

HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION
AGENDA

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Niumalu Canoe Club, Kauai
Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Meeting Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order
Pule
Roll Call – Association Representatives

Officer's Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report - Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Vice President's Report
- D. President's Report
- E. Race Commissioner
- F. Race Secretary

Committee Reports:

- A. Bylaws – No proposals
- B. CSEC
- C. Discipline
- D. Finance
- E. History/Education
- F. Information/Technology
- G. Insurance
- H. IVF/World Sprints
- I. Merchandise
- J. Nominations – Voting on Executive Board
- K. Race Rules - Voting
- L. Sponsorship
- M. Scholarship

New Business:

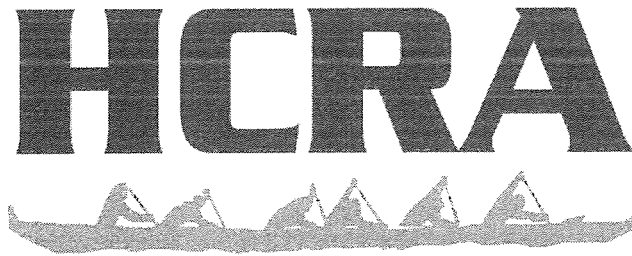
Unfinished Business:

Association/Affiliate Reports:

- A. Kauai Outrigger Association
- B. Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association
- C. Moku O Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing Association
- D. Molokai Canoe Racing Association
- E. Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a Association
- F. Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association
- G. Na Wahine O Ke Kai
- H. Na Opio Canoe Racing Association
- I. Hawaii Adaptive Paddling Association
- J. Hui Pakolea

Adjourn

Luncheon & Seminar to follow official meeting



2018 Annual Report of the Committee on Bylaws

December 1, 2018

To the Membership of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (HCRA):

No proposals were received by your Committee on Bylaws. Thus, no proposed amendments will be voted upon at the HCRA Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Your 2018 HCRA Bylaws Committee
Heather N. Murakami, Chair
Curtis Hawkins
Keri C. Mehling
Rena Rzonca

- 1-3. Page 4 – Article I – Racing Events; B. Order and Distance.
 Pages 8 and 9 – Article II – Classification of Racing Events; A. Definitions, 24, and B. Conditions of Classification, 4.

Add as Event #1, Women (70 years) and Men (70 years) and renumbers all subsequent events for a total of 42 events. Adds the definition Men & Women 70. Amends B.4. of the Conditions of Classification.

“ARTICLE I. RACING EVENTS

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B. ORDER AND DISTANCE

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| 1. | <u>Men (70 years) and Women (70 years)</u> | <u>½ mile</u> |
| [1-] 2. | <u>Women (65 years)</u> | <u>½ mile</u> |
| [2-] 3. | <u>Men (65 years)</u> | <u>½ mile</u> |

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and

“ARTICLE II. CLASSIFICATION OF RACING EVENTS

A. DEFINITIONS

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24. Men & Women 70
UNCLASSIFIED EVENT Open to any male or female who has reached his/her 70th birthday on the day of the regatta.

This event shall be a combined event of six crews each of Men and Women. Women shall be assigned lanes 1 through 6 and the Men assigned lanes 8 through 13.

In the case of any open lane (not lanes 7 and 14 which shall remain as a buffer), as determined under Article VII., Section B., Paragraph 4 “Receipt of Entries and Drawing of Lanes; Lane Drawing,” the first open lane shall be allotted to the association that has the largest number of crews participating in the Men & Women 70 during that association’s regatta season; the second open lane shall be allotted to the association that has the second largest number of crews participating in the Men & Women 70 during that association’s regatta season, the third open lane shall be allotted to the association that has the third largest number of crews participating in the Men & Women 70 during that association’s regatta season, and so on until all open lanes have been filled. If any associations have the same number of number of crews participating in the Men & Women 70 during those associations’ regatta season, the association to

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receive the lane shall be determined by the drawing of lots. This rule shall have precedence over Article VII., Section B., Paragraph 4 "Receipt of Entries and Drawing of Lanes; Lane Drawing."

B. CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION

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- 4. Men and Women 55, Men and Women 60, [and] Men and Women 65, and Men and Women 70 paddlers shall be allowed to paddle in two (2) masters events, including mixed events, provided they meet the age requirements."

_____ **YES**

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4. Page 4 – Article I – Racing Events; B. Order and Distance.

Shortens the distance of Boys 18 event to ½ mile to be gender neutral or gender equal to the Girls 18 event.

“ARTICLE I. RACING EVENTS

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B. ORDER AND DISTANCE

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- 19. Girls 18 yrs & under ½ mile
- 20. Boys 18 yrs & under [~~1 mile~~] ½ mile

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5. Page 4 – Article I – Racing Events; B. Order and Distance.

Shortens the distance of Men Novice A event to ½ mile to be gender neutral or gender equal to the Women Novice A event.

“ARTICLE I. RACING EVENTS

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B. ORDER AND DISTANCE

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- 21. Women Novice “A” ½ mile
- 22. Men Novice “A” [~~1 mile~~] ½ mile

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6. Page 5 – Article I – Racing Events; B. Order and Distance.

