

**MCHCA**

**2013**

**RACE RULES**



# Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association Race Rules

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## **FORWARD**

### **PURPOSE**

The Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association (MCHCA) was formed for the purposes of engaging in charitable, educational, cultural and recreational activities associated with Hawaiian canoeing, including the promotion of outrigger canoe racing and the construction and preservation of authentic Hawaiian Koa canoes.

The Race Rules as set forth are in furtherance of these purposes.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The specific objectives of MCHCA Race Rules are as follows:

1. To define and cover participation by MCHCA member clubs in races and regattas sanctioned by the MCHCA Board of Directors. These shall include the MCHCA scheduled regattas and such other regattas, surf course races, or open races accepted as sanctioned events by the MCHCA Board of Directors.
2. To serve as ~~%Model Rules+~~ and as a guide for MCHCA in establishing rules for the conduct of our races and regattas.
3. To define and cover participation by MCHCA member clubs in approved races and regattas.

### **CODE OF ETHICS<sup>3\*</sup>**

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

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

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

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

Any violation of the Code of Ethics shall be reported in writing to the Race Rules Committee chairman immediately following the incident unless otherwise directed by the Race Rules Committee Chairman. The Race Rules Committee will meet to review the report and then make recommendations to the MCHCA BOD for any disciplinary action. If the violation occurs at the MCHCA regatta the RACE RULES COMMITTEE will meet immediately following that regatta or not later than the next regatta or MCHCA BOD meeting, whichever occurs first. If the violation occurs at any other race or event the RACE RULES COMMITTEE will meet within 5 days from that race or event or prior to the next MCHCA BOD meeting. Disciplinary actions for the Code of Ethics violations are fines, suspensions, and/or expulsion from MCHCA. **7\* 25\***

## I. SANCTIONED AND APPROVED RACE REGATTAS

### A. Sanctioned Races and Regattas

1. **Definition** . A sanctioned race or regatta is one which is conducted directly or under the auspices of MCHCA.
2. **Note** . MCHCA member and non-member clubs may request permission to sponsor sanctioned races and regattas under the auspices of MCHCA.
3. **Conditions** . All sanctioned races and regattas conducted by MCHCA or by clubs under the auspices of MCHCA shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Prior approval by the MCHCA Board of Directors.
  - b. MCHCA prevailing Race Rules as approved by the MCHCA Board of Directors shall apply and any deviation thereof shall require Board approval.
  - c. Conduct of the race shall be governed by the MCHCA Race Director and a Race Committee appointed by the Race Director in accordance with the MCHCA Race Rules or as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - d. Guest participation is permissible subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
  - e. Registration and entrance fees shall be in accordance with MCHCA prevailing Race Rules or as approved by its Board of Directors.

### B. Approved Races and Regattas

1. **Definition** . An approved race or regatta is:
  - a. Any race or regatta other than MCHCA sanctioned races or regattas . sponsored by an MCHCA member club on Maui, which has been duly approved by MCHCA. Such races and regattas shall require approval by the MCHCA Board of Directors unless the Board, because of extenuating circumstances, shall deem otherwise. In such cases, the Board of Directors shall notify all prospective participants not less than two (2) weeks prior to the race or regatta that approval is being withdrawn and the reasons therefore. The sponsoring club shall have the right of appeal.
  - b. Any race or regatta sponsored by other than the MCHCA and/or MCHCA member club in which participation by MCHCA/HCRA member clubs has met the approval requirements as indicated below:
    1. A race or regatta in which participation is limited to the canoe clubs on any given island shall require approval of the respective island canoe racing association only.
    2. A race or regatta, in which invitations to participants are issued to clubs on other islands, statewide, nationally, or internationally, shall require MCHCA/HCRA Board of Directors approval.
2. **Conditions**
  - a. In the case of invitational races and regattas, the sponsoring organization shall submit to the MCHCA Secretary the following

information for the MCHCA Board of Directors review at least 30 days prior to the event.

1. Letter of invitation;
2. Rules governing the event, including canoe eligibility and class divisions;
3. Location and description of the site and race course;
4. Evidence of required approval of governmental agencies (U.S. Coast Guard and State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division);
5. Character and type of awards;
6. Entry fees;
7. Escort boat requirements; and
8. Paddler registration and eligibility requirements.
  - a. Failure to satisfactorily meet the requirements of this paragraph shall be grounds for denying or, in the case of sponsoring MCHCA clubs, for withdrawing approval of the event.
  - b. Participation by MCHCA member clubs in any race or regatta sponsored by an MCHCA member club from which approval has been withdrawn, or any race or regatta sponsored by other than MCHCA or an MCHCA member club approval by the Board of Directors, shall constitute a violation of rules subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors. MCHCA club sponsors shall also be subject to disciplinary action if the proposed race or regatta is held after approval from MCHCA is withdrawn. Such disciplinary action may include expulsion from the Association or denial of permission to participate in MCHCA/H CRA sanctioned races and regattas.

### **C. Race Scheduling**

1. The Race Schedule for MCHCA sanctioned and approved races/ regattas shall be determined in accordance with the following procedures:

a. The first regatta will be nine weeks before the first Saturday in August (the state regatta), leaving a weekend free between the MCHCA championship and the state regatta. There will be a bye weekend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. 17\* 19\*

b. The last regatta will be a Championship regatta. At this regatta the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed (lane) for States shall be awarded to the Championship regatta 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher of each event. In the event that the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher has already accumulated enough points during the season to qualify to go to States, the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed shall go to the crew with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest cumulative points for the season. The location and sponsor of the Championship regatta shall be determined by a majority vote of the MCHCA Board of Directors (No later than the April MCHCA BOD Meeting). 15\*

#### **D. Sanctioned Regattas**

1. All sanctioned regattas shall start at 8:00 a.m. and be scheduled in the following order:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 <sup>23*</sup>
NAP	LUK	WAI	HWN	LAH	KIH
KAH	NAP	LUK	WAI	HWN	LAH
NKE	KAH	NAP	LUK	WAI	HWN
KIH	NKE	KAH	NAP	LUK	WAI
LAH	KIH	NKE	KAH	NAP	LUK
HWN	LAH	KIH	NKE	KAH	NAP
WAI	HWN	LAH	KIH	NKE	KAH
Off:	Off:	Off:	Off:	Off:	Off:
LUK	WAI	HWN	LAH	KIH	NKE

2. After hosting the championship regatta, a club would sit out a year and then host the first regatta of the year. After Wailea hosts a championship, the order of clubs hosting and sitting out would be consistent with the age order of the clubs.

3. If Hana or Lanai decides to host a championship, an extra club would have to sit out that year. This means that a club could be out two years in a row.

#### **E. Draft System**

1. Remaining race dates shall be awarded through a draft system. Order of selection shall follow the same order as the sanctioned regatta schedule (paragraph I.D.1. Sanctioned Regattas) for that year with the understanding that Hana will be between Hawaiian Canoe Club and Lahaina Canoe Club; and, Hui Waqā O Lanai will be between Wailea Canoe Club and Hawaiian Canoe Club until such year that they become part of the rotating regatta schedule. <sup>25\*</sup> <sup>26\*</sup>

2. Clubs desiring additional race dates shall choose one (1) weekend per round until all weekends are taken or no additional dates are desired. However, see Protected Races in the next paragraph for special rules for the first round draft selections.

3. Clubs in order of inception:

Hawaiian Canoe Club  
Hana Canoe Club  
Lahaina Canoe Club  
Kihei Canoe Club  
Na Kai Ewalu  
Kahana Canoe Club  
Napili Canoe Club <sup>10\*</sup>  
Laeqila O Kai  
Wailea <sup>16\*</sup>  
Hui Waqā O Lanai <sup>12\*</sup>

#### **F. Protected Races**

Each club member shall be able to protect one weekend that they had occupied/reserved in the previous year during the first round of draft. All such protected weekends must be declared in advance of the first round selection. All weekends not protected shall be eligible for selection by other clubs during the



first and subsequent rounds.12\* (Note: What you had last year is what you get this year.) 13\*

### **G. Conflicts**

No conflicts in the schedule shall be allowed. No club is allowed to conduct a race on a weekend during which any other member club has a race scheduled. (Note: This rule applies only to competitive races, and not races, which are primarily for fundraising. It would be permissible for clubs to schedule fundraising races (i.e. hotel, challenge cup, restaurant) on the same day. Clubs shall be subject to satisfying the conditions as set forth in paragraph I.B.2 of these rules.)

