

# ALOHA REGION

## Junior Try-out Policy

The Junior Development Committee of the Aloha Region (Region) has the charter to not only promote and grow the sport of volleyball, but to also look out for the well-being and development of its membership.

To that end, the Region has had a “*gentleman’s agreement*” over the years whereby there were no try outs held during the high school season in order for those members currently participating in high school volleyball to place their full efforts, sans discussion and distraction, into their high school campaign. The agreement was that try outs would be conducted **AFTER** the conclusion of the State Championships.

Participation in interscholastic sports activities promotes citizenship and sportsmanship. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitate the physical and emotional development of our youth. Participation in high school activities is a valuable part of the overall high school experience.

Apparently this “*gentleman’s agreement*” has been violated by a number of clubs/teams.

To aid in maintaining our goal the Region will be adopting the following policy **effective 2010-11**:

### ***TRY-OUT DATES***

*In consideration of the players participating in their high school volleyball season and to allow these players to enjoy the camaraderie and social interaction which is one of the fundamental reasons for high school sports, it is the Region's position that this period be one of non-recruitment and/or club/team tryouts. It is the Region's position that the players obtain full benefit of high school sports without the added pressures and distractions of recruitment and tryouts.*

*To that end, the Region has adopted the following policy:*

#### *Girls:*

- *14 years old and under - club/team tryouts may not be held or scheduled until the conclusion of the intermediate volleyball season or October 15th, whichever occurs first;*
- *15 years old and older - club/team tryouts may not be held or scheduled until the conclusion of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State High School Volleyball Championships. If a 14 year old is playing with a varsity high school team s/he may not tryout until the later date.*

#### *Boys:*

- *Club/team tryouts may be held or scheduled after September 1.*