

HHSAA SURFING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Executive Director..... Chris Chun
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..... Iris McGuire, Big Island Interscholastic Federation
..... Bryce Kaneshiro, Oahu Interscholastic Association
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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Coordinators / Host School Stephen Perry, Hawaii Preparatory Academy
League Coordinators..... Kim Ball
..... Wallace Wong, Laupahoehoe CP Charter School
..... Reid Yoshikawa, Kaimuki High School
..... Kerrin Murphy, Kapaa High School
..... Loren Otake, Pacific Buddhist Academy
..... Eddie Maruyama, Iolani School
Rules Davin Kazama
Awards & Ceremony Chris Chun

SPECIAL THANKS

Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).....

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CONTEST INFORMATION

I. HHSAA SURFING REGULATIONS

HHSAA Surfing Regulations may be found in the HHSAA Handbook section in this packet.

II. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

Tournament Representation as of 3/31/26. Visit www.hhsaa.org for most current representation.

Total number of allotted berths for 2026 Tournament: 174 (87 for boys, 87 for girls)

STATE BERTHS	OIA	ILH	BIIF	MIL	KIF	TOTAL
GIRLS SHORTBOARD	16	6	5	10	4	41
GIRLS LONGBOARD	12	4	4	6	3	29
GIRLS BODYBOARD	7	2	2	4	2	17
BOYS SHORTBOARD	14	7	7	9	4	41
BOYS LONGBOARD	10	5	5	6	3	29
BOYS BODYBOARD	6	3	3	3	2	17

III. ROSTERS & ENTRIES

- 1. League Entry Form, to be submitted by the League Surfing Coordinator: DUE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 10AM***

The official league entry form must be submitted to the HHSAA office via e-mail to roster@hhsaa.org by Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 10am. (*Because the BIIF and KIF hold their final contests on Saturday, April 25, they have until Saturday, April 25, 2026, 7pm). Forms will be sent to league coordinators.

- 2. Rosters: Due: April 22, 2026, 10am. April 25, 2026, 7p for BIIF and KIF.**
Rosters can be downloaded from the surfing section of the HHSAA website, hhsaa.org.

- 3. Request from Spectrum: Individual Surfer Pictures**
This request has been sent directly to each league's Surf Coordinator.

- 4. Request from Spectrum: Questions for Surfers**
This request has been sent directly to each league's Surf Coordinator

IV. SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

- **6:00pm: Coaches Meeting via zoom**
- League Coordinators will send Zoom link to coaches

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

- 8am-6pm: Optional Practice Session @ Ho'okipa Beach Park:
 - 8am-10am: MIL
 - 10am-12noon: ILH
 - 12noon-2pm: BIIF
 - 2pm-4pm: OIA
 - 4pm-6pm: KIF
 - 6pm and later: Open
- 3:00pm - 6:00pm: Athlete Check-in & Coaches parking pass Pick-Up:
Location: Paia Community Center, 252 Hana Highway, Paia, HI 96779

Pick-up (Athletes must sign at pick-up; Coaches can pick up/sign for their athletes):
 - Parking pass for coaches, schools, media, etc.
 - Athlete swag
- ~~6:00pm: Coaches Meeting~~
~~Location: Paia Community Center, 252 Hana Highway, Paia, HI 96779~~
Coaches meeting will now be via zoom on Monday April 27
- 7:00pm: Judges Meeting
Location: Paia Community Center, 252 Hana Highway, Paia, HI 96779

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 (DAY 1 OF 2)

- 7:00am: Start of First Heat (Ho'okipa Beach Park, Maui, HI)
- Full schedule: <https://liveheats.com/events/418818>
- Individual League Champions (seeded competitors) for longboard and bodyboard **will not** compete on Friday. Their first heat will be Saturday. All other competitors, including all shortboard competitors, **will** compete on Friday.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 (DAY 2 OF 2)

- 7:00am: Start of First Heat (Ho'okipa Beach Park, Maui, HI)
- Full schedule: <https://liveheats.com/events/418818>

The HHSAA Awards Ceremony will follow immediately upon completion of the last heat of the contest, approximately 2:30 pm.

State-qualified surfers may practice before the contest each day, and must paddle in when instructed to do so by Contest Officials, PA Announcer, Lifeguards, etc.

Spectators are welcome, but will not be allowed to enter or be near the surf break.

PARKING ON BOTH CONTEST DAYS:

- Parking at Ho'okipa Beach Park will be reserved for officials, coaches, judges, and support staff with parking passes only.
- Free parking for all others is available off of Holomua Road (free shuttle service is available)

<https://maps.apple/p/B4yJp4hjvkMXGI>



V. SCORING

LiveHeats

Live Scoring will be available online at LiveHeats: <https://liveheats.com/events/418818>. Scoring updates will be posted in real-time. A link to LiveHeats is available on the surfing page of hhsaa.org.