### **H. Time of Scheduling**

The draft selection shall be held during the October MCHCA BOD meeting of the prior calendar year to the next MCHCA season. 20\*26\*

## **II. ORDER OF REGATTA RACING EVENTS**

A. **General:** This article covers the order and distance, scoring and awards for the official events of MCHCA Regattas.

B. **Order and Distance** 4\* 23\*

1.	Women (65 yrs) 21* 24*26*27*	½ mile
2.	Men (65 yrs) 21* 24*26*27*	½ mile
3.	Women (60 yrs) 21* 24*25*27*	½ mile
4.	Men (60 yrs) 21* 24*25*27*	½ mile
5.	Girls 12 yrs & under B 13*	¼ mile
6.	Boys 12 yrs & under B 13*	¼ mile
7.	Girls 12 yrs & under A 13*	¼ mile
8.	Boys 12 yrs & under A 10* 13*	¼ mile
9.	Mixed Boys & Girls 12 yrs & under	¼ mile
10.	Girls 13 yrs & under	¼ mile
11.	Boys 13 yrs & under	¼ mile
12.	Girls 14 yrs & under	¼ mile
13.	Boys 14 yrs & under	¼ mile
14.	Women Novice %B+	¼ mile
15.	Mixed Novice %B+11*	¼ mile
16.	Girls 15 yrs & under 12* 13*	½ mile
17.	Boys 15 yrs & under 12* 13*	½ mile
18.	Men Novice %B+	½ mile
19.	Girls 16 yrs & under	½ mile
20.	Boys 16 yrs & under	½ mile
21.	Girls 18 yrs & under	½ mile
22.	Mixed Boys & Girls 18 yrs & under 23*	½ mile
23.	Women Novice %A+	½ mile
24.	Boys 18 yrs & under 11* 12*	1 mile
25.	Men Novice %A+11* 12*	1 mile
26.	Women (55 yrs) 9* 11* 12* 14* 24*25*	½ mile
27.	Men (55 yrs) 9* 11* 12* 14* 24*25*	½ mile
28.	Women (50 yrs) 16* 24*25*	½ mile
29.	Men (50 yrs) 7* 16* 24*25*	½ mile
30.	Mixed Men & Wm (55 yrs+)15*24*25*	½ mile
31.	Mixed Men & Wm (60 yrs+)25*	½ mile
32.	Mixed Men & Wm (65 yrs+)25*27*	½ mile
33.	Women Freshmen 11* 12*	1 mile
34.	Men Freshmen 11* 12*	1 mile

35.	Women Sophomore 11* 12*	1 mile
36.	Men Sophomore 11* 12*	1 mile
37.	Women Junior	1 mile
38.	Men Junior 11*	1 mile
39.	Women Open Four	½ mile
40.	Men Open Four	½ mile
41.	Mixed Men & Women (40 yrs) 24*	½ mile
42.	Mixed Men & Women Open	½ mile
43.	Women (40 yrs) 3* 11* 12* 16* 24*	1 mile
44.	Men (40 yrs) 3* 11* 12* 16* 24*	1 mile
45.	Women Open 3* 11* 12*	1 ½ mile
46.	Men Open 3* 11* 12*	1 ½ mile

C. **Scoring of Races**

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Events 1 through 46 20* 23*27*	5	3	2	1

D. **Awards**

Individual awards shall be given to crews placing first, second, and third in each race. MCHCA Directors shall determine the type and character of awards.

E. **Divisions:**

There will be two (2) divisions, A & AA:

1. A Division: 14 crews or less
2. AA division: 15 crews or more

Divisions will be determined at drawing of lanes only. 11\*

F. **Inability to finish regatta**

In the event that any regatta cannot be completed due to darkness or other condition, rescheduling or cancellation of said regatta shall be decided by majority vote of the clubs representatives. In the event of a tie the Race Director has the deciding vote. 13\*

III. **CLASSIFICATION OF RACING EVENTS** 23\*

A. **Definitions**

1. Junior Open to any male or female.
2. Sophomore Open to any male or female whom has not paddled in a Junior race in the current regatta season. 11\* 12\* 22\*
3. Freshman Open to any male or female who has not paddled in a Junior or Sophomore race in the current regatta season. 8\* 11\* 12\*
4. Boys/Girls 18 Open to any boy or girl who has not yet paddled in more than one Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Novice A race in the current regatta season and who has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 11\* 13\* 15\* 19\* 20\* 21\*27\*
5. Mixed 18 Not a classified event. Open to any boy/girl who has not reached his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. Crew must be three boys and three girls. (**Not** a HCRA State Race event.) 23\*

6. Boys/Girls 16 Open to any boy or girl who has not yet paddled in more than one Freshman, Sophomore or Junior or Novice A race in the current regatta season and who has not reached his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 9\* 11\* 12\* 13\* 15\* 19\* 20\* 21\*27\*
7. Boys/Girls 15 Open to any boy or girl who has not yet paddled in more than one Freshman, Sophomore or Junior or Novice A race in the current regatta season and who has not reached his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 12\* 13\* 20\* 21\*27\*
8. Boys/Girls 14 Open to any boy or girl who has not reached his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 8\* 11\*12\* 13\* 20\*
9. Boys/Girls 13 Open to any boy or girl who has not reached his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 8\* 11\*12\* 13\* 20\*
10. Mixed 12 Not a classified event. Open to any boy/girl who has not reached his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. Crew must have three boys and three girls. 8\* 11\*12\* 13\* 16\* 20\*
11. Boys/Girls 12A Open to any boy or girl who has not reached his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 10\* 11\* 12\* 13\* 20\*
12. Boys/Girls 12B Open to any boy or girl who has not reached his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the calendar year. 10\* 11\* 12\* 13\*
13. Novice %A+ Open to any first, second or third year paddler who has never been classified in a higher classification. (Note-16, 17, and 18 year old paddlers who paddle once in Novice A and go back to age bracket are not classified yet.) A person may remain in Novice %A+ classification for two (2) years, after which they must move to a higher classification. (Participation in novelty races and/or one OC1/OC2 season does not affect classification.) 8\* 11\*27\*

Examples:

1. Year 1 . Novice %B+
  2. Year 2 . Novice %A+
  3. Year 3 . Novice %A+
1. Year 1 . Novice %B+step up to Novice %A+
  2. Year 2 . Novice %A+
  3. Year 3 . Freshman or higher

14. Novice %B+ Open to any male or female who has not paddled in more than one sanctioned regatta or distance race prior to the start of the current racing season and who has never paddled in any Novice A, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior event. 9\* 11\* 12\*

The phrase %sanctioned regatta or distance race+ means a regatta and/or distance race sanctioned by any outrigger canoe racing association including, but not limited to, HCRA and its affiliate associations, high school associations, and/or any outrigger canoe association from any state or country. A paddler may participate in not more than one prior OC1/OC2 season without affecting his/her Novice B status. 3\*27\*

15. Mxd Novice ~~B~~+ Not a classified event. Open to any male/female who has not paddled in more than one sanctioned regatta or distance race prior to the start of the current racing season, and who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and has never paddled in any Novice A, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior event. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirement. 11\* 12\* 13\* 15\*
16. Men/Wmn Opn Four Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta. 2\* 15\*
17. Men/Women 40 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 40 years of age or older who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. 2\* 15\* 16\* 24\*
18. Men/Wmn 50 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 50 years of age or older who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. 15\* 16\* 24\*
19. Mixed Men/Women Not a classified event. Open to any male or female that is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements. 2\* 15\*
20. Men/Women Open Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta. 2\* 12\* 15\*

NOTE: Points for this event shall be accumulated as in other events and shall be used to seed the State qualifiers for the Men / Women Senior races. (Section XIII A & B shall apply).  
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21. Mixed Men/Women 40 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements. 4\* 15\* 24\*
22. Men/Wmn 55 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female 55 years or older who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. 10\* 11\* 12\* 14\* 15\* 24\*
23. Mixed Men/Wmn 55 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements. 15\* 24\*
24. Men/Wmn 60 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. 21\* 24\*
25. Mixed Men/Wmn 60 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements. 25\*
26. Men/Wmn 65 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who

has reached his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Events subject to review at Lane Draw dependent on crew entries) 26\*

