. All paddlers will be issued an official WRIST BAND which must be worn at all
18 times during the course of the race. This is MANDATORY and will be issued
19 when the final crew list is submitted.
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21 4. Swamping Or Overturning Of Canoe
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23 a. If a canoe swamps or overturns after the start of the race, the canoe may be
24 righted and bailed out and will be allowed to continue in the race. No
25 mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe.
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27 b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on an escort boat may assist
28 in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe.
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30 c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the swamped
31 canoe but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line
32 while the canoe is officially entered in the race.
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34 d. All escort boats must be equipped with bridle straps in the event that a canoe
35 needs to be towed. Failure to have bridle straps aboard the escort boat will
36 result in a penalty.
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38 5. Escort Boat/Auxiliary Boat
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40 a. Each entry must have one (1) escort powerboat to accompany them
41 throughout the race.
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43 b. Each entry may have one (1) auxiliary powerboat. The auxiliary boat assists in
44 the retrieving of paddlers during the substitute changes. It is suggested that
45 each entry have an auxiliary boat. However, auxiliary boats are optional.
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47 c. All escorts boats and auxiliary boats must have a Moloka'i Hoe ID number
48 that has been issued by Moloka'i Hoe officials. If a powerboat does not have a
49 Moloka'i Hoe ID number, they will be asked to leave the course.
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51 d. All escort boats must have bridle straps to tow a canoe and a 3'x5' red flag
52 that can be flown from the escort boat in the event of an emergency.
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54 e. All escort/auxiliary boats must provide a copy of the boats registration to the
55 OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe race officials at registration.

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- f. All escort/auxiliary boat(s) must meet the minimum U.S. Coast Guard requirements. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size of 22' in overall length as per Coast Guard form CG-5397 latest revision, #6 Overall Dimensions under II. Vessel Data and Dimensions. If an auxiliary boat is used in conjunction with an escort boat then each craft must meet a minimum size of 19' in overall length and be registered with a crew number. VHF radios will be installed in the escort/auxiliary boat(s), no "hand-helds" will be allowed.

- g. All escort/auxiliary boat(s) must be equipped with a two-way VHF radio. Only Marine Band (VHF) Radio communication is acceptable. Any entry whose escort/auxiliary boat(s) does not have working two-way VHF radio will NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. All escort/auxiliary boats must pass through the radio communication checkpoint at Hale O Lono Harbor on race day.

- h. It is recommended that all escort boats have a GPS on board.

- i. For safety purposes, all escort/auxiliary boat(s) must have a combined U.S. Coast Guard approved carrying capacity to accommodate a minimum of nine (9) male paddlers, (1) race official, and any additional passengers along with the U.S. Coast Guard required equipment.

- J. 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.

- K. Liability Waivers for Escort Boat/ Auxiliary Boat:
A form furnished by OHCRA will be completed by the escort/auxiliary skippers with the information pertaining to his craft and turned over to the Moloka'i Hoe Race Committee. The deadline for submitting the name of an escort/auxiliary boat and its skipper will be no later than Noon on the Saturday before the race. Crews will not be entered without the completed forms.
Escort/auxiliary boat skippers will be furnished with liability waiver forms to be signed by all personnel boarding their craft. Each boat skipper will turn these liability wavier forms over to the race officials before 6:00am race day.
A copy fo the escort/auxiliary boat registration must be provided at the time of registration.

- i. Each escort/auxiliary boat must follow behind its assigned canoe throughout the race, except for swamped and overturned canoes. It can at no time come along side or ahead of the canoe except for during the transfer of relief paddlers, supplies, or in the case of an emergency, and it must make way without deliberately blocking, or causing interference, or wake to any approaching canoe.
At no time will an escort/auxiliary deliberately cause a wake to assist their own canoe or interfere with another canoe.
At all times, escort/auxiliary boats must maintaina safe distance form canoes and other boats.
Canoes always have the right-of way over escort/auxiliary boats.
Escort/auxiliary boats cannot block or cause a wake to approaching canoes.

- m. A Moloka'i Hoe Adult Waiver and Release of Liability and Promotional Rights form must be signed in addition to the boat waiver.