Shortens the distance of Women (40 yrs) and Men (40 yrs) to ½ mile to conform all masters and unclassified events to the same distance.

“ARTICLE I. RACING EVENTS

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B. ORDER AND DISTANCE

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- 40. Women (40 yrs) ~~[1-mile]~~ ½ mile
- 41. Men (40 yrs) ~~[1-mile]~~ ½ mile”

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7. Page 8 – Article II – Classification of Racing Events; B. Conditions of Classification; 3. Page 30 – Article XII. – Protests; G. Illegal and Ineligible Paddler; 4.

Adds new language, as paragraph 3, to allow the reclassification of youth paddlers who have raced in the open division during their island association's regatta season to be reclassified back to youth, and renumbers the remaining paragraphs. Further, a youth paddler not reclassified back to youth status may be reclassified on the day of the State Championship Regatta, without penalty.

"ARTICLE II. CLASSIFICATION OF RACING EVENTS

B. CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION

1. **Step-Ups** For the purpose of definition, Novice "B" (men and women) shall be considered the lowest classification, followed by Novice "A", Boys/Girls 12 Yrs & Under, Mixed Boys & Girls 12 Yrs & Under, Boys/Girls 13 Yrs & Under, Boys/Girls 14 Yrs & Under, Boys/Girls 15 Yrs & Under, Boys/Girls 16 Yrs & Under, Boys/Girls 18 Yrs & Under, Freshmen Men/Women, Sophomore Men/Women, Junior Men/Women and Senior Men/Women.

On race day, providing all conditions as specified in Article IV, Registration, have been met, a paddler may move in classification. The paddler's name must be submitted on entry form HCRA 400, with the paddler's previous classification noted.

PADDLERS MAY RACE IN ONLY TWO (2) CLASSIFIED EVENTS

2. Paddlers in age classifications may move to higher classifications and back to lower classifications the following year, provided they meet the HCRA age limit requirements.
3. Boys and girls who have not reached their 19th birthday by the first day of the calendar and who have paddled in a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior race, also known as an open division race, during their island association's regatta season, will be reclassified to their age classification.
- ~~3.~~ 4. A novice paddler can step up to a Freshmen classification or higher but will not be allowed back to a novice classification the following year.

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[4.] 5. Men and Women 55, Men and Women 60, and Men and Women 65 paddlers shall be allowed to paddle in two (2) masters events, including mixed events, provided they meet the age requirements.”

and

“ARTICLE XII. PROTESTS

G. ILLEGAL AND INELIGIBLE PADDLER

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

b. The disqualification and penalty may not apply if a paddler’s classification and eligibility, as determined using the paddler’s race history in the HCRA Paddler™ database, conforms to Article II, B, 3. If necessary, the paddler may be reclassified on the day of the race.”

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- 8. Page 11 – Article V –Equipment; A. General; 2.

Adds a new language to paragraph 2 to include the use of HCRA Form 801, a standardized Canoe Weight Form.

“ARTICLE V. EQUIPMENT

A. GENERAL

1. There are three (3) classifications of canoes: (1) Koa, (2) Non-Koa, and (3) Open. In addition to the requirements of Article V, Koa and Non-Koa class canoes only shall conform to the design specifications set forth under Addendum “A” of these rules. (Refer to illustration of Hawaiian Koa Racing Canoe Hulls in Present Day Use, copyrighted-1978, HCRA). All canoes must be certified eligible to race in one of the above classes. Canoe measurements shall be recorded on Form HCRA 800, and evidence of certification shall be set forth by the Race Commissioner on Form HCRA 800A.
2. Canoes shall be weighed by the Race Committee each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in an HCRA sanctioned race or regatta. If not previously certified, the canoe shall be measured also. At any time during the year at the discretion of the Race Committee, canoes may be weighed and/or measured. A canoe’s weight, length, additional weights and position, if any, as describe in Section B (“Weight”) shall be recorded on Form HCRA 801.
3. ~~No covering on the top of a canoe to prevent swamping shall be permitted, except in long distance races.”~~

YES

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- 9. Page 11 – Article V – Equipment; C. Koa Canoe Specifications; 1.

Amends the language in paragraph 1 to include construction of a koa canoe to include “plank” construction.

“ARTICLE V. EQUIPMENT

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C. KOA CANOE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. a. It is our intent to honor and preserve the Hawaiian Koa Canoe. Whenever the inevitable conflicts come up between tradition and speed, it is our intent that tradition be more important than speed. Therefore, when some rule concerning the Koa canoe isn't specifically clear, it is agreed that the traditional method will be the one followed when interpreting the rule. The traditional method is to be defined as what the majority of the canoe builders have done in the past. The traditional method is further defined to include both single log and plank Koa canoe construction.
- b. Future Koa canoe construction plans must be submitted to HCRA's Canoe Specifications and Equipment Committee (CSEC) for review. CSEC will report, in writing, its finding of the Koa canoe construction plans and make a recommendation regarding same to HCRA's Board of Directors for final approval, prior to the commencement of Koa canoe construction to ensure that all future Koa canoe construction adheres to traditional methods.
- c. All new construction of koa canoes shall be documented for historical and educational purposes. The method of documentation shall include but not be limited to photography, videography, and other such documentary technologies as may evolve.
- 2. The hull (wa'a) of a Koa canoe shall be made of Hawaiian Koa and if extended, modified, enlarged, patched or repaired, such must be done with Koa components.
 - ~~[a. All new construction of koa canoes shall be documented for historical and educational purposes. The method of documentation shall include but not be limited to photography, videography, and other such documentary technologies as may evolve.]~~

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_____ **YES**

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10. Page 15-16 – Article V – Equipment; J. Required Periodic Water Lining of Koa Canoes.