27. Mixed Men/Wmn 65 Not a classified event. Open to any male or female who is not paddling in more than one other event in the same regatta and who has reached his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the day of the regatta. The crew is to be made up of three (3) men and three (3) women. No seating requirements. 27\*

**B. Conditions of Classifications 23\***

1. Definition of a year/season shall be fiscal from April 1<sup>st</sup> through to March 31<sup>st</sup>, same fiscal year as the HCRA insurance policy. 27\*
2. For the purpose of definition, Novice %B+(men and women) will be considered the lowest classification, followed by Boys and Girls 12B, Boys and Girls 12A, Mixed 12, Boys and Girls 13, Boys and Girls 14, Boys and Girls 15, Boys and Girls 16, Mixed 18, Boys and Girls 18, Novice %A+, Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior. 25\*
3. Age restrictions. Paddlers aged 15 years and younger are prohibited from being entered in the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Novice B, Novice A or unclassified adult events. 10\* 11\* 12\* 15\* 21\* 24\*
4. At the end of the MCHCA Regatta season and also at the beginning of the next regatta season, paddlers 18 years and younger may reclassify back down to a younger classification, provided they meet the age requirements. 8\* 11\* 13\* 20\* 24\*
5. Any adult who paddled 3+ years in the 18 years and younger divisions and who sits out for more than 5 years can come back and petition the Race Director to return and paddle as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Novice A. 13\* 23 \* 24\*
6. A Novice B paddler who races in more than one unofficial race at a MCHCA regatta shall not be eligible as a Novice B in subsequent years. Participation in an unofficial crew at a MCHCA regatta shall be considered as paddling in a sanctioned regatta for purposes of Novice Classification. 18\*
7. Paddlers in classification Novice %B+ must move to classification called Novice %A+ or higher classification the following year.
8. Any Novice paddler who moves up in classification is required to stay at that classification level for the season, but may reclassify as a Freshman at the end of the MCHCA regatta season and may also reclassify to Freshman at the start of the next regatta season. 13\* 20\*
9. It is understood that a Novice %B+ or %A+ paddler can paddle in a non-classified event without affecting their novice status. 2\*
10. Paddlers who have moved to Sophomore or Junior during a regatta season may reclassify to Freshmen at the end of the MCHCA regatta season and may also reclassify to Freshman at the start of the next regatta season. 8\* 12\* 13\* 22\*
11. Each paddler will be allowed to participate in no more than two (2) point events in the same regatta, i.e. paddler may apply the step-up rule or race in one classified and one unclassified event or in two unclassified events. No more than three (3) paddlers from one event may paddle together in another event in the same regatta; with the exception of the Men/Women 55, Men/Women 60 and the Men/Women Open events. 18\* 19\* 21\* 24\*

12. Step-up rules will remain in effect for classified events, for example: a Novice B paddler may paddle both the Novice B race and a Mixed Novice B race in the same regatta, but once a Novice B has raced in a Novice A or a higher classified race, he or she may not be reclassified back to Novice B.
13. Step-up<sup>1\*</sup>
  - a) Anytime a paddler moves to a higher adult classification (Freshman, Sophomore or Junior) in the same day, it would be considered a step-up. <sup>21\*</sup>
  - b) On Race Day, providing all conditions as specified in Article V, Registration, have been met, a paddler may move up in classification. <sup>22\*</sup>
  - c) The Open Women and Open Men events are not classified events; therefore ~~the~~ step-up rules do not apply.

Example: You could conceivably have a crew made up of all step-ups. <sup>2\*</sup>
14. Paddling in an unofficial crew will not affect the paddler's official classification. <sup>26\*</sup>

#### IV. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Clubs Any member club of MCHCA who is in good standing and complied with Article V, Registration, shall be eligible to compete in regattas and long distance races sponsored by, sanctioned by, or approved by this organization.
- B. Paddlers Any male or female paddler who is a member of a recognized MCHCA club is eligible to participate pursuant to Article III, Classification and Article V, Registration.

#### V. REGISTRATION

##### A. Registration Date

1. Club registration will be scheduled by the Race Director not later than one week prior to the first lane draw. <sup>24\*</sup>
2. At lane draw each club will be allowed a maximum of twenty (20) additional registrations. Any late registrations for race day must be identified to the Race Director's representative by 6:00PM Friday. <sup>24\*</sup>
3. On race day each club will be allowed 5 (five) late registrations at a cost of \$5.00 per paddler.
4. For the purpose of eligibility, all paddlers shall be listed as registered on January 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of the date of their actual registration.

##### B. Documents for Registration

1. Age and Gender Verification <sup>16\*</sup>
  - a. All paddlers shall have available, if requested by the MCHCA Race Director, a certificate of birth from the Health Department, Bureau of Vital Statistics, or a baptismal certificate, verification of age from his/her school, or a driver's license (or other state issued identification). Proof of age and gender must be made available upon registration and upon request by the Race Director or Race Secretary within a reasonable amount of time. <sup>16\* 20\*</sup>
  - b. Failure to provide proof of age and gender within a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the Race Rules Committee, shall result in disqualification. <sup>16\*</sup>

2. Insurance Waivers 6\*

- a. For paddlers under 18 years, the minor insurance waiver must be signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s). 24\*
- b. The adult insurance waiver must be signed by paddlers 18 years and older. 24\*
- c. Every person listed on the Paddler Registration Roster (MCHCA Form #200) must have an insurance waiver form properly signed and on file with the MCHCA Race Director.
- d. Every person paddling in a race (official, unofficial, or ~~Maanini~~) must have a properly signed insurance waiver on file with the MCHCA Race Director.

C. **Registration Cards (HCRA-ID 500)** 6\* 20\*

1. Each paddler, to be eligible, must register first with the MCHCA before he/she can participate in any racing events sanctioned by MCHCA.
2. Each member club shall be responsible for:
  - a. the data input for each paddler's ID card and waiver information in the HCRA ID system.
  - b. obtaining validations for each paddler's information from the HCRA approved checkers.
3. Each member club shall be responsible for submitting any status changes . new names (result of adoption or marriage), etc., for each paddler and obtaining validations by the checkers for those changes. 20\*
4. Registration cards (HCRA-ID 500) shall be printed by the member club using the HCRA ID system. There shall be no manual registration cards. 2\* 16\* 20\* 22\*
5. Any paddler not so registered by the start of the coaches meeting for any race will be ineligible to participate in that race. These paddler's ID cards will become a permanent part of the records of the Association. 24\*
6. At the end of each regatta, paddler ID cards will be returned to each member club and maintained by that club until the next regatta. 6\*
7. No HCRA paddler ID checker will check paddler waivers and identification for any paddler belonging to the same club they are currently registered with. 22\*

D. **Paddler Registration Roster (MCHCA Form 200)** 6\* 24\*

1. Each member club will list the names of all paddlers; male and female, by gender, in alphabetical order, last names first on the computer generated MCHCA Form 200. ( 22\*)
2. Each paddler registration roster (MCHCA #200) shall be accompanied by insurance waivers (MCHCA #300 & #350) and paddler's identification card (MCHCA #100), for each name listed on the roster and any transfers if applicable. 6\*
3. The initial paddler registration roster and any addendum must be generated from the HCRA ID system and contain the paddler ID number. 7\*

4. All names listed on the MCHCA Form #200 must have a paddler's identification card on file (HCRA-ID 500).

**E Late Registration 6\***

1. Late registration of paddlers on race day will be permitted providing the following stipulations are met:
  - a. All necessary forms and verifications are in order (spreadsheet with necessary information, verification of date of birth and gender, roster, I.D. card with picture and signature, insurance form). 19\*
  - b. Transfers will not be accepted on race day. Transfers are accepted at the drawing of lanes.
  - c. Not more than five (5) paddlers may be registered on race day at five dollars (\$5.00) each. The names of the five paddlers must have been submitted to the Race Director or his/her designate by 6:00PM Friday. Registration must be completed by the start of the coaches meeting on race day. Clubs must be prepared to provide a proper ID card and or waiver for each paddler who is to be late registered. 20\* 22\*

