



Executive Directors

1940-66	Joe Griswold
1966-70	George Akahane
1970-86	William Smithe
1987-90	Hugh Yoshida
1991-97	Ted Fukushima
1998-2011	Dwight Toyama
2011-	Raymond Fujino

Charter Members

1940	Ben Parker
	Castle (1951)
	Kahuku
	Leilehua
	Waialua
	Waipahu
1955	Kailua
1958	Waianae
1958	Radford
1962	Aiea
1969	Campbell
1969	Nanakuli
1970	Farrington
1970	Kaimuki
1970	Kalani
1970	McKinley
1970	Roosevelt
1971	Kaiser
1972	Moanalua
1972	Pearl City
1973	Kalaheo
1974	Mililani
1998	Anuenue
1998	Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind
2000	Kapolei

Oahu Interscholastic Association

PRESS RELEASE

The OIA announces changes to athletic eligibility for students who transfer from a Hawaii public high school to an OIA high school and updates athletic eligibility for OIA Charter School member schools, effective school year 2015-16

October 28, 2014: The Regular Member School Principals of the OIA voted to change athletic eligibility for students who transfer from other Hawaii public schools. Starting on the first day of the 2015-2016 school year as determined by the Department of Education official school calendar, a student who transfers from a Hawaii public high school (including neighbor island public high schools) to an OIA school, shall be ineligible to participate at that high school if the student participated in the sport at the previous Hawaii public high school. According to the By Laws of the OIA, Section I, Article 1a now reads:

A student is eligible to participate in a given sport provided that for fall sports the student is enrolled at the school within fifteen (15) days after the first day of school or for winter/spring sports the student is enrolled prior to the OIA start date¹; and (1) the student is enrolled at his/her home public school, or the student is granted a valid Geographic Exception in accordance with Article I, Section 6.b. below; and (2) the student did not participate in the same sport at any Hawaii public school within the last twelve (12) months.²

For the purposes of this section, enrollment shall mean, at the same school in which the student wishes to participate.

¹*Reference: OIA Handbook: Administrative Section, A-25. Try-Out and Starting Dates (current academic year). This enrollment deadline does not apply to students enrolling from out-of-state.*

²*Private school students who transfer to their home public school may participate provided that they are otherwise qualified under the eligibility rules. However, if a private school student obtains a Geographic Exception and does not attend his/her home school, then the student may participate in a sport provided he/she did not participate in the same sport within the last twelve (12) months, and is otherwise qualified under the eligibility rules.*

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The OIA also changed the athletic eligibility rule that applies to OIA Charter School students. The state statute allowed students of a Public Charter School (PCS) that are members of an athletic association to participate at the high school in the complex area where the PCS was located, or; if the PCS incorporated virtual on-line learning, the student was allowed to participate in the complex area where the student resided if the PCS did not have a stand-alone team in the sport.

However, based on an amendment to the PCS law this past July 2014, students attending a PCS that are members of an athletic association, will have to participate at the complex area high school where the student resides if the PCS does not have a stand-alone team in the athletic association. PCSs located on Oahu are considered Associate Members of the OIA.

The regular member school principals of the OIA voted to allow the PCS students who started participating in athletics at an OIA school where the PCS is located this school year to continue to participate at the OIA school until graduation if the student chooses to do so. According to the By Laws of the OIA, Article I, Section 6b3 now reads:

Students of schools which are Associate Members of the Association (“Associate Member School(s)”) which do not offer a particular Association athletic activity shall be allowed to participate in such Association athletic activity of the Regular Member School in the complex in which the student resides in as defined in Article I, Section 6a above when the member school does not have a stand-alone team for the sport(s), so long as the Associate Member School is in good standing with the Association. In the event that students of Associate Member School(s) have begun participating in Association athletic activity of a Regular Member School outside of the complex in which the student resides in, the students shall be allowed to play at said school until 2018. The foregoing exception is only applicable to students of Associate Member School(s) that have enrolled with said school from 2014 or earlier.

If you have any questions about these rule changes, please contact the athletic director of the high school that the student is attending.