

REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL 7/2/2014-*Revised after OL Board Meeting*
Final Language TBD. *Includes changes made per Board Meeting input*

- 1) Teams play within respective age group (i.e. U12 team plays in U12, U13 team plays in U13), **up through age U16, thereafter, teams to play in divisions to be determined by Competition Committee.**
- 2) Competition Committee may merge age groups if needed in the interest of competition.
- 3) Minimum 4 teams in a division, in keeping with requirements for National Championship Competition.
- 4) Criteria or guidelines to qualify for promotion to next older age group, and for maintenance of promoted status a team must:
 - a. Demonstrate dominance in their age group. Dominance defined as ***Premier*** Division Champion, no ties or losses. Promotion is not automatic and must be requested. Promotion will be considered by the Competition Committee for teams that qualify only if so requested in a letter of justification by club president or DOC (or head coach, in the case of an independent team only), using the Promotion Request Form (to be developed) on the Oahu League website, along with the team's registration form, at or before the registration deadline for the team in question. If not requested in a timely fashion using a justification letter on the correct form, promotion will not be considered by the Competition Committee. Until approved, any team applying for promotion should register for their correct respective age group.
 - b. Maintenance of promoted status. Any team, having been promoted to the next older age group, that finishes in the bottom half of the lowest older age group division to which they are assigned, will be reassigned to the age group immediately below or division immediately below for the upcoming Competitive Season, unless they finished in the top three in a division of five or more teams in the older division.
 - c. Competition Committee is granted the right to move a team demonstrating dominance but not requesting a move, up one division in the interest of competition.
- 5) Minimum number of players within true age group, on any team playing 11 Aside, in order to have true age group team number, would be seven (i.e. minimum seven U13 players to get a U13 team number and play in U13). Seven rostered, true age players must be on game day rosters, dressed and able to play. Club pass players may not be used to fulfill the number of true age players required on the game card. Competition Committee will evaluate situations where teams might be challenged in getting players in age group on a case – by – case basis. Teams granted exceptions to the true age group player minimum will be placed in a Select Division, and must add the term "EX" to their team name using the HYSA birth year convention and gender designation (i.e. Club Name 00BEX or Club Name 01GEX, as the case may be) if approved for such exception, on all Game Cards for such teams, and will be so named in all team listings and standings. Such teams will be required to make a new petition for each season, as long as their need continues.
- 6) This realignment plan applies from age U11. U11 and U12 teams will have their Shakeout in the Winter Season for 2014. Thereafter, U11 teams only will Shakeout in the Winter Season, with the results seeding teams into the immediately following Competitive Spring Season.
- 7) Club slots go away.
- 8) Maximize use of neighborhood fields and upgrade their facilities and equipment, contingent on availability for usage by the League.
- 9) No more than 7 club pass players may be used on any given day by a particular team.
- 10) No more than 5 girls may be club passed or listed on a boy's team roster for any particular game. There must be a majority of boys on the field at all times for such game.
- 11) Promotion/relegation games at the end of the Competitive Spring Season will continue as present, to include promotion/relegation games between all divisions in an age group. New teams entering the Competitive Spring Season come in at the lowest division of their respective true age group.