**F Transfers (MCHCA Form 600)**

1. A paddler transferring from one club to another must have his transfer approved by the releasing club by the time entries are due in order for the paddler to be eligible to paddle in such race. MCHCA Form 600 shall be used for this purpose. 12\* 24\*
2. In addition to initiating a transfer request through the HCRA race ID system, transfers shall be initiated by the receiving club via e-mail to the appropriate official member of the releasing club, who shall approve or disapprove the transfer via e-mail. The Race Director and Race Secretary will be copied on the e-mail sequence. 12\* 22\* 24\*
3. A paddler who paddles in a regatta with a member club is ineligible to paddle competitively for another club in the same regatta season (first official regatta through State Race). A paddler may transfer to another club at the conclusion of the regatta season to paddle in long distance races. All financial obligations must be met to transfer. All debts incurred in distance season must be paid prior to returning to the original club. The Race Rules Committee has the prerogative to approve transfers in special cases such as hardship due to a switch in a geographical location. 1\* 2\* 12\* 20\*
4. A paddler transferring from any club on another island to a MCHCA member club shall retain the same classification he or she last paddled. Transfers must accompany a paddler transferring to MCHCA.
5. A transfer and release shall be given only once during a regatta season. 10\*
6. A transfer and release shall be initiated from the member club that the paddler is to be newly registered using MCHCA Form 600.
7. No paddler shall be eligible for a transfer and release if the paddler is in financial debt to and/or withhold property belonging to the member club. If such is the case, the member club involved must submit substantial evidence to the Race Rules Committee and Board of Directors.



**G. Intent**

1. A paddler with no present club affiliation shall be considered a member of the first club he/she seeks application to.
2. Where a paddler, already a member of a club, seeks membership in another club and, in so doing, files a membership application, transfers or otherwise demonstrates his/her intent, before participating in a sanctioned regatta, or racing in that season, the paddler shall be deemed a member of the club of intent upon the approval of a transfer and release by original club.
3. Where a transfer is financially indebted to his/her parent club, and files a form of intent to join another club, the intended club may accept the paddler's financial indebtedness and thus secure the paddler's transfer and release.
4. Failure to comply shall result in disciplinary action by the Race Committee/Board of Directors, MCHCA.

**VI. EQUIPMENT**

**A. General**

1. There are four classifications of canoes: (1) Koa; (2) Malia mold; (3) HCRA approved specifications canoe; and (4) Open. In addition to the requirements of this section (VI), koa and non-koa class canoes only shall conform to the design specification set forth under Addendum ~~A~~+ of these rules. (Refer to illustration of ~~H~~awaiian 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 (HCRA Form 800) and the evidence of certification shall be set forth by the Race Commissioner (HCRA Form 800A). ~~10~~\*
2. Canoes shall be weighed by the MCHCA Canoe Inspector each year before the canoe is eligible to participate in an MCHCA 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. ~~8~~\*
3. Flotation compartments must be located at the bow and stern manou only. This rule shall not apply to canoes registered prior to January 1, 1980.
4. Attachable fins, keels or other devices are not permitted.

**B. Weight**

1. All canoes shall weigh not less than 400 pounds. For purposes of weight determination, the word ~~canoe~~+ shall not include ama, iako, and kaula (tying rope), but shall include hull and permanent fixtures such as manu, mo~~o~~ (gunwales), wa~~a~~ noho (seats), pepeiao (cleats), ribs, patches, and permanently attached lead weights. Canoes that are fitted with rails and hoop brackets shall weigh a minimum of 408 pounds. ~~12~~\*
2. For canoes produced prior to August 1, 1988, the minimum weight of the hull without weights must be no less than 350 pounds. All added weight in excess of five pounds must be equally distributed on a minimum of two (2) seats between Seats #2 through #5. ~~27~~\*

For canoes produced after August 1, 1988, the minimum weight of the hull without weights must be no less than 385 pounds. All added weight in excess of five pounds

must be equally distributed on a minimum of two (2) seats between Seats #2 through #5. 27\*

All added weights must be permanently fixed under the seats by screws or bolts to allow ease of inspection by Race Officials at any time during a race or regatta. 10\*

C. **Structural Changes**

1. Prior to the first weighing of canoes (1<sup>st</sup> sanctioned race), member clubs must notify the Board of Directors and Race Committee of any and all structural changes made to a canoe. Notice must be in writing and must be accompanied by a diagram indicating changes.
2. Alterations and/or structural changes made after the first weigh-in must be reported to the Race Committee and Board of Directors, and subject canoe must be weighed again to qualify for the regatta the canoe is to enter.
3. Disapproved structural changes to a canoe shall be classified as nonstandard equipment. Every crew using nonstandard equipment shall be penalized.

D. **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 the race. 18\*

E. **Newly Acquired Canoes**

Canoes entering a race/regatta for the very first time must be classified and weighed. New canoes acquired by member clubs must be in compliance with Article VI (Equipment) of these rules.

F. **Substitutions** 6\*

No club shall be permitted to use another club's canoe during a sanctioned regatta without first notifying the officials. If approved, that canoe would then have to be identified with the club's Numerical Assignment number. 15\*

G. **Penalty Clause**

1. Canoes and paddles failing to meet the specifications herein shall be disqualified from competition in MCHCA races or regattas.
2. Penalty shall also apply to crews using nonstandard equipment during a race.

H. **Weighing Canoes**

1. A Canoe Inspector shall be appointed by the Race Director. The Canoe Inspector, on a standard approved scale, shall weigh all canoes. This inspector will work under the direction of the Race Director and shall be member of the Race Committee. 9\*
2. At the discretion of the Race Committee, or upon request, periodic weighing of canoes shall also be conducted during the season.
3. All weights of canoes shall be officially recorded on forms supplied by MCHCA. Location of lead weights and any other pertinent information shall be registered by the Race

Committee (MCHCA Ford 800). The completed forms shall be available to the Race Director at all races to aid in the inspection of canoes. 1\*

4. All sections of the canoe must be free of water. 1\*
5. All weighing of canoe information will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. 1\*

I. **Inspections**

The Race Committee shall, at any time it so chooses, conduct inspection of equipment. However, at least one (1) inspection must be done at the beginning of each season.

VII. **CANOE SPECIFICATIONS**

A. **Koa Canoe Specifications**

1. The hull of a koa canoe shall be originally hollowed out of a single koa log and, if extended, modified, enlarged, patched, or repaired, such must be done with koa components.
2. Except as provided herein, all patches (including ribbing) installed in the hull of any canoe shall 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 1970 and reported in writing to the Race Committee 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 race or regatta of any year and replaced by a koa patch prior to use of that canoe in a race or regatta in any following year.
3. Ama and iako shall be fashioned from only the following types of Hawaiian woods: wiliwili, hau, milo, ohia, koa and ohe ohe. No attachable fins, keels or other devices shall be allowed.
4. An unpainted ama made from Hawaiian wood that is to be painted must first, before painting, be reported to the Board of Directors so that the ama can be checked before painting by a member of the Race Committee, who will make a permanent record of the wood type. Violation of this section by a club can and may result in a penalty, such as the disqualification of the canoe, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
5. At the discretion of the Race Committee, any painted 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 the cost of MCHCA.

B. **Non-Koa Malia Mold Class Canoe Specifications**

1. The hull of the canoe may be constructed from any or all types of material to include fiberglass, foam, metal, wood, laminated koa, etc. It must be of traditional Hawaiian Malia mold design.
2. Ama and iako may be fashioned from any type of material. No attachable fins, keels or other devices shall be allowed.
3. Metal material in construction of a non-koa canoe is limited to nuts, screws and bolts.

C. **Open Hawaiian Racer Class Canoe Specifications**

An open class canoe shall follow the requirements of Section VII A and B above, except for hull design specifications. There are no design restrictions other than those set forth.

**D. Open Class Canoe Specifications**

The canoe shall be a six-man, single hull canoe rigged with a single ama and double iako separated by at least one seat. It shall not exceed 45 feet in length. There shall be no mechanical devices or additional attachments for bailing, powering or steering. Fiberglass canoes must have positive buoyancy with flotation compartments only at the bow and stern of the canoe.

