

Welcome to H.U.L.A. (the Hawaii Ultimate League Association)

What is HULA?

The Hawaii Ultimate League Association (HULA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 but with roots going back two decades. It was formed to provide continuity and organization for the ad-hoc disc activities taking place on the islands.

The purpose of HULA is to encourage and promote disc-related activities including Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Double Disc Court and Hacky Sack as well as to promote the Spirit of the Game concept through regular league play, tournaments and educational programs for both youth and adults. (*From the Bylaws of Hawaii Ultimate League Association, as amended 5/31/93*)

Who is HULA?

HULA's members are fees-paying players who have participated in league within the past two seasons. HULA's leaders are elected by the general membership for two-year terms on the Board of Directors. The HULA Commissioner is selected from the most spirited team of the previous league season.

What does HULA do?

HULA sponsors many disc-related events including:

- **City League** – City league takes place in both spring and fall. Each season runs for ~16 weeks, and has 6-8 teams. League culminates in a final tournament. Teams are coed and are selected by open draft that encourages players to form new bonds of friendship and camaraderie each season.
- **Learning League** – For beginners looking to try out the sport or veterans who love to share our game. Sunday nights at Kapa'olono field August through December from about 7:00 to 9:30 pm.
- **Kaimana Klassic** – The Kaimana Klassic is a world-famous tournament begun in 1988 with a few local teams and three teams from California. It has grown into one of the premier tournaments in the United States for Open and Women's divisions, drawing over 25 teams from around the world. The three-day tournament is held over Presidents Day weekend, with breakfast, dinner, parties, and beach camping all provided on site.
- **Hopu Ka Lewa** – Hopu is a low-key, coed tournament held in April. Hopu Ka Lewa, which means "Catch the Sky," began in 1999 as an opportunity to share Hawai'i's spirited coed play with guests to the islands. Though modeled after the Kaimana Klassic, with food, parties, and camping provided on site, Hopu caters to the mixed (coed) division in Ultimate, encouraging spirited play and sportsmanship above all else.
- **Hawaii State Overall Championships** – This is an annual event which introduces HULA members to non-ultimate disc sports such as double-disc court, discathon, disc golf, and throwing accuracy. H.S.O. usually takes place in July of each year.
- HULA also sponsors various member-initiated hat draws and ad hoc tournaments. In the last few years, these have included the **Bok Choy** hat draw, the **Loco Moco** tournament, a **Savage Sevens** tournament, plus various outer-island hat draws. Traditionally, there is a large off-island hat draw held the weekend before or after the Kaimana Klassic and Hopu Ka Lewa tournaments.

Aloha Grants and Outreach

In addition to these disc-related events, HULA also funds the Aloha Grants and Outreach Programs. Any member of HULA can apply for funds to help promote the growth of Ultimate and the spread of the ultimate spirit. Some programs that have been funded have included money to help send a Hawaii team to regionals, support of the Hawaii Outreach Program which spreads Ultimate to kids in schools, the parks and rec department, cub scouts, and the boys & girls clubs, and a women's ultimate clinic and weekend tournament.

Where does my money go?

League fees are used entirely towards the functioning of the city league. Starting this year, a portion of your league fees will go toward providing insurance. This insurance is required in order to rent fields, but also helps protect HULA in case of lawsuits. There is also medical coverage for you (up to \$25,000) for any injury arising from a HULA activity that comes as an added bonus from our new policy. The rest of your league fees go toward providing occasional snacks and drinks during the season, an end of season party, and prizes for spirit teams and players and league winners. See the league commissioners for a complete budget.

What do I get for being in H.U.L.A.?

Starting this year, one of the biggest benefits of being a member of HULA is the medical insurance coverage for HULA-related injuries that is provided to all players in the league. HULA also has a group membership at Costco and members of HULA can use this card, as well as, check out HULA equipment such as tents, tables, water coolers, and cones. Lastly, members are also entitled to apply for HULAships that can help to cover or defray the cost of the Kaimana or Hopu Ka Lewa tournaments.

Where can I get more information?

Go to www.hawaiiultimate.com. Here there is information about all aspects of ultimate in Hawaii. There's pictures, information about upcoming events, games, and tournaments, details on the workings of HULA including minutes of the board of directors meetings, budgets (coming soon), a discussion board, links to other ultimate sites, and more.

Some of the information on the site is password protected to keep out spammers and other undesirables.

The password for access to this information is **alohaspirit**.