VI. CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. The coach shall have direct responsibility for conduct of team members prior to, during and after tournament competition (in the hotel, in public, at the tournament, transportation to and from sites).
- B. The HHSAA Executive Director may establish a common curfew hour as necessary.
- C. The drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking, drug use, loud, unruly or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.
- D. Coaches are requested to inform their athletes of hotel rules and regulations. Please emphasize the importance of appropriate conduct and behavior and consideration for other hotel guests. Schools and students will be charged for any damages incurred by them at the hotel.
- E. It is recommended that schools inform parents regarding Code-of-Conduct in writing.

VII. STATE TOURNAMENT DISQUALIFICATION RULE

Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during, or after a state tournament game/match/event for unsportsmanlike conduct, flagrant verbal misconduct, or flagrant physical misconduct shall be disqualified from his/her next scheduled state tournament game/match/event for that sport. The student-athlete or coach has the right to appeal any such disqualification to an appeals committee for the particular sport. Should a student-athlete or coach be disqualified from the final state tournament game/match/event for that sport, said disqualification shall NOT carry over to the following school year's state tournament for that sport. Instead, the student-athlete's or coach's league shall determine any appropriate penalty or sanction.

HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (HHSAA) - SURF

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To determine the individual and team HHSAA surf championships.
- B. To promote interest and to give opportunities for wider and greater competition in surf.
- C. To promote the highest principles of citizenship in contest competition.

II. OFFICIALS

Officials shall be determined by the HHSAA executive director, HHSAA surf coordinator and the surf contest operator.

III. ELIGIBILITY

See Part II, Administrative Regulations, HHSAA Handbook.

IV. RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

- A. The ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version), unless modified by the HHSAA, shall govern the Contest. In the event of a conflict between the ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version) and this HHSAA Surfing Handbook, this HHSAA Surfing Handbook shall control.

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- 1. Etiquette and citizenship at the contest shall be emphasized by tournament officials.
- 2. The protest committee shall include:
 - a. HHSAA executive director
 - b. Sport coordinator
 - c. Other personnel selected by the HHSAA executive director
- B. The HHSAA executive director, with the assistance of the contest committee, will select a contest site(s).
- C. The boys and girls HHSAA surf championships shall be conducted on the same dates on the same island if possible.

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

A. Individual and Team Players

- 1. The Official Entry Form must be submitted to the Surf Coordinator six days prior to the tournament.
- 2. BOYS: For the team competition, a school may have up to three (3) shortboarders, two (2) longboarders, and one (1) bodyboarder who must be designated for the team championship prior to the start of the competition. No substitutions are allowed once the competition starts. Additional qualifiers may compete for the individual championship. There is no limit on the amount of qualifiers that may compete for the individual championship from one school so long as the tournament representation per league is followed.
- 3. GIRLS: For the team competition, a school may have up to three (3) shortboarders, two (2) longboarders, and one (1) bodyboarder who must be designated for the team championship prior to the start of the competition. No substitutions are allowed once the competition starts. Additional qualifiers may compete for the individual championship. There is no limit on the amount of qualifiers that may compete for the individual championship from one school so long as the tournament representation per league is followed.

4. Change in entries shall not be permitted after the entry deadline, except in case of illness or injury to team member. All changes shall be approved before the scheduled heat time of the first round.
5. Each league shall determine the method of selecting their entries subject to the limitation of surfers allocated to the first round.
 - a. BOYS SHORTBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 41 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 4 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - b. GIRLS SHORTBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 41 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 4 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - c. BOYS LONGBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 29 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 3 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - d. GIRLS LONGBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 29 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 3 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - e. BOYS BODYBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 17 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 2 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - f. GIRLS BODYBOARD: Representation of surfers for the tournament is limited to 17 surfers, except when the smallest league's entry should fall to less than 2 according to the formula for selecting each league's number of entries.
 - g. Representation by a league is determined by dividing the league's number of teams by the total number of teams represented in the various leagues. Highest percentage fractions shall determine the leagues' total allocation.
6. The slot for a qualified participant who cannot participate in the Contest belongs only to the league in which that athlete participates. Substitutes will come from the list of league alternates, following that league's rule for qualifiers to the Contest. If a league cannot fill the vacancy with an alternate, then the vacancy will go to the host league.
7. Any player who does not compete in their assigned heat(s) will not participate in the next round of heats in the Contest.

B. Coaches' Responsibilities

1. Each team shall be represented by a coach or his/her designee at all times. A team without a coach, whether it is a team of one or two, shall NOT be entered in the Contest unless a coach is designated.
2. A coach must be designated by the school on the Official Entry Form. The coach must assume responsibilities for his/her school and surfers.
3. Players should report to the designated contest check-in location 20 minutes prior to their starting time.

VI. CONTEST FORMAT

- A. Heat draws will be performed at random, and the HHSAA Surfing Coordinator(s) will have the option of utilizing third party software. Opening round heats shall feature athletes from different schools. Athletes from the same team shall not be in the same opening round heat, unless absolutely necessary.