**E. Miscellaneous**

1. Canoes, equipment, etc., not meeting the specifications shall not be used in MCHCA sanctioned races.
2. During a sanctioned race or regatta, each club is fully responsible for its own equipment and property damage.
3. A canoe or crew deemed ineligible prior to a racing event shall not be permitted to enter the course. 26\*
4. New canoes or modifications to any canoes since October 1, 1976, and in the future, must be reported in writing to the Race Committee immediately upon completion.
5. An extra paddle in the canoe is suggested for safety reasons.
6. Each member club shall be held responsible for damages to its own property and/or equipment. The Association shall not be held responsible for any damages. 1\*
7. All official canoes competing in a MCHCA sanctioned regatta must be primarily rigged using a woven type cord. Rubber enforcements may only be added as an additional wrapping. Prohibited rigging will include but not limited to, quick straps, any straps using metal bindings and full rubber rigging. Use of rigging materials other than a woven type cord will result in disqualification of the crew using such rigging. If a crew is so disqualified, no delay in the regatta will be allowed for a club to change the prohibited rigging.
8. In order to facilitate clear identification of canoes for race officials, all canoes entered as an official entry in a race (therefore unofficial entries are differentiated by NOT having an ID sock) shall have an official MCHCA canoe ID sock with standardized number size and sock color. Or, shall have its club identification number on both the front sides of the canoe in a standardized number size and color. 25\* 26\*
9. Koa is considered a color for all clubs, koa canoes are required to have a club number or sock. 26\*

**F. HCRA Canoe Number Assignments – Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association**

Non-koa canoes (as described above) shall run from number 30 to 49 for Maui. 12\*

**G. Alphabetical and Numerical Assignments**

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Koa</u>	<u>Non-Koa</u>
HANA	HA	30	30 alpha
HAWAIIAN	HWN	31	31 alpha
KAHANA	KAH	32A	32 alpha
KIHEI	KIH	33	33 alpha
LAHAINA	LAH	34A	34 alpha
NA KAI EWALU	NKE	35A	35 alpha

NAPILI	NAP	36	36 alpha
LAE O KAI 5*	LUK	37	37 alpha
WAILEA 8* 16*	WAI	39	39 alpha
HUI WAA O LANAI	HWL	40	40 alpha

## VIII. OFFICIALS

### A. Race Director

1. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Board of MCHCA shall elect a Race Director.
2. The Race Director shall:
  - a. Serve as Race Director for all regular season regattas scheduled by MCHCA and shall ensure the regattas are run in accordance with these Race Rules. 25\*
  - b. Select the members and serve as chairperson of the Race Committee for each race or regatta scheduled by MCHCA
  - c. Monitor the racing activities of MCHCA member clubs and submit reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate
  - d. Have an allowance of \$300.00 to attend the HCRA championship regatta held on a neighboring island. 15\* 22

### 3. Race Committee

- a. The Race Committee shall consist of five (5) members: the Race Director, Race Secretary 12\*, Canoe Inspector, one (1) member associated with MCHCA as appointed by the Race Director, and the Race Rules Chair to serve as Parliamentarian. 24\*25\*
- b. The Race Committee shall on race day preside over and supervise officials at all canoe races scheduled by the Association for the season wherein member clubs participate, and to insure that such races are duly conducted in accordance with the Race Rules and By-Laws of MCHCA.
- c. The Race Committee shall conduct the drawing of lanes in all scheduled regattas and inspect equipment when required.
- d. The Race Committee shall be responsible for the briefing of all officials and providing each with copies of the Race Rules prior to each regatta. 5\*
- e. The Race Committee shall make a comprehensive report or critique in writing to the Board of Directors on all races conducted by MCHCA. 22\*
- f. The following officials may be appointed by the Race Director with the approval of the Race Committee to serve at all races:
  - 1) Not less than two (2) and not more than five (5) Lane Inspectors. 12\*
  - 2) At least two (2) Judges to determine the order of finish and violations on turns within their direct line of site.15\*
  - 3) Two (2) timers.12\*
  - 4) One (1) Starter and not more than two (2) Assistants to watch for infractions on the water.
  - 5) One (1) Head Recorder and at least one assistant from each member club.
  - 6) One (1) Announcer per race/regatta to be provided by the host club.

- g. The Race Committee must be fully trained and cognizant of the race rules and responsibilities.
- h. The Race Committee shall be provided with official uniforms designated by the Race Committee and provided by MCHCA.
- i. Officials shall be provided with official equipment with which they can conduct their business.
  - 1) Three (3) stop watches or Two (2) Timers. 12\*
  - 2) Two (2) sets of walkie-talkies.
  - 3) Starting equipment to include necessary flags.
  - 4) Nine (9) sets of lane flags.
  - 5) Any necessary computer equipment.
  - 6) One video camera to record finishes.

**B. Race Rules Committee 5\***

- 1. There shall be a Race Rules Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Race Rules Chair and a representative from each member club. 20\* The Committee shall:
  - a. Brief and provide all coaches with copies of the Race Rules prior to the start of the racing season. 12\*
  - b. Hear and render decisions as soon as possible on all protests.
    - 1. Decisions of this Committee on matters under its cognizance shall be binding and final.
    - 2. In the event of a tie in the voting the race rules committee chairman shall have the deciding vote. 15\*
    - 3. However, decisions relative to the interpretation of these Race Rules may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
  - c. All questions regarding these race rules shall be interpreted by the Race Rules Committee only. 6\*

**C. Officials**

Each member club shall be required to provide, at minimum, 2 officials (one for the officials stand and one for the water) at each regatta. Such officials must be approved by the Race Director (provided that such approval may not be unreasonably withheld). Failure to provide required officials shall result in a fine of \$25 per official per regatta. 19\*

**IX. RECEIPT OF ENTRIES AND DRAWING OF LANES**

**A. Date**

- 1. The Race Director shall designate the place and set the time and date for the receipt of entries and drawing of lanes. With the exception of the first regatta of the year, such date shall be neither earlier than seven (7) days nor later than two (2) days prior to a regatta. 10\*

2. A club, which is unable to attend the drawing at any time and date set, may submit its entries together with the required entry fee to the Race Director at an earlier date.
3. The lane drawing schedule shall be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than the regular meeting just prior to the first lane drawing.
4. The Race Director or other designated Race Committee official shall notify each designated club representative prior to each lane drawing.

**B. Lane Drawing**

1. The drawing of lanes shall take place after the receipt of entries for all events.
2. Only clubs that have made proper entry and paid the entry fees shall be permitted to draw lanes for any particular race. The Race Director shall appoint a person to draw lanes for any club properly entered but unable to be properly represented at the drawing.
3. The lanes to be used shall be consecutive and commence with lane #1. The total number of lanes shall equal the number of entries. Lane #1 shall be shoreward (for courses parallel and the last lane looking seaward (for courses running generally perpendicular to the shore).
4. The selection of lanes shall be by the various clubs in the order as determined by drawing of lots. Clubs whose lanes are selected by an appointee of the Race Director shall abide by the lane selection made by the appointee.
5. Seeded lane draw to be performed at the MCHCA Championship regatta only. 16\* Crews with the most points would be allowed to select their lane followed in turn by the crew with the next highest points and so on until all crews have been placed. A tie breaker for those crews with an equal number of points would be by the highest place finish in the preceding race.10\* 11\*

**C. Entries At Drawing Of Lanes**

1. Each club shall be limited to one (1) official entry per event.10\*
2. Unofficial crews may enter in any race providing that one lane is open between official entries and unofficial crews. Unofficial crews must be declared at lane draw. Entry fee of \$15 per canoe is charged for all unofficial races. If on the day of a regatta, a club buys a lane and no lanes are available for the unofficial entries, affected clubs will receive credit for the following regatta. No reimbursements will be provided. 10\* 18\*
3. The prescribed entry fee must accompany each entry unless prepayment has been made with the Race Director/Treasurer of MCHCA. If a club has a credit balance with the Treasurer to cover the entry fee for any race, the Race Director shall be so notified by the Treasurer prior to lane drawing.
4. Eligible paddlers to paddle the race shall be those properly registered. 22\*

**D. Late Entries On Race Day**

Are permitted providing the following stipulations are met:

1. Double entry fee for official races only, unofficial races shall pay the standard entry fee. 24\*
2. No more than two (2) late official crew entries permitted per club, per regatta. 14\*

3. All late official crew entries must be submitted at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the regatta. 19\*
4. The late official entry crew will receive the next lane available for an official crew, possibly pushing an unofficial entry out another lane in that race. (All official crews shall be inside of unofficial crews). 19\*
5. Clubs may enter/purchase lanes for an unofficial crew no later than the start of the race prior to the intended event and shall be assigned the next available lane. 19\*26\*