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- n. Coaching and directing from the escort/auxiliary boat is permitted.
 - o. Escort/auxiliary boats cannot be used to transport any articles to a canoe. However, any qualified person may pass refreshments or other articles to a canoe from the water, this person need not be one of the nine (9) male paddlers.
 - p. Unsafe conditions due to an escort/auxiliary boat being overcrowded, or not meeting U.S. Coast Guard requirements or Moloka'i Hoe requirements, can be declared unfit or unseaworthy as an escort/auxiliary boat by the Moloka'i Hoe Committee. Said entries will not be allowed to participate.
 - q. Minors are not allowed on escort/auxiliary boats except participants in the junior divisions. The Moloka'i Hoe Committee will have the final decision on the approval or disapproval of any vessel used as an escort boat or auxiliary boat.
 - r. All escort boat drivers must provide a boat driver's license
6. Cancellation Of Race
- a. The race is subject to postponement or cancellation by the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - b. The race is subject to postponement or cancellation by the Moloka'i Hoe Committee upon receipt of information of weather conditions of such nature, which would in their opinion render the running of the race unsafe.
 - c. In case of the race being postponed or cancelled, the entries are responsible for returning all paddlers, personnel, and equipment to O'ahu.
 - d. All fees are non-refundable upon cancellation of any entry or cancellation of the race.
7. Finish Line
- a. All escort boats must do a visual "End of Race" radio check on the designated radio channel with the lead official boat before departing the race course. No powerboats are allowed to enter the channel leading to the Hilton Pier without permission from the lead official boat.
 - b. Relief crew members and crew members on the escort/auxiliary boat should follow the instructions of the pier personnel while unloading gear off of escort and auxiliary boats. Crews need to keep the pier clear and are asked to remove off loaded gear in a quick and timely manner to ensure everyone's safety.
 - c. The State Of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu, and U.S. Army prohibit drinking of alcoholic beverages on the beach.
 - d. All crews must start and finish in the same racing jersey which can be same colored short sleeve, long sleeve or sleeveless.

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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 will include the actual amendment 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
2006 pages affected: vi, statement of rules, 2nd paragraph.
2. Establish 3 divisions for club standings at regattas instead of the present 2. 14 yes
2 no
2006 pages affected: 3, Article II, B, 1.
3. Move both Masters 40+ Women and 40+ Men to events 33 and 34 which are after
the Masters 50+ Men. 14 yes 2 no
2006 pages affected: 2, 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
2006 pages affected: 33, 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
2006 pages affected: 36, 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
2006 pages affected: 1, Article I, C.
7. Change the title of the Article pertaining to the regatta season Flat Course Rules to
Flat Course Regatta Rules. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 22, 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
2006 pages affected: 26, Article XI title.

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9. Change the title of the Article pertaining to distance race seasons from Distance Race Rules to Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Race Rules. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 32, Article XVI title.
2006 pages affected: 11, Article V, B, 8.
10. Reword the section pertaining to race participation during the calendar year, Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, and Post Season. 15 yes 1 no
2006 pages affected: 32, Article XVI, A, 1-2.
11. Add additional wording under Awards for distance races to define the classifications of distance races. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 33, Article XVI, E, 1-3.
12. Add in the words (6 person) to distinguish between 1 person canoe experience and 6 person canoe experience for the definition of Novice B classification. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 5, Article III, A, 12.
13. Add in the words (age classification) and (age) in the first and second sentence of Age Group Participation to clarify the intent of the rule. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 7, Article III, B, 4, b.
14. Replace the words (Upper Division) with (Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior) to clarify what is meant by "Upper Division". 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 8, Article III, B, 5, c.
15. Under Transfers delete in b. (in any race or regatta) and (during the racing season) and add in (during the regatta or long distance seasons). A paddler who has paddled competitively during the "regatta season" or "distance season" for a club will not be eligible for a transfer or release during the remainder of that racing season. This amendment defines which of the four seasons a paddler must stay with their club and which seasons they can switch from club to club. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 10, Article V, B, 1, b.
16. Add in new section to identify how a transferred paddler will be received by OHCRA from other associations. OHCRA will respect the classifications of other associations that a transferred paddler has participated in. A paddler transferring from another HCRA club who has participated in a Sophomore or Junior race of their club's association will be classified a sophomore at OHCRA. 16 yes 0 no
2006 pages affected: 11, Article V, B, 3, d.
17. Make provisions to allow one race instead of a 2 heat race when a known scratch would allow a single heat for an event. If an event that was to have 2 heats has a known scratch since the original lane drawing, and the amount of lanes can now accommodate the number of entries, the lanes may be redrawn so as to avoid a second heat. The redrawing of lanes shall take place no later than 3 races prior to the redrawn event. 13 yes 3 no
2006 pages affected: 13, Article VI, B, 13 new.