- B. Teams must be at the contest location no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled heat time.
- C. An athlete must check in at the contest tent twenty (20) minutes prior to their assigned heat.
- D. Each heat shall consist of:
 - 1. A minimum of two (2) and maximum of six (6) athletes
 - 2. Between Fifteen (15) to Twenty (20) minutes
- E. Heat Scoring:
 - 1. The top two (2) scoring waves from each athlete will be added to establish a total heat score
 - 2. A maximum of six (6) waves per athlete, per heat is allowed. Athletes must exit the lineup after their 6th scored wave. This maximum wave count per athlete is subject to change based on the day's conditions, at the discretion of the HHSAA executive director, HHSAA surf coordinator, and the surf contest operator.
- F. Individual Scoring:
 - 1. Points will be earned by the individual athlete's overall placement in the contest, according to the ISA Official Team Points Allocation Table (Page 38) of the ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version), unless modified by the HHSAA. In the event of a conflict between the ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version) and this HHSAA Surfing Handbook, this HHSAA Surfing Handbook shall control.
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 - 2. The individuals with the highest three (3) heat scores per heat will advance to the next round, earning a chance to accrue additional points.
 - 3. In the event that individual athletes end a heat in a tie for points, the breaking of all ties will be settled in this order:
 - a. Highest single wave score in the heat
 - b. Highest three (3) wave average in the heat
 - c. Highest four (4) wave average in the heat
 - 4. In the event that individual athletes end the Contest in a tie for points, the breaking of all ties will be settled in this order:
 - a. Highest single heat total in the Contest
 - b. Highest single wave score in the Contest
- G. Team Scoring:
 - 1. Team point totals are established by adding the individual points earned by all of its team members in the Contest. The team/school with the greatest number of points shall be the HHSAA Team Champion.

Interference: See Page 46, Section C: "Interference Rules and Priority" of the ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version), unless modified by the HHSAA. In the event of a conflict between the ISA Rulebook & Contest Administration Manual (November 2025 or the latest publicly available version) and this HHSAA Surfing Handbook, this HHSAA Surfing Handbook shall control.
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- H. Shortboard Design Specifications: Shall be no longer than 12 inches taller than the athlete riding it.
- I. Longboard Design Specifications: Length is a minimum of 9 feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail in a straight horizontal line along its deck. Width dimensions to be a minimum aggregate of 47 inches. That is the total of the widest point, plus the width 12 inches up from the tail and the width 12 inches back from the nose. Stand Up Paddleboards or similar are not allowed.
- J. Bodyboard Length: Shall be no longer than 45 inches. Fin tethers are required.
- K. Leashes are required on all boards.
- L. Student-Athlete eligibility will align with the "Administrative Regulations of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association" (HHSAA): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iniOpRZeTg2urUmM9n7JFDxiyiRFprlB/view?usp=sharing>
- M. Whenever possible, postponement because of inclement weather should be completed on the succeeding day with time and site designated by the HHSAA Executive Director and Contest Committee.

VII. SIZE OF TRAVELING TEAM

Schools are requested to bring only the official surfers accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of surfers and coaches must be listed on the Official Entry Form.

VIII. SEEDING/PAIRING

- A. Pairing Committee:
 1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
 2. Sport Coordinator
 3. Other personnel selected by the HHSAA Executive Director
- B. Coaches shall provide all heat scores of regular season and league championship contests to the League Executive Secretary of their respective league.
- C. The League Executive Directors or his/her designee shall evaluate each surfer's scores.
- D. League champions shall have a first round bye. Whenever possible, heat placements will follow other HHSAA sport brackets, e.g. league champions and runner-ups will be placed in opposite heats, etc.

IX. UNIFORMS

Participants shall wear the provided uniforms/jerseys provided by the HHSAA during their heats.

- A. Penalty for failure to wear HHSAA-provided uniforms/jerseys shall result in disqualification of the offending player(s) from team and individual competition.
- B. Proper attire is required at all times at the HHSAA championships.
- C. The dress code requires that each team wear surfing appropriate attire. Boys are required to wear standard board shorts, and girls are required to wear bottoms that are no more revealing than standard girls volleyball shorts. Inappropriate attire may result in penalty, including disqualification.
- D. Any violation of these guidelines will result in the player(s) not being allowed to start his/her heat until the guidelines are met prior to the start of the scheduled heat. Violations that occur during a heat have the following penalties:

1. First offense: Warning
2. Second offense: Disqualification from the Contest

X. STATE TOURNAMENT DISQUALIFICATION RULE

Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during, or after the Contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, flagrant verbal misconduct, or flagrant physical misconduct shall be disqualified from all divisions of the remainder of the Contest. The student-athlete or coach has the right to appeal any such disqualification to an appeals committee for the particular sport. Should a student-athlete or coach be disqualified from the Contest for that sport, said disqualification shall **NOT** carry over to the following school year's Contest for that sport. Instead, the student-athlete's or coach's league shall determine any appropriate penalty or sanction.

XI. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- A. Permanent team trophy to the championship team.
- B. Permanent team trophy to the runner-up team.
- C. Medals
 1. BOYS: One for each member of the championship team, up to eight (8) medals.
 2. GIRLS: One for each member of the championship team, up to eight (8) medals.
 3. BOYS & GIRLS: Medals for the top six (6) place winners

XII. EVALUATION

A report shall be submitted to the HHSAA Executive Director within two weeks following the tournament. The complete results of the Contest must be provided by the Contest Director.