**E. Procedures and Forms 23\***

1. Official Entry List (OEL)

- a. For identification purposes, the final entry list shall be known as (MCHCA Form 400).
- b. The final entry list (MCHCA Form 400), including scratches, shall be submitted on the date of the regatta at the start of the two (2) races prior to said event. (Note . Substitutions are five (5) minutes prior to start of the event or raising of the yellow flag.) 13\* 15\* 26\* 27\*
- c. The entry list (MCHCA Form 400) shall contain only six (6) or four (4) [for Open Four Men or Women] names and paddler identification numbers. These names must appear on (HCRA-ID 500) and (MCHCA Form 200). The persons who actually paddle the race shall be those names appearing on the entry list. 22\*
- d. Substitutions must be submitted to Official Stand five (5) minutes (i.e. raising of the yellow flag) prior to start of the specific event. 23\* 26\*

2. Official Club Representatives

- a. Each club shall submit in writing to the Race Director the names of two persons who shall be the official representative for their clubs on race day. These names must be submitted no later than lane draw for the first regatta of the year.
- b. Only these official representatives will be allowed to approach the Race Director and/or Race Officials.
- c. If for any reason one or both of these representatives are unavailable during a regatta, the club may submit the names of one or two alternates to be the official representatives for that regatta. These names must be submitted prior to the end of the coaches meeting for that regatta.

3. MCHCA Records

- a. All MCHCA records of entries, races and regattas must be available for inspection/research upon request (verbal or written) within a reasonable time.
- b. Race day is not an appropriate time to inspect records.

**X. FLAT COURSE RULES**

**A. Course**

1. The official MCHCA racecourse in Kahului Harbor shall be ¼ mile in length; in Kihei ¼ mile or ½ mile in length; in Lahaina shall be ¼ mile or ½ mile in length. All courses must be laid out in equal lanes, preferably 80 feet wide, but not less than 70 feet wide. 3\* 13\*



2. Each lane shall be designated by flags of the same color for that lane. On ¼ mile courses, each lane must have two (2) flags of the same color, one (1) at each end of the course. For ½ mile courses, each lane must have three (3) flags of the same color, one (1) at each end and one (1) at the ¼ mile midpoint of that ½ mile course. There is to be no duplication of colors in different lanes except that the first and last lanes shall be marked with the same color flags. 3\*
3. Flags shall have a minimum dimension of 30 inches, shall be made of lightweight quick-drying cloth, and as far as practicable, shall be covered with solid colors and numbers.
4. The distance between the starting ¼ mile lines and ending ¼ mile lines shall be established by actual measurement of both lane #1 and the last numbered lane to insure that all lines are parallel. All flags on each line shall be, as nearly as practicable, in a straight line.
5. At least one hour before the first race of a regatta, the Race Director, in company of one representative from each club who wishes, shall inspect, and if requested, re-measure and reset the course to insure that all lanes between any two lines are of equal length. Moreover, in order for record times to have meaning, the distance between the lanes shall not be allowed to vary from ¼ mile by more than five (5) yards.
6. In the case of a **temporary obstacle** in the MCHCA race course, the events affected by the obstacle will be run consecutively in two (2) heats. Lanes and heats are to be determined by lanes drawn at the regularly scheduled lane draw. Odd numbered lanes will be in heat one (1) and even numbered lanes in heat two (2). Newly assigned lanes to start with lane one (1) and work out to lane five (5).

Heat one (1) those who drew lanes, 1,3,5,7,9 (assigned lanes = 1 to lane 1; 3 to lane 2; 5 to lane 3; 7 to lane 4; 9 to lane 5)

Heat two (2) those who drew lanes 2,4,6,8,10 (assigned lanes = 2 to lane 1; 4 to lane 2; 6 to lane 3; 8 to lane 4; 10 to lane 5)

- a. Place winners will be determined by best times from both heats.
- b. Temporary obstacle is defined as an obstacle not normally in the official MCHCA race course that will cause interference for crews racing in a specific lane. A temporary obstacle will be determined by the Race Rules Committee.
- c. In the event that the temporary obstacle is located on the inside lanes of the MCHCA race course, the Race Rules Committee will decide the consecutive lanes the heats will be run in. 23\*

## B. **Starting**

1. All starts shall be in accordance with the instructions from the Starter. All crews shall watch the Official's Boat for signals.
2. Crews may launch for the start of their race after the completion of the prior race as signified by the waving of the green or red flag. When the yellow five-minute flag is displayed, all canoes may be heading to their assigned lane. 25\*
  - a. Yellow Flag - As soon as the last canoe from a previous race reaches shore, a yellow flag will be displayed from the Official's Boat, for a maximum of five (5) minutes before the start of a race.12\* ***The exception to this rule shall be staged regattas where the yellow flag will be raised after the last official canoe***

***crosses the finish line. This exception to the rule shall not apply to Mixed 12 and Mixed Novice B races at said regattas. 21\* 22\* 23\****

- b. Yellow Flag . Then, the yellow flag will be waved for a count of five (5) and brought down. 23\*
  - c. Red Flag . The red flag will be raised as the yellow flag is brought down. 23\*
  - d. Green Flag . Official Start . the official start will be signified by the raising of the green flag and simultaneous lowering of the red. 23\*
4. No more than two (2) boat holders will be allowed. Boat holders may not assist in the forward motion of the canoe at the start. Boat holders must release the canoe at the raising of the red flag and must not push or pull the canoe forward at this time. 11\* The penalty shall be a \$100 fine and, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the crew may be disqualified. 24\*
  5. No false starts. Once the race begins there will be no false starts. 26\*
  6. Each canoe must start and finish with a full crew. 1\*
  7. Each canoe must be behind their assigned lane flag at the start of each race.11\*
  8. The Starter shall not hold up the start for a canoe deliberately lagging behind the Starter's command to get on the starting line. A lagging canoe shall not have right of protest on the grounds of an unfair start in the event the race is started. 23\*
  9. Officials shall use judgment and discretion to allow all canoes to arrive at the starting line. 23\*

C. **Recall**

There is no recall. 10\*

D. **Adverse**

1. Adverse conditions will be called at the coaches meeting or during the regatta if deemed necessary by the Race Director in coordination and/or recommendation by the coaches and/or water officials. 25\*
2. Under adverse conditions, at the discretion of the Race Committee:
  - a. The disqualification rules on burying (total submersion of flag and pole) the flag may be waived on the start only. 11\*
  - b. An open steersman may be used in events #1 thru #7. The steersperson must be of the same sex as required by the event.
  - c. No more than four (4) boat holders may be used. 25\*

E. **Lanes**

1. Lane width is defined as the full lateral distance between the adjoining flags.
2. All canoes must remain in their own lanes while passing the lane flags, which shall be to the left of the canoe. Canoes shall keep their respective lanes throughout the race and in no way interfere with other participating canoes. Burying of any flag (total submersion of flag and pole) during a race will constitute a disqualification of crews. 11\*

Note: If the flag goes between the ama and the canoe, this is a disqualification. 13\*

3. Where two (2) canoes approach each other from opposite directions within the same lane, each canoe should occupy as nearly as possible the one-half (1/2) width of the lane nearest its own line of flags so that the canoes will pass each other hull to hull.
4. If interference claims are made, the canoe not in its respective lane will be charged the infraction.
5. The decision whether or not to make lane changes will occur at the coaches meeting. Actual lane changes will be dependant upon timely receipt of scratches at the official stand and will be made by the Race Director or his/her designated official. 25\*

#### F. **Turns**

1. All turns shall be left turns around the single assigned lane flags. 27\* If the flag is buried (total submersion of flag and pole) 4\* 11\* due to contact with any part of the canoe and/or rigging, the crew will be disqualified; provided that a crew shall not be disqualified for burying its flag, in the judgment of the water official, the crew was forced into burying the flag to avoid a collision with another (interfering) canoe. This rule shall only apply in situations where the interfering canoe is disqualified. \*16
2. Where canoes assigned to adjoining lanes occupy the same lane during a turning maneuver, each canoe will maneuver in such a way as to occupy as nearly as possible the one-half (1/2) width of lane nearest its own line of flags so that the canoes will pass each other hull to hull.
  - a. Lead canoes coming out of the turn wide will have the right of way if the following /trailing canoe is in the ½ of the lead canoes lane.11\*
  - b. Lead canoes do not have the right of way if the following canoe is in the rightful ½ of their lane. 11\*

#### G. **Swamping**

A canoe that swamps during a race may be bailed out by its crew and proceed in the race. Outside assistance is not allowed.