1 18. Reword the rules governing how we inspect the regatta race course prior to the
2 start of the regatta. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race
3 Director or person directed by the Race Director, in company with one
4 representative from 3 different clubs each week will inspect and, if requested, re-
5 measure and reset the course to insure that all lanes between any two lines are of
6 equal length. A club representative may request any other adjustments to the
7 course such as flag color coordination. 16 yes 0 no
8 2006 pages affected: 22, Article X, A, 5.

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10 19. Keep a record of the amendments to the race rules book under the amendment
11 article of the OHCRA Race Rules Book. 16 yes 0 no
12 2006 pages affected: 36, Article XVII, A, 1-2. & Article XVII, B new.

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

16 **15 clubs voting**

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18 1. Team trophies must be given to clubs at each regatta. AAA division for clubs'
19 placing first, second, and third, AA division for clubs placing first, second, and third,
20 A division for clubs placing first, second, and third. 10 yes 5 no
21 2006 pages affected: 3, Article II, D, 1, a-b.

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

24 **17 clubs voting.**

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26 1. Any koa canoe being extended, altered, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired
27 shall be reported in writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee
28 (CSEC) Chairperson. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in violation
29 of this rule. 14 yes 3 no
30 2007 pages affected: 20, Article IX, A, 13 new.

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32 2. Any fiberglass molded canoe will be exempt from "water-lining" procedures
33 provided that there have been 10 canoes made from the same mold, all of which
34 have passed the "water-lining" procedures. Any new mold shall be reported in
35 writing to the Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC)
36 chairperson. In the event of multiple molds of the exact same design plug, they will
37 also be reported to the CSEC committee chairperson in writing for determination of
38 water-lining procedures. A fine of up to \$1,000 may be imposed if a club is in
39 violation of this rule. 15 yes 2 no
40 2007 pages affected: 20, Article IX, B, 8 new.

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42 3. Under heading of escort boats, change wording in #2 page 36 (are subject to) and
43 add in (must comply with). New wording:
44 For safety purposes, all escort boats *must comply with* all United States Coast
45 Guard rule and regulations. 17 yes 0 no
46 2007 pages affected: 36, Article XVI, H, 2.

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48 4. Clarify turns in flat course Regatta rules. Change wording in #4 page 25 (right) and
49 add in (correct). New wording:
50 The penalty for not turning on the *correct* flag will be disqualification. 17 yes 0 no
51 2007 pages affected: 25, Article X, I, 4.

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53 5. Under Preseason, Distance Season, Post Season Races, only officially registered
54 crews will be allowed on race course. 17 yes 0 no
55 2007 pages affected: 34, Article XVI, B, 12 new.

