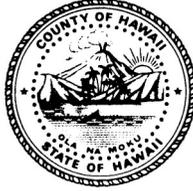


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Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League

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Home Rules

The following rules have been established and adopted only for the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League and Tournament and supplements the current Hawai'i State Senior Citizens Softball Rules and Regulations.

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. All wahine players 55 and older can play without age restrictions.

**EQUIPMENT**

1. During regular season League play (doubleheader games) each team is to provide one new game ball. Game balls will be given to the umpires for use during the games and returned to the respective teams after the completion of the doubleheader.
2. Each team will have a set of bases, pitcher's plate, home plate, and scoring plate for use during their home games and set at the official distances described by the current Hawai'i State Senior Citizens Softball Rules and Regulations rulebook.

**PHYSICAL VIOLENCE**

An individual member/player of the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League who exhibits or participates in an act of physical violence with another individual during a function of the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League, shall be immediately discharged/ejected from the current function, and also be disqualified from being a member of the league for a period of one year.

## ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

An individual member/player of Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League who verbally expresses profanity and/or exhibits profane gesture(s) during the course of a function against another individual, shall: (1) Be immediately discharged/ejected from the function, and suspended from participating in any function of the League/team the following week; (2) a second offense shall constitute being suspended from the function of the league/team for three consecutive weeks following the discharge/ejection; and (3) the third offense shall constitute ejection/disqualification from being a member of the team, and the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League for the remainder of the season.

## APPEAL PROCESS

An appeal may be submitted in writing to the C of H, Dept. of P & R–EAD-Special Programs office and /or the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League Advisory Committee within seven (7) working days from the date of the receipt of the decision.

A meeting and/or hearing consisting of the members of the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League Advisory Committee, and the C of H, Dept. of P&R-EAD, shall be held to review the appeal. A written response shall be remitted to the appellant upon determining its decision.

## GAME SCHEDULE

1. All scheduled League games must be played on that designated day. Rain out games will be rescheduled with the approval of the League Coordinator. Home team coach will inform League Coordinator of the rain out game and the tentative date of the rescheduled game.
2. In the event a team is unable to play a scheduled League game, the coach of that team must inform the opposing coach of their intention to forfeit the game by 7 p.m. Thursday night prior to that Saturday's game.
3. Any team that forfeits three or more Saturdays (6 games) will be ineligible for post season play and to enter and participate in the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League the following year.
4. If a team's home field is not available, a suitable alternative site will be announced by the League Coordinator prior to that Saturday's game.

## HOME FIELD

1. Each Team must designate the location of its home field prior to the start of the season. The team will prepare their Home Field prior to each home game which will include the playing field area within which the ball may be legally played and fielded, foul lines, bases, home plate, scoring plate, pitcher's box, pitcher's plate, and batter's box.
2. The Home Field team will provide two (2) umpires, the official scorekeeper and scorebook for League games.

## ROSTERS

1. A minimum of fourteen (14) players is necessary to enter a team in the Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League. Fourteen (14) players 60 years of age or older or thirteen (13) players 60 years of age or older and one (1) player 55 years of age and older.
2. A player signing a team's roster with the intention to play for that team must remain with that team for the entire season. The player will be ineligible to play for any other team during that season. A player wishing to play for another team must declare his/her intention **before the first scheduled game of the season.**
3. Team rosters with all required information, signatures, and individual waiver forms will be due two weeks prior to the start of the season.
4. Adding Players up to May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
Teams may add players until May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any player added to a roster must have submitted all necessary forms and have the approval of the Special Programs office prior to league play. To be eligible for post-season play, an added player needs to play five (5) games.
5. Adding Players after May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
Players can only be added after May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year if a team declares "hardship" due to injury and/or illness. "Hardship" means a team does not have enough players (eight or less) to continue the season. The Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League will make a determination if a team can add an eligible player(s) to their roster.

## GAME LENGTH

1. Hawai'i Kupuna Softball League games will be seven innings without time limit.
2. Hawai'i Kupuna Softball Tournament games will follow the current Hawai'i State Senior Citizens Softball Rules and Regulations.