#### H. **Finish**

1. All canoes must finish in their assigned lanes. The finish line is always determined by a straight line connecting the inner and outer most red flags. Once the bow crosses the finish, any part of the canoe may touch the flag or floater. 4\*25\*
2. A canoe crossing the finish line may proceed back to the beach with caution; however, it may not re-enter the course while the race is in progress. All canoes may return to the beach once the green or red flag is raised signifying the end of the race. 25\*
3. The official finish order shall be determined by the judges or, in the event of a protest, the Race Rules Committee. Any mechanical, computer or photographic device or evidence (including but not limited to finish line software, digital or other photography, and videotape) may be used by the judges and/or Race Rules Committee to assist in the determination of the order of finish. In the event of a discrepancy between any mechanical, computer or photographic device or evidence (including but not limited to finish line software, digital or other photography, and videotape) and the official finish

order, the official finish order as determined by the race rules committee shall prevail. The unavailability of such evidence, for whatever reason, shall not be grounds for protest. 16\*

**I. Practice canoes/crews**

1. Crews are allowed to practice on race day prior to their race with the following rules:
  - a. Crew will not enter the race course while a race is in progress. This includes a buffer zone of 40q(forty feet) on each side of the course.
  - b. Crew may cross between the official stand and the start/finish line when a race is not in progress. 15\* 23\*
  - c. Crew must be clear of racecourse when yellow starter flag begins to wave. 23\*
2. Yellow flag/5 minute rule is still in effect, officials will not wait for a practicing crew that is late approaching the starting line.
3. A practice canoe that does not follow the rules in paragraphs X.I. above will incur a \$50 fine. 13\* 15\*25\*

**J. Unofficial Canoes**

Only one (1) unofficial crew per club per event is allowed. (See Attachment) 25\*

**XI PENALTIES AND DQs**

- A. All fines must be paid by the next drawing of lanes or at the next MCHCA meeting, whichever occurs first; otherwise, the club will be ineligible to draw lanes or vote. A race or regatta will not be interrupted or stopped because of a disqualification or fine, which must be paid. A disqualified canoe may continue to race unless, for some specific reason, the Race Committee decides otherwise.
- B. **DQs** . Any violation of the following paragraphs shall result in the disqualification of the crew involved. 24\*
  1. Equipment violations, as specified in Article VI and Article VII of the Race Rules, shall result in the disqualification of all crews using the equipment in that race. (EQP) 26\*
  2. For using an illegal (PNL) or ineligible (PNE, PN2, PN3) paddler in a race, the penalty shall be a disqualification of the entire crew. 1\* 14\*
  3. The penalty for each burying of the flag violation shall be the disqualification of the crews. (FLG) 12\*
  4. Collision (COL), interference (INT), or finishing in a wrong lane (LAN) shall be disqualification of the crew involved.
  5. Canoes not turning on their assigned flag shall be disqualified. (FGT) 22\*
  6. At the start of a race, all canoes must be behind the starting flags to which they were assigned, free from causing interference.(SWL) 11\*

7. Each canoe must start and finish with a full crew or they will be disqualified (six (6) paddlers or four (4) for open four events only) (CNP).
8. After crossing the finish line, a canoe re-entering the race course or passing between the official stand and the start/finish line while the race is still in progress will be disqualified.(CPV) 13
9. A crew whose paddlers who do not match the HCRA ID Card submitted in the OEL for that race during a beach ID check will be disqualified. (BCV) 24\*
10. There must be an OEL for every crew entered in an event. Failure to submit an OEL prior to the end of said event will result in the DQ of that crew. 26\*
11. An OEL submitted after the start of the race is subject to a beach check for that event. The club must present all the paddlers to the beach checker by holding the crew at beach upon completion of the race. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the crew.(BCV) 24\*
12. If a paddler is entered in two events one of which is unofficial, failure to paddle the official event first will result in disqualification.(UOV)
13. Boat holder violations will be fined and may result in a disqualification at the discretion of the Race Committee.(BHV) 24\*27\*

### **C. Penalties (Fines) 24\***

1. Unofficial Canoes . The penalty for an unofficial canoe not providing an open lane between them and an official crew or running on the inside of the official crews, shall be a fine for their club of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00).(ULV) 13\* 14\*
2. Any individual, club, association member, associate member, volunteer or MCHCA official who performs acts deemed abusive, destructive, harmful and/or illegal to another individual or individual's property will be subject to a fine of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250), criminal charges when indicated, and termination of membership/affiliation with MCHCA. (BEH) 3\*
3. There will be no consumption of alcoholic beverage and/or use of illicit drugs by club members and club visitors during a regatta or race sanctioned/approved by MCHCA. Any infraction of this rule will result in a fine of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200) to the club in violation and the paddler will be prohibited from racing that day. (ABI) 3\* 22\*
4. There must be an OFFICIAL ENTRY LIST for every crew entered in every event. If the OEL (Form #400), including any substitutions and or scratches, is not received within the time limits as stated in section IX.E.1.b. and d., the club will be fined the sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25). (CLL) However, once the event has started, the fine will be increased to the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100). (CLS) 6\* 12\* 15\* 23\* 24\* 26\*
5. Boat holders caught pushing or pulling a canoe forward to assist in the start of a race (raising of the red flag) shall incur for their club a fine of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) per violation and the crew may be disqualified at the discretion of the Race Committee. (BHV) 11\* 24\*27\*

6. An unofficial crew starting before the green flag shall incur a fine for their club of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00); an unofficial crew over the start line at the start shall incur a fine for their club of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00). (USL) 13\* 19\*
7. For using an ineligible paddler in a race, the fine shall be TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25) per paddler for the first infraction (PNE) and FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50) per paddler for any additional infraction. (PN2, PN3) This includes all races, "manini", official and unofficial crews. 15\* The fine for an illegal paddler shall be FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50) for each paddler. (PNL) 16\*
8. Any club using any paddler without a properly completed waiver shall be fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25) per paddler. This penalty applies to any paddler participating in any race (including unofficial and manini races) and is in addition to any other penalty imposed by these rules. (PNR) 16\*
9. A practice canoe that enters the race course, including the buffer zone, or that cross between the official stand and the start/finish line while a race is in progress will incur a \$50 fine for their club per infraction. (RCV) 25\*
10. Sponsoring clubs shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) if the course is not ready by one (1) hour later than the stipulated regatta starting time. (CNR)
11. Failure to provide two (2) official boats for a portion or the entire race shall result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per missing boat. (NOB)
12. Failure to provide required two (2) officials shall result in a fine, to the club, of \$25 per official per regatta.(MOV)
13. Unofficial crew members must meet official crew requirements for gender, number of paddlers, and age but not necessarily classification. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$25 fine.(UCI)

**D. For Purpose Of Identification**

1. **Illegal** . A person paddling out of his/her qualification and/or under another name.
2. **Ineligible** . A paddler with incomplete paperwork.

**XII. PROTESTS (MCHCA FORM 500 (OPF))**

- A. Protests only apply to the misinterpretation or misapplication of these Race Rules. The intent to file a protest shall be made to the Race Director by the end of the next race. The intent to file a protest for the last event of the regatta shall be made to the Race Director no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the event.27\* Intent is demonstrated by a club representative obtaining a protest form from the Race Director. The Race Director will annotate the form with the time of day and name of the current race. 12\* 22\* 24\*25\*
- B. All protests shall be made to the Race Rules Committee within one hour after the finish of that particular race.
  1. Protests shall be submitted by a coach or his representative on official forms provided by MCHCA and must identify the applicable race rule under question. 24\*
  2. Head coach or clubs involved in a protest shall be notified immediately.
  3. While the Race Rules Committee is hearing and apprising itself of the facts surrounding the protest, only coaches, MCHCA club delegates, officials involved and/or other designated by the Race Rules Committee shall be present. After the hearing is completed,

the Race Rules Committee shall immediately exclude all persons, deliberate on the testimony and evidence and render a decision.

