



Welina Ke Aloha Nui,

Welcome and Congratulations for sharing this exciting moment together with us all at the 2026 HHSAA State Canoe Paddling Championships! This year we celebrate the inaugural year of Division 2 paddling. This will allow more schools the opportunity to earn their right to call themselves champions and to represent their school, community, and league with distinguished pride and aloha.

Please share your questions and inquiries with Lapule Schultz at lapule.schultz@k12.hi.us or (808) 220-8251.

MAIN UPDATES: Please adhere to these updates so we do not jeopardize our permits and future events.

- 1) **NO STAKES** are allowed on the **GRASS** or **FIELD**. Please be prepared with weights or items to secure your tents in the areas you are assigned.
- 2) Please **CARPOOL** as much as possible as there are many people that use the park also. There have been new Pickle Ball courts placed where the old second tennis courts used to be.
- 3) Do NOT Park in any area with parking markers/cones/candlesticks as those areas are **OFF-LIMITS**.
- 4) Please do NOT arrive at Keehi to set up your school tent until at least 8:00am on Friday, February 6, 2026 as we will be setting up the area for the event.
- 5) There will be a tent inside of the Zoned-Off / Buffer Zone Area near Tent Spot #1 for HHSAA Guests / ADs / VIPs. Only these people will be allowed beyond the Gate Keeper area.
- 6) Radford, Castle, and Kalani High Schools will have a Food Booth so please support as much as possible. (Menus will be shared soon!) Jamba Juice will also be available.

General Announcements

- 1) School tents can be set-up in your assigned tent spots **Beginning at 8am on Friday, February 6, 2026.** Please be mindful of your tent space parameters on all ends. Your area will be marked with spray paint and tent space #.
- 2) **By Thursday evening, February 5, 2026.** Keehi Lagoon Schools/Clubs: please move your canoes / equipment to the cul-de-sac area for the weekend of HHSAA so that we can set up appropriately.
- 3) Please make sure that your **Boat Holders have shirts or uniforms that identify which school they belong to** while entering the check-in area and also in the water. This does not have to be the same jersey/uniform as the racing crew.
- 4) **Only Paddlers and Boat Holders will be allowed into the Registration, Check-In Area and Holding Areas.** Coaches may accompany the athletes and boat holders to the check-in gate for last minute instructions, but cannot enter from there forward if they are not a boat holder as well.
- 5) There will be port-a-potties located near the Holding Tents if any paddlers and/or Boat Holders need to use the restroom once checked in since **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AREA ONCE THEY ARE INSIDE.**
- 6) Please have all buses drop off in the Round-About Turn Around area located just mauka of the actual beach side of the park so they do not block traffic or get stuck in the beach side area. **Buses are not allowed to park in the regular parking lot.** Buses need to park off premises outside of the park as space will be limited especially with D2 joining the event this year forward.
- 7) **Coaches Meeting and Lane Drawing will be at 7:30am at the Official Stand** for all Divisions. Please

have a Coach present and on time. **Failure to attend will result in your school receiving the last open lane.**

8) **Food booths will open about 7:00am** until approximately 1:30pm or while supplies last. They will be serving breakfast and lunch. See attached Menus.

9) The **First Aide Tent will be located inside near the exit of the Holding / Pit Area** for any minor medical attention needs. Athletes or anyone not participating needing attention will be allowed to the First Aid Tent through the Exit Gate upon checking in with the Gate Keeper.

10) **Team Registration Cards that will be distributed in the School Packet at Coaches Meeting.** These cards will be pre-filled. **Please verify all information, fill in the blanks of additional needed info and let us know immediately if there are any discrepancies. Coaches will need to sign their team card(s) after verifying all information on the card.**

11) The Order of Races will be in the following order: Boys, Girls, and Mixed. Please **be mindful of the new updated time line where breaks are only between progressions.** For further information, please see the Coaches Handbook on the new HHSAA Paddling Website: https://sites.google.com/view/hhsaa_paddling/home. With this new website, you can upload photos and request songs to be played during the event. The regular HHSAA website also has general information and is found here: www.hhsaa.org. You may also ask questions at the coaches meeting.

12) **The canoes used in the race will not be available for practice on any day prior to the event.**

(Prepping will be done from Thursday afternoon. Weighing will be done on Friday morning, February 6, 2026)

13) Please remind all of your paddling ohana / supporters to carpool as much as possible and to observe all parking markers / requirements / restrictions. **DO NOT PARK IN ANY AREA NOT DESIGNATED AS FIELD PARKING THIS INCLUDES THE PERIMETER OF THE FIELD. The lane next to the DAV Halls on the Koko Head side of the field are Tow Away Zones; THEY ARE EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS LANES AND MUST BE CLEAR AT ALL TIMES!!! HPD will be on site to enforce ALL parking regulations!**

14) Please leave a three (3) feet spacing between any tent / set-up and the main walkway at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach for the movement of City Park Vehicles or Emergency Access Vehicles.

15) Our event time table has the awards starting at approximately 2:00pm. Expected final completion is about 3:00pm. Please allow time in your travel schedule for this as well.

16) **Trash Dumpster:** Please have all of your supporters dump their trash bags in the dumpster that will be located behind the Official Stand along the roadside. Trash bags are provided for each school and if you need more, please ask the Official Stand.

17) **No animals** are allowed on the beach except for Service Animals.

18) The gate between Ke'ehi Lagoon and the DAV Hall is usually closed and access between the two areas is not readily available.

19) The Field Parking will be available once all the outside parking stalls are filled. Please follow all instructions and guidelines given by parking officials.

20) **Opening Ceremonies** will be at 8:30am. Please have your athletes come up to the official stand to celebrate the start of the 2026 HHSAA State Canoe Paddling Championships. We will be honoring Hōkūle'a's 50th Anniversary.

21) **Races begin at 9:00am.** Please have your crews ready to go. All crews need to go through the Registration Tent. They will be ushered to the holding tents before entering their respective canoes.

22) **Awards Ceremony** to follow the completion of the races at about 2:00pm

If there are any further announcements or information to be shared, the HHSAA will share it upon availability. Mahalo for the continued support and cooperation!!!