6. Definition of a distance race course: A distance race course is defined as the distance between the first and the last canoe. 17 yes 0 no
2007 pages affected: 34, Article XVI, B, 13 new.
7. Acknowledge define the term “cross-over” in the turn. A cross-over is allowed while executing a turn. A cross-over is defined as a canoe crossing the path of another canoe in the adjacent lane whether entering or exiting the turn provided all other rules are abided by. 17 yes 0 no
2007 pages affected: 25, Article X, I, 5 new.
8. Include *the voting score* on the amendments that pass on the amendment page.
New wording:
A record of amendments to the Race Rules book shall be listed under this Article. The record will include the actual amendment voted on, *the voting score* and any “housekeeping” changes that the amendment change has incurred. 17 yes 0 no
2007 pages affected: 45, Article XVIII, A, 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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4 1. Addition of Men & Women 65 and over classifications. 9 yes 7 no
5 2010 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 7, Article III. A.
6 2011 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 7, Article III. A. 24
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8 2. Addition of Keiki Open race. 14 yes 2 no
9 2010 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 6, Article III. A.
10 2011 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 6, Article III. A. 8.
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12 3. A club can scratch a crew up to the yellow flag designating the 5 minute warning
13 prior to the race they intend to scratch. 16 yes 0 no
14 2010 pages affected: 16, Article VI. H. 2.
15 2011 pages affected: 15
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17 4. An age group paddler will not be able to step-up to a classification higher than 18
18 Years & Under if the paddler intends to return to age group classifications.
19 16 yes 0 no
20 2010 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 4. a.
21 2011 pages affected: 8
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23 5. Reword under heading of G. Late Entries
24 **old wording:**
25 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing)
26 may be permitted for both paddlers and lanes. A late fee in both cases will be
27 assessed.
28 2. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will be assessed each individual paddler
29 submitted. This will apply to all regatta and distance races.
30 3. Late entry fees for open lanes only will be \$12.00 per lane.
31 **new wording:**
32 1. To allow clubs more flexibility, acceptance of a late entry (after lane drawing)
33 may be permitted for lanes. A late fee will be assessed.
34 2. A late entry fee for open lanes will be \$12.00 per lane in addition to the regular
35 fee assessed at lane drawing.
36 16 yes 0 no
37 2010 pages affected: 15, Article VI. G. 1 thru 3
38 2011 pages affected: 15
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40 6. Reword under 7. HCRA Transfer
41 **old wording:**
42 If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous racing
43 season, a transfer **and release** must be submitted to the Race Director no later
44 than the date of the lane drawing for the particular race or regatta.
45 **new wording:**
46 If a paddler has paddled with any HCRA member club in the previous **regatta or**
47 **distance** racing seasons, a transfer must be submitted to the Race Director no
48 later than the date of the lane drawing for the particular regatta **or the official**
49 **registration of the particular distance race and must be approved by race day.**
50 16 yes 0 no
51 2010 pages affected: 12 Article V. B. 7.
52 2011 pages affected: 12
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7. Delete “Regatta”, “Distance” and “Moloka’i Hoe” Race Director and replace with “Race Director”. 15 yes 1 no
2010 pages affected: viii, Officers
2011 pages affected: viii

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

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

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

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

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

1. Add 2nd sentence concening 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 \$150.00 / mistake. 16 yes 0 no
2011 pages affected: 32, Article XV. D. 2.
2012 pages affected: 32

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2. Add new #2 under and rename G, concerning swamped or overturned canoes to read:
Start, Course, Finish
#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 and will be allowed to continue in the race. No mechanical devices will be allowed throughout the race to bail a canoe.
 - b. Relief paddlers and additional qualified persons on an escort boat may assist in righting and bailing out a swamped canoe.
 - c. The escort boat will standby and render any assistance to the swamped canoe but must not tow a swamped canoe in the direction of the finish line while the canoe is officially entered in the race. 16 yes 0 no
2011 pages affected: 35, Article XVI. G.
2012 pages affected: 37
3. Add #3 concerning crew regatta divisions to read:
Crew tabulation for divisional purposes are for point events only. 15 yes 1 no
2011 pages affected: 4, Article II. B.
2012 pages affected: 4
4. Change to eleven (11) where ten (10) crews are referred (3 places) in #1 under Adverse Conditions/Open Steersperson. 16 yes 0 no
2011 pages affected: 26, Article X. M. 1.
2012 pages affected: 26
5. Add to title after Age Group Participation "12's thru 18's. 16 yes 0 no
2011 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 4.
2012 pages affected: 8
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
2011 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 4.
2012 pages affected: 8
7. Add to 1st paragraph:
Moloka'i Hoe race rules can be amended prior to the 1st regular season regatta.
15 yes 1 no
2011 pages affected: vi, Statement of Rules
2012 pages affected: vi
8. Repair the grammar error designation should be designating.
2011 pages affected: 15, Article VI.H. 2. 16 yes 0 no
2012 pages affected: 15
9. Raise protest fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00. 11 yes 5 no
2011 pages affected: 30, Article XIV. A.
2012 pages affected: 30

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

1. Reduce the length of the following events: Event 11, Men Novice B from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Event 12, Girls 15's from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Event 13, Boys 15's from ½ mile to ¼ mile. Event 17, Boys 18's from 1 mile to ½ mile. Event 19, Men Novice A from 1 mile to ½ mile. Event 20, Women Freshmen from 1 mile to ¼ mile. Event 21, Men Freshmen from 1 mile to ¼ mile. Event 22, Women Sophomore from 1 mile to ½ mile. Event 23, Men Sophomore from 1 mile to ½ mile. Event 36, Women 40's from 1 mile to ½ mile. Event 37, Men 40's from 1 mile to ½ mile. 12 yes 4 no
2012 pages affected: 3, Article II. A.
2013 pages affected: 3
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.
Deleted Art. III B. 2. Eligibility for Reclassification intirely
Deleted words describing the restriction in Art. III A. 2. Junior, 3. Sophomore and 4. Freshmen. 11 yes 5 no
2012 pages affected: 5, 8, Article III. A. 2., 3., 4., Article III. B. 2. a & b
2013 pages affected: 5, 8
3. Remove the restriction of not allowing 16's and 18's youth classifications from participating in the Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race.
Deleted words describing the restriction in Art. III. A. 5. 18's, 6. 16's
Added sentence: A paddler classified as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under may participate in a Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior race from week to week. But will not be able to participate in the 16 or 18 races during the same regatta. Art. III. 4. a. 13 yes 3 no
2012 pages affected: 5, 8, Article III. A. 5., 6., Article III. B. 4. a.
2013 pages affected: 5, 8
4. Include a restricted age requirement that a paddler must be 15 years of age on race day for the Senior Race.
Added to 1st sentence "who is 15 years of age on race day" Article III. A. 1. Senior and added same words to Article III. B. 2. c. 13 yes 3 no
2012 pages affected: 5, 8, Article III. A. 1., Article III. B. 2. c.
2013 pages affected: 5, 8
5. Remove the option of a ½ mile course to bring all courses to a standard ¼ mile.
Removed the words with regards to a ½ mile course and the 30 day notice as to whether the course would be ¼ mile or ½ mile. 12 yes 4 no
2012 pages affected: 23, Article X. A. 1.
2013 pages affected: 23

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6. Add 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 2nd 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. A open event is one that anyone by gender may participate for their 2nd event of the regatta except those who participate in any of the mixed or 4's events.
16 yes 0 no
2012 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 2. a., b., c.
2013 pages affected: 8
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
No pages affected
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
2012 pages affected: 4, Article II. C.
9. There will be mandatory insurance for all escort boats.
Above statement added to the following pages under Preseason and Postseason, Molokai Hoe
2012 pages affected: 38, 44, Article XVI. H. 9., Article XVII. I. 5. J.
2013 pages affected: 38, 44
10. Delete 2nd sentence Art. XV. D. 2. having to do with a single mistake "paperwork error" resulting in multiple ineligible and illegal padders 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 asset for all the paddlers involved pending appeal approval. See Article XV. A. 6. 15 yes 1 no
2012 pages affected: 32 Article XV. D. 3.
2013 pages affected: 32
11. Reword 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, 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 Novic B for only one year. (See Article III. B. 5 – Novice Status and Classification). 15 yes 1 no
2012 pages affected: 6, Article III. A. 13.
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12. Added the following last sentence to 13: A paddler who participates in any high school season for their 1st season prior to the OHCRA regatta season of the same year may classify as a Novice B. 16 yes 0 no.
2012 pages affected: 6, Article III. A. 13.
2013 pages affected: 6
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 race only**, will use up a year of novice eligibility for each year they race. 15 yes 1 no
2012 pages affected: 9, Article III. 5. d.
2013 pages affected: 9
14. Add in “excluding pre and post season” to the following to clarify that pre and post seasons are the 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
2012 pages affected: 22, 41, Article IX. E. 8., Article XVII. E. 15.
2013 pages affected: 22, 41
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.
2012 pages affected: 35, Article XVI. B. 14.
41, Article XVII. E. 16
22, Article IX. E. 9.
2013 pages affected: 35, 41, 22
- ** Houskeeping:
Article III. 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 a 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 ¼ mile to ½ mile.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 3, Article II. A.
2014 pages affected: 3
2. Reduce the length of the Women Four and Men Four events from ½ mile to ¼ mile.
10 yes 6 no
2013 pages affected: 3, Article II. A.
2014 pages affected: 3

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3. Lower the minimum age to participate in Preseason, Distance Season and Postseason from 16 to 15 years of age on race day.
13 yes 3 no
2013 pages affected: 34, Article XVI. A. 3.
2014 pages affected: 35
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
2013 pages affected: 35, Article XVI. B. 9.
2014 pages affected: 36
5. Change who accepts a promissory note from Race Committee to Treasurer or designated assistant.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 31, Article XV. A. 4.
2014 pages affected: 32
6. A crew will be fined \$25.00 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
2013 pages affected: 25, Article X. L. add #5.
2014 pages affected: 26
7. Remove regatta & long distance race words & replace with Preseason, Regatta Season, Distance Season, Post Season.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 1, Article I. A. 1.
2014 pages affected: 1
8. Add to a: If a paddler participates in a Freshmen or Sophomore race and “steps up” to a higher classification for their 2nd race of the regatta, the paddler will remain at the higher classification for the remainder of the OHCRA regatta season.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 3. a.
2014 pages affected: 8
9. Add new c: A paddler may participate in a maximum of 2 races per regatta.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 3.
2014 pages affected: 8, new c.
10. Add to b: If a Novice A paddler moves to a higher classification he or she will not be able to return to Novice A for any subsequent regatta.
15 yes 1 no
2013 pages affected: 9, Article III. B. 5. a.
2014 pages affected: 9
11. Add 2nd 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
2013 pages affected: 9 Article III. B. 5. b.
2014 pages affected: 9

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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 \$25.00 fine.
13 yes 3 no
2013 pages affected: 23, Article X. C. 3.
2014 pages affected: 24
 13. Canoe holders must wear a club identifiable shirt.
12 yes 4 no
2013 pages affected: 23, Article X. C.
2014 pages affected: 24, new 4.
 14. Change the wording to allow more than 2 canoe holders in the water but only 2 actually holding the canoe. Violation of this rule is a \$25.00 fine.
15 yes 1 no
2013 pages affected: 23, Article X. C. 1.
2014 pages affected: 24
 15. Change the word “three” to “two” in the first sentence for race course marking. This is a housekeeping item that was not changed in 2013 ammendments.
16 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 23, Article X. A. 2.
2014 pages affected: 24
 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 \$25.00 and no disqualification.
9 yes 0 no
2013 pages affected: 32, Article XV. D.
2014 pages affected: 34, new 4.

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

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1. Reword the 16’s and 18’s youth limitations of movement in classification.
Old wording:
A paddler classified as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under 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 wording:
A paddler classified as a 16 Years & Under or 18 Years & Under 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 2nd 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 lowestclassification the following season.
17 yes 0 no 1 abstain
2013 pages affected: 8, Article III. B. 4. a.
2014 pages affected: 9

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2 **OHCRA Race Rules Amendments voted on and approved 2-2-15 for 2015.**
3 **18 clubs voting.**
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- 5 1. Open Class Division. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year
6 before the canoe is eligible to participate in a race as long as it has its own open
7 class division. At any time during the at the discretion of the Race Director, canoes
8 may b reweighed. Records of the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA
9 form 801 (latest rev.).

10 17 yes 1 no

11 2014 pages affected: 22, Article IX. C.

12 2015 pages affected: 23, Article IX. C. new 6
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- 14 2. Addition of Unlimited OC6 (Page 22)

15 D. Unlimited OC6

- 16 1. The Canoe will be a single hull, rigged with a single ama and double
17 'iako separated by at least one seat.
18 2. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of
19 material.
20 3. The canoe must have positive buoyancy with compartments located only
21 at the bow and stern of the canoe.
22 4. Only single paddle blades must be used and there must be six paddlers
23 in a canoe.
24 5. Unlimited canoes are not required to be lashed by cord.
25 6. Unlimited canoes are not required to be water lined or required to follow
26 "B. Modern Canoe Construction of Hawaiian Design"
27 requirements (currently listed on page 21).
28 7. Unlimited canoes have no weight or length specification limits.
29 8. Ama and 'iako may be fashioned from any type of material.
30 9. There will be no Unlimited Class Division in Regattas.
31 10. Canoes will be weighed by the Race Director each year before the canoe
32 is eligible to participate in a race. At anytime during the year at the
33 descreation of the Race Director, canoes may be reweighed. Records of
34 the canoe being weighed will be recorded on HCRA form 801 (latest
35 rev.)

36 and on (Page 36)

- 37 1. Addition to sentence 1 Art. XVI. B. 1. (except for the Unlimited division)
38 to read:

39 All OHCRA-sanctioned races are to utilize canoes of Hawaiian design
40 according to HCRA Hawaiian design canoe specifications, except for the
41 Unlimited division.

42 16 yes 2 no

43 2014 pages affected: 22 Article IX, and 35, Article XVI. B. 1.

44 2015 pages affected: 23 new D and 37
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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 1/2 mile.
 - h. Men Fours to 1/2 mile.
 - i. Women 40's to 1 mile.
 - j. Men 40's to 1 mile.

11 yes 7 no
2014 pages affected: 3, Article II. A.
2015 pages affected: 3
4. Addition of a Boys and Girls Mixed 16 Years & Under, 1/2 mile after the 16 boys.

10 yes 8 no
2014 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. 6, Article III. A. 16.
2015 pages affected: 3, 6
5. Reword to have a \$25.00 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 \$25.00 and no disqualification.
New: A club who mis-identifies the crew and is caught by the computer will be fined \$25.00 and no disqualification.
18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 34, ArticleXV. D. 3. b.
2015 pages affected: 35
6. Replace "Team trophies" with "Awards of choice" for pre season, distance season and post season awards.

18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 37, Article XVI. E. 8.
2015 pages affected: 39

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

1. Change wording to reflect crews must be 18 years or older for adult divisions.

18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 40, Article XVII. D. I.
2016 pages affected: 43
2. Add Junior division guidelines.

16 yes 2 no
2014 pages affected: 40, Article XVII. D. 1
2016 pages affected: 43, 44
3. Add 65+ division and guidelines.

10 yes 8 no
2014 pages affected: 40 Article XVII. D. 1.
2016 pages affected: 43, 44

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4. All crews must start and finish in the same racing jersey which can be same colored short sleeve, long sleeve or sleeveless.
17 yes 1 no
2014 pages affected: 43, 47, Article XVII. I. 1. new g., and 7. new d.
2016 pages affected: 47, 50
5. All escort boat drivers must provide a boat driver's license.
18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 46, Article XVII. I. 5. new r.
2016 pages affected: 50
6. For safety purposes, all escort boats must meet a minimum size 22' in 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
2014 pages affected: 45, Article XVII. I. 5. f.
2016 pages affected: 49
7. All flags flown from boats on the Moloka'i Hoe course shall be pre-approved by OHCRA Moloka'i Hoe Committee.
18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 43 Article XVII. H. 3.
2016 pages affected: 47
8. Moloka'i Hoe Race Rules herein must be identical to the Race Rules on the Moloka'i Hoe website.
18 yes 0 no
2014 pages affected: 40, Article XVII. A.
2016 pages affected: 43
9. Minors are not allowed on escort/auxiliary boats except participants in the Junior division.
17 yes 1 no
2014 pages affected: 46, Article XVII. 5. q.
2016 pages affected: 50

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1. A canoe must not interfere with another canoe while executing a cross-over.
18 yes 0 no
2015 pages affected: 28 Article X. I. 5.
2016 pages affected: 29
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
2015 pages affected: 37, Article XVI. A. 3.
2016 pages affected: 38
3. Delete Boys and Girls 16 mixed race and replace with Boys and Girls 18 mixed.
13 yes 5 no
2015 pages affected: 6, Article III. A 16.
2016 pages affected: 7

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4. Add a men 70+ race and a women 70+ race.
10 yes 8 no
2015 pages affected: 7, Article III. A. new 26.
2016 pages affected: 8
5. Change the name "Oahu Championship Regatta" to "OHCRA Championship Regatta".
18 yes 0 no
2015 pages affected: iii & 31, Article XII.
2016 pages affected. iii & 32
6. Requirements for visiting clubs and paddlers from other associations
17 yes 1 no
2015 pages affected: 41, Article XVI. new K.
2016 pages affected: 42
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
2015 pages affected: 29, Article X. M. 2.
2016 pages affected: 30
8. The individual awards shall include the year date applied or engraved.
13 yes 7 no
2015 pages affected: 4 Article I. D. 2.
2016 pages affected: 5
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
2015 pages affected: 6, Article III A. 13.
2016 pages affected: 7
10. House keeping addition of Master's 65+
18 yes 0 no
2015 pages affected: 39, Article XVI. E. 4.
2016 pages affected: 40
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 "not entrant", a "no show" or "scratch".
11 yes 7 no
2015 pages affected: 32, Article XIII. B.
2016 pages affected: 33
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
2015 pages affected:15, Article VI. B. 13.
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13. The number of events for a regatta shall be capped at no more than forty-five (45).
16 yes 2 no
2015 pages affected: 3, Article II. A. new 1.
2016 pages affected: 3
 14. A crew with a physically challenged paddler who receives outside assistance during a race for that 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
2015 pages affected: 28, Article X. K.
2016 pages affected: 29
 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
2015 pages affected: 30, Article XI. new G.
2016 pages affected: 31

ADDENDUM A. GUIDELINES FOR RACE CANCELLATIONS

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