4. Protests, which have been acted upon shall become a part of the MCHCA's permanent record. 6\* 12\*

- C. Protests pertaining to a **judgment call** designated by these Race Rules, as such, will not be upheld. 6\*
- D. A fee of TEN DOLLARS (\$10) 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 MCHCA treasury. 12\*
- E. All decisions as determined by the Race Rules Committee on protests shall be final. However, Race Rules Committee decisions can be overturned by the Board of Directors of MCHCA. 6\*
- F. At the conclusion of the regatta, all results will be final. (This rule does not supersede the appeals process in #E above)27\*

### **XIII. QUALIFYING CREWS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

- A. Qualification . Member clubs will qualify during the regatta season to participate in the State Championship Regatta.
- B. All first place winners totaling the most points, in all points regattas, will automatically qualify for a lane at the State Championship Regatta. However, a crew may qualify for the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane at the State Championship Regatta by winning that event at the MCHCA Championship Regatta, thereby eliminating the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest point qualifier. 15\*
- C. Other crews will qualify by the point records held of all flat course regattas to fill the remaining lanes at the State Championship Regatta.
- D. Methods of qualifying selections shall be established at the discretion of MCHCA.
- E. The last qualifying regatta shall be held no later than two (2) weeks prior to the State Championship Regatta.
- F. If after their race in the final MCHCA regatta two teams are tied in points, the tie shall be broken by a race-off. The crews will be allowed a one event break then, using the same six paddlers, will race-off at ½ their normal distance (minimum distance ¼ mile). Participation in a tie breaker does not count as a second event for the regatta. If a crew is unable to race off with the same six paddlers they will automatically be disqualified and the other crew declared the winner. The choice of lanes will be decided by the flip of a coin. 13\*25\*
- G. The winner and second place finisher of the Girls/Boys 12A division automatically goes to the State Race as the first and second representative from Maui County. The third berth shall be occupied by the team with the lowest average time, based on the three fastest times of the season from the 12A and 12B divisions. 13\*
- H. A qualifying race-off will be held immediately following the last regularly scheduled event at the final MCHCA Regatta, to determine entries for those events to be held at the State Championship Regatta that are not on the MCHCA ORDER OF REGATTA RACING EVENTS, or any event where the MCHCA qualifiers have not already been determined. Participation in a race-off is open to any paddler who would be eligible to paddle in that same event at the State Championship Regatta. A paddler who has already competed in two events or in a non-classified event in the last regatta would still be allowed to compete in any race-off. Competing in a race-off is not a step-up and would not affect a paddler's classification.

INTENT: All Associations should be ready with their qualified club entries at the drawing of lanes for the State Race.

- I. Clubs earning seeds for the State Championship Regatta must declare to the MCHCA Race Director by the seeding meeting following the MCHCA Championship prior to the HCRA deadline, which events their crews will be competing in at the State Championship. Time and place of the seeding meeting will be determined by the Race Director.<sup>27\*</sup>  
Withdrawing a crew from the State Championship after it has been declared will incur a fine of \$399 per crew. <sup>18\*</sup>
- J. Withdrawing a crew is defined as a club not drawing a lane for that crew after previously declaring their intention to compete in the State Championship Regatta in accordance with I. above. <sup>18\*</sup>

**XIV. RACE RULES AMENDMENTS**

The Race Rules of this Association may be amended, altered, added to or repealed by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all board members present at any meeting of the MCHCA Board of Directors and membership duly called and held, with the following provisions:

- A. The proposed amendments are presented in written form to the Race Rules Committee for preliminary approval.
- B. The Race Rules Chairman shall present the proposed amendments with recommended action to the Board of Directors.
- C. All proposed amendments submitted by the Race Rules Committee to the Board of Directors for rule changes, must be submitted no later than the March MCHCA meeting. All subsequent proposals received after the March meeting would then be reviewed and placed before the MCHCA board of Directors at the conclusion of that racing season. <sup>12\* 15\*</sup>

**XV. HOST CLUB'S RESPONSIBILITY - REGATTAS**

**A. Laying Of Lanes**

- 1. Flags shall be uniformly sized and identified as to color and land placement for every regatta.
- 2. Starting and finish lane flags shall at all times correspond and be identified by the same flag color in same lanes. To the maximum extent possible, lane flags colors shall be: <sup>25\*</sup>

<u>LANE</u>	<u>FLAG COLOR</u>
1	Red
2	Blue
3	Yellow
4	Pink
5	Green
6	Red/White
7	Purple
8	Black/White
9	Red



3. The course shall be ready for inspection at least one (1) hour before the start of the regatta. Preliminary floats, anchors, etc., should be in place on the day before the regatta.
4. Sponsoring clubs shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) if the course is not ready by one (1) hour later than the stipulated regatta starting time. (Exception: emergency causes may be considered upon the approval of the coaches and Race Committee.)
5. The Host club will be responsible for maintaining the course to MCHCA standards during the entire regatta. 24\*
6. MCHCA will reimburse clubs \$500 for a ¼ mile course and \$750 for a ½ mile course. 25\*

**B. Official Boats**

1. Sponsoring club shall be responsible for two (2) boats to be provided for MCHCA regular season regattas. Official boats will be between 15 to 22 feet in length and equipped with a VHF radio. (One shall be designated as a pickup and official emergency boat, if necessary.) 25\*
2. Failure to provide these official boats for a portion or the entire race shall result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per missing boat. If a breakdown of one or both of the official boats occurs during the regatta, the Race Rules Committee may determine if this fine or a partial fine will be assessed.

**C. Announcer**

The Host Club may provide an announcer for their regatta. If the hosting club chooses to not provide one, the Race Director shall secure a guest announcer. 9\* 26\*

**D. Official Lunches**

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring club to provide lunch for the officials. A list of the official names working on the Official Stand/Official Boats at the time lunch is served (maximum 20) should be submitted to the club at each regatta. (which would include 2 timers, 1 video, 2 computer, 3 intake clerks, 3 file clerks/beach checkers, RD, RS, 1 medals person and 6 boat people.) Any above 20 lunches will be subsidized by MCHCA up to 33 lunches. Water will be provided by MCHCA for Officials. 23\* 26\*

**E. Score Board**

Host club to provide a score board for posting results.

**XVI. MCHCA'S RESPONSIBILITY - REGATTAS**

**A. Flags**

MCHCA shall be responsible for procurement of the flags. 13\*

**B. Communications**

MCHCA shall be responsible to provide adequate sound system. Speakers shall be placed so that all participating clubs can clearly hear any communications from the official stand.

**C. Awards**

1. Medals shall be sorted and placed in bags according to events:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place - GOLD
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place - SILVER
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place - BRONZE

- 2. Except in cases of extreme emergency, all medals should be ordered in sufficient time for arrival before the first regatta.
- 3. In case of a tie regatta, MCHCA shall be responsible for any additional trophies required.

**XVII. SURF COURSE RULES**

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

**A. Course**

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

**B. Open Steersman**

The open steersman must be a registered member of the participating club. He/she can participate in an unlimited number of races in that regatta. Classification is not applicable.

**C. Starting**

When races are started from the beach, all crewmembers shall be seated in the canoes unless otherwise determined by the Race Director.

**D. Surfing**

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

**E. Passing**

In races that do not require the canoes to maintain their respective lanes, a canoe that is attempting to pass another shall keep clear at all times and in no way interfere with the canoe it is attempting to pass, nor shall the canoe in the lead attempt to prevent another from passing.

**F. 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.

## ATTACHMENT

### UNOFFICIAL 10\*

1. Unofficial Keiki

If using an open steersperson (an adult or older age child) in the 12 and 14 events, the steersperson can only poke. 23\*

2. For Clarification - Unofficial Crews.

- a. If a paddler is entered in two (2) events, one (1) of which is unofficial, that person must paddle the official event first. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Exception: A paddler may race in the Manini race and then compete in an official event. 15\* 24\*
- b. Unofficial crew members must meet official crew requirements for gender, number of paddlers, and age but not necessarily classification. Double race rule does not apply. 23\* Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$25 fine. 15\*
- c. Paddling in an unofficial crew will not affect the paddler's official classification. 26\*

3. Manini Races 12\*

Twelve (12) and under event - steersperson may be an adult. 23\* 25\*

4. Lanes will not be available to unofficial crews if all official lanes are pulled at lane draw or purchased on race day. 25\*

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## **MCHCA RACE RULES REVISIONS**

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