Extends the water lining program by removing the 2019 sunset date, reduces the number of canoes required to be water lined from three to one, allows for non-koa hulls to be water lined for training purposes, increases from one to two the number of inexperienced persons who must attend the water line, removes the monetary fines for non-compliance of this section, and makes technical non-substantive amendments.

“ARTICLE V. EQUIPMENT

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J. REQUIRED PERIODIC WATER LINING OF KOA CANOES

1. ~~[The] HCRA hereby establishes a periodic water lining program to insure canoes conform to the design specifications set forth under addendum “A” of these rules and to provide for the training of persons in water lining. [{}Refer to illustration of Hawaiian Koa racing canoe hulls in present day use, (copyrighted 1978 HCRA) [and to provide for the training of persons in water lining].~~
- ~~[2. Pursuant to this section, each member association shall waterline the lesser of 3 canoes per year, or the number of lanes per event that association is awarded at the State Championship Regatta (as determined under ARTICLE X, Section D of these rules). Canoes shall be chosen in order of the most successful canoe (most medals/points won) as determined by the member association race director. No more than one canoe per club shall be selected for water lining pursuant to this rule.~~
- ~~3. Canoes water lined within the previous 5 years are exempt from water lining under this section.]~~
2. Each association shall water line a minimum of one canoe per year. Canoes shall be chosen randomly. Non-Koa canoe hulls may also be water lined for training purposes. A completed water line form, HCRA Form 800, shall be submitted to CSEC immediately upon conclusion of the water line.
- ~~[4.]~~ 3. Water lining under this section shall be done prior to the State Championship Regatta.

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~~[5.]~~ 4. HCRA shall pay \$100.00 per canoe water lined to offset costs and shall pay airfare for ~~[1]~~ one experienced/certified off-island person to participate in the water lining, if requested by the member association.

~~[6.]~~ 5. The member association shall provide a minimum of ~~[2]~~ two experienced/certified waterline personnel and ~~[one inexperienced person]~~ two inexperienced persons to be trained. The member association is also responsible to provide all necessary equipment to conduct the water lining. At water lining procedures done on Oahu, Na Ohana O Na Hui Waa (NOONHW) and ~~[OHCRA]~~ the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA) shall each provide one member.

~~7.~~ Water lining under this section may be suspended upon majority vote of the HCRA Board of Directors.

~~8.~~ This rule shall no longer be effective as of January 1, 2019.

~~9.~~ Associations not in compliance with this rule shall be fined \$500.00 for the first year of non-compliance, \$1,000.00 for the second year of non-compliance within 5 years of a previous offense, and \$2,000.00 for any third or subsequent violation within 5 years of a previous offense.]

~~[10.]~~ 6. Nothing in this section shall affect any other existing requirement for the water lining of a canoe (i.e. a canoe is still subject to water lining if changes are made to the hull).

 YES

 NO

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11. Page 28-30 – Article XII. – Protests; B.
 Page 29-30 – Article XIII. – Penalties/Disqualifications; E.

Amends the current language to ensure the club and/or paddlers involved may explain their protest position orally, and further underscores timely confirmation of a disqualification.

“ARTICLE XII. PROTESTS

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- B. All protests or complaints of rule violations shall be made to the Race Rules Committee, within 30 minutes after the posting of results on the official scoreboard for the event being protested. The time of the posting will be prominently displayed on the results posted on the official scoreboard. Protests shall be submitted by a coach or his representative on an official form (HCRA 1000) provided by HCRA. Coaches involved in a protest shall be notified immediately. In addition to the written protest (HCRA Form 1000), the Race Rules Committee should endeavor to hear from the protesting club’s coaches, if doing so will further inform the specifics of the protest. While the Race Rules Committee is hearing and reviewing the facts surrounding the protest, only coaches, HCRA club delegates, officials involved and/or others designated by the Race Commissioner shall be present.

After the hearing is completed, the Committee shall immediately exclude all persons, deliberate on the testimony and evidence and render a decision. Protests which have been acted upon shall become a part of HCRA’s permanent record. The Race Rules Committee may use any and all evidence it deems necessary to arrive at a decision for a protest which may include video, whether official or private.”

and

“ARTICLE XIII. PENALTIES/DISQUALIFICATIONS

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- E. If a disqualification is called by an official, a copy of Form HCRA 1001 shall be issued to the club(s) involved, immediately upon confirmation of the violation.”

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