



Hawaii High School Athletic Association

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HHSAA cancels spring sports season

HONOLULU – After consulting with state leaders, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association and its member leagues have decided to cancel the remainder of the 2020 spring interscholastic sports season due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health threat.

HHSAA Executive Director Chris Chun issued the following statement:

This decision to cancel the remainder of the spring season was extremely difficult for all involved considering the impact it will have on our students, parents, coaches and administrators throughout our state.

I would like to commend our leadership team from our five leagues in working together, thinking outside the box, in the face of an unprecedented crisis. Collectively, we have always planned for many different emergency scenarios from security threats to medical emergencies to natural disasters. In this case, the HHSAA and its member leagues used that same spirit and planning by expressing a willingness to discuss and explore every scenario and option possible to save the spring season. However, because the health and safety of our student-athletes and communities are our top priorities, there is no viable option to salvage the spring season. This decision was based upon state and county mandates, closure of facilities, and best health practices set forth by the Center of Disease Control and the Hawaii State Department of Health. We will continue to build upon the progress made in anticipation for the long-awaited return to sports.

To our seniors, we thank you for the positive contributions you made on your teams, schools and communities. While this worldwide event has caused you to grow up faster than planned, you all have very bright futures ahead. We hope the lessons learned while participating in education-based athletics, along with the friendships and memories made, will make a lasting impression.

*Chris Chun
HHSAA Executive Director*

The HHSAA member leagues include the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF), Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH), Kauai Interscholastic Federation (KIF), Maui Interscholastic League (MIL), and the Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA).

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About the HHSAA

Founded in 1956, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational athletic organization exclusively dedicated to serving 96 public and independent member high schools statewide, as they work cooperatively to support and promote athletics as part of the high school education program. As the umbrella organization of high school athletics, the HHSAA operates 44 state championships in 18 different sports, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, in addition to providing professional development opportunities for coaches and athletic administrators.