



## Special Olympics Hawaii 2026 State Summer Games Softball Coaches Packet and Tournament Schedule

### Locations:

The 2026 Softball Tournament will be split between two locations, Sand Island Softball Complex and the University of Hawaii Campus. We will utilize three fields at Sand Island, and two fields at UH; Les Murakami Stadium and Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium. Specific game locations are shared later in this document.

### Game Schedule:

The **Tee Ball** competition will be held at Sand Island, field #3 and will be a single round robin tournament, with all games played on Friday. Teams will be awarded medals based on record. 2-0 will receive gold, 1-1 will receive silver, and 0-2 will receive bronze. If all teams are 1-1, all teams will receive the gold medal.

The **Unified and Coach Pitch "A"** competitions will be held at UH, Unified at Les Murakami Stadium, and Coach Pitch "A" at Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium, and will be played as a 'modified' double elimination tournament, with teams playing two games on Friday. After Friday's games, the team with 0-2 record is eliminated and awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place, the two teams with 1-1 records will play at 5:00pm on Saturday, losing team awarded Bronze, winning team plays in the championship game at 6:45 against the team with the 2-0 record from Friday. Winner is awarded the gold medal.

**The Coach Pitch B** competition will be played at Sand Island, field #1, teams will play a back-to-back format on Friday with no championship game. If a team is 2-0, they are awarded the gold medal, and 0-2 will be awarded the silver medal. If both teams are 1-1 after Friday's games, both teams will be awarded gold medals. Coach Pitch B will not have any games on Saturday.

**Individual Skills Competition** will take place at Sand Island, field #2, beginning at 10:00am, and the awards will be presented on the field after the competition.

### Meals:

On Friday, lunch will be delivered to the competition venue (Sand Island or UH) for athletes, partners, and coaches only. Families and spectators will **not** receive lunch.

Please plan your team lunch around your playing schedule.

Tents/ shade will be provided for neighbor island teams

