

HONOLULU MAKUA ALI'I SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

To perpetuate good fellowship, sportsmanship and fair play on the athletic field. This softball league has been established to promote fellowship among players and members of all participating senior citizens. The goodwill and safety of all participants are the primary concerns of the league.

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.01 NAME: The name of the league shall be Honolulu Makua Ali'i Softball League, hereinafter referred to as the League.
- 1.02 ORGANIZATION: The League is a Hawaii nonprofit corporation and is organized exclusively for the social and recreational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation shall be governed by the Board of Directors.
- 1.03 The rules for the League will be in accordance with the Hawaii State Senior Softball Rules and Regulations and the Official Senior Softball-USA Rulebook, with the exception of the Honolulu Makua Ali'i Softball League Rules.
- 1.04 FINANCES: All funds of the League are to be banked in savings or checking account in the name of the Honolulu Makua Ali'i Softball League. Authorized withdrawals may be made by any officer of the League.
- A. No part of the net earnings of the League shall ever inure to or for the benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the League shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.
- 1.05 AMENDMENTS: The League's By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any member of the League can submit a proposed amendment, provided the proposed amendment be submitted to the President in writing, prior to the next Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

- 2.01 Membership: Any individual of good moral character must be fifty-five (55) years or older before he or she can participate in the League. A player may be added to a team's roster upon reaching the age of fifty-five (55). A player who will attain the age of sixty (60) years old in the calendar year is eligible.

- A. Honorary Membership: The Board of Directors may select or recommend any member of the League who is ill and/or unable to participate in the League, to become an Honorary Member of the League and shall share in League benefits as written in our By-Laws.
- 2.02 FEES: Each player of the League will pay a fee as determined by the Board of Directors. An active member in good standing is one whose fees are paid and whose membership is not in suspension.
- 2.03 WAIVER FORMS: All members must submit a Player Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement. Waivers and team roster must be submitted at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – OFFICERS

- 3.01 OFFICERS: The titles of the elected Officers of the League are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - A. Elections: Any member in good standing may be nominated and shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting in July. If no nominations are submitted, the present officers will serve the following term of office.
 - 1. If no candidate receives the majority vote of the first ballot, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and another vote shall be conducted until a candidate receives a majority vote.
 - 2. Absentee or proxy ballots will not be allowed.
 - B. Nominations
 - 1. Nominations of officers will be presented by a nominating committee at the April Board of Directors meeting of each year
 - 2. Nominations may be accepted at the General Membership meeting prior to the balloting of each elective office and is considered a write-in.
 - C. Term of Office: Each elected officer shall serve a term of one (1) year and is eligible for re-election. The term of office shall begin on September 1st of each year.
 - D. Vacancy: The President may appoint a member to fill an existing vacancy by and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The person designated to fill the vacancy shall hold office until a regular election is held.

ARTICLE 4 – MEETINGS

- 4.01 ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting shall be held in July of each year. The date and site of the meeting will be set by the President.
- 4.02 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The Board of Directors shall conduct a meeting on the third Wednesday. The President may give notice of the time and location as determined by the President to be more suitable.
 - A. Additional Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors and President.
- 4.03 QUORUM: A quorum shall consist of eligible voting members of the Board of Directors.

- 4.04 ORDER OF BUSINESS: The President and/or the Secretary shall present an agenda for all meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary law for all meetings.
- 4.05 ATTENDANCE: Team managers must attend all meetings or send a team representative. Any team manager that is absent for two (2) consecutive meetings will be informed by the President or Secretary of failure in attending the Board of Directors meetings.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEES

- 5.01 FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall be the Chair of this committee. The purpose of this committee shall be to supervise all financial matters, such as arrange for an annual audit of the financial report.
- 5.02 PROTEST COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of members of the Board of Directors and elected Officers. The purpose of this committee is to determine if a protest is valid and make a final decision of the protest.
 - A. Protest: A protest must be submitted to the President in writing, forty-eight (48) hours at the time of the protested game. The Protest Committee will decide within seven (7) days after receiving the protest. The Committee's decision shall be final. Chief Umpire at the game must submit a report to the President.
- 5.03 BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: The President may appoint members to this committee. This committee shall review proposals submitted to amend these By-Laws.
- 5.04 SUSPENSION COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of any member appointed by the President. The purpose of this committee is to gather information relating to the incident and forwarding such information to the Board of Directors. The President shall chair this committee.

ARTICLE 6 – SUSPENSION

- 6.01 JURISDICTION: A member of the League shall cease to be eligible to participate in the League while suspended by the League.
- 6.02 ACTS OF SUSPENSION
 - A. Failing to pay all financial obligations to the League.
 - B. Attacking, fighting, shoving, injuring or seriously threatening an umpire, spectator, player, officer and/or member of the League before, during or after a softball game or League activity.
 - C. Bringing disrepute or embarrassing the integrity of the League.
 - D. Unsportsmanlike Conduct, as defined in Section 15.6 in the Official Senior Softball-USA Rulebook.

6.03 SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

- A. Hearing: Prior to the suspension, a member must be given an opportunity for a hearing by the Board of Directors. For purposes of addressing extenuating circumstances, the President shall have the authority to issue an interim suspension pending a hearing. An interim suspension shall have the same effect as a suspension.
- B. Notification: The member must be notified in writing of time, place and date of hearing. The member is entitled to an alternate date if for good cause the original date is not acceptable. Should the member fail to attend the hearing, the Board of Directors may proceed and take evidence of those in attendance.
- C. Rulings: After hearing the evidence, the Board of Directors shall render a written decision within fourteen (14) days. If a decision is not rendered within fourteen (14) days, a written appeal may be made to the President, whose decision shall be final.
- D. Right of Appeal: Following the decision of the Board of Directors, the member may appeal in writing within fourteen (14) days to the President, whose decision shall be final.

Reviewed and adopted this _____ day of _____, _____

Approved by the following Board of Directors members:

Signature	Print Name	Team Name
1.		ACTION
2.		AIKANE
3.		BAD COMPANY
4.		FAT KATZ
5.		FIREHOUSE
6.		GOLDEN EAGLES
7.		HAWAIIANS
8.		HIKINA
9.		HUI OHANA
10.		LOKAHI
11.		MAKULES
12.		NA KAHUNA
13.		NA PUEO
14.		PEARL HARBOR REBELS
15.		SPORTSMEN
16.		WAIPIO
17.		XPRESS
18.		YANKEES
19.		ZEN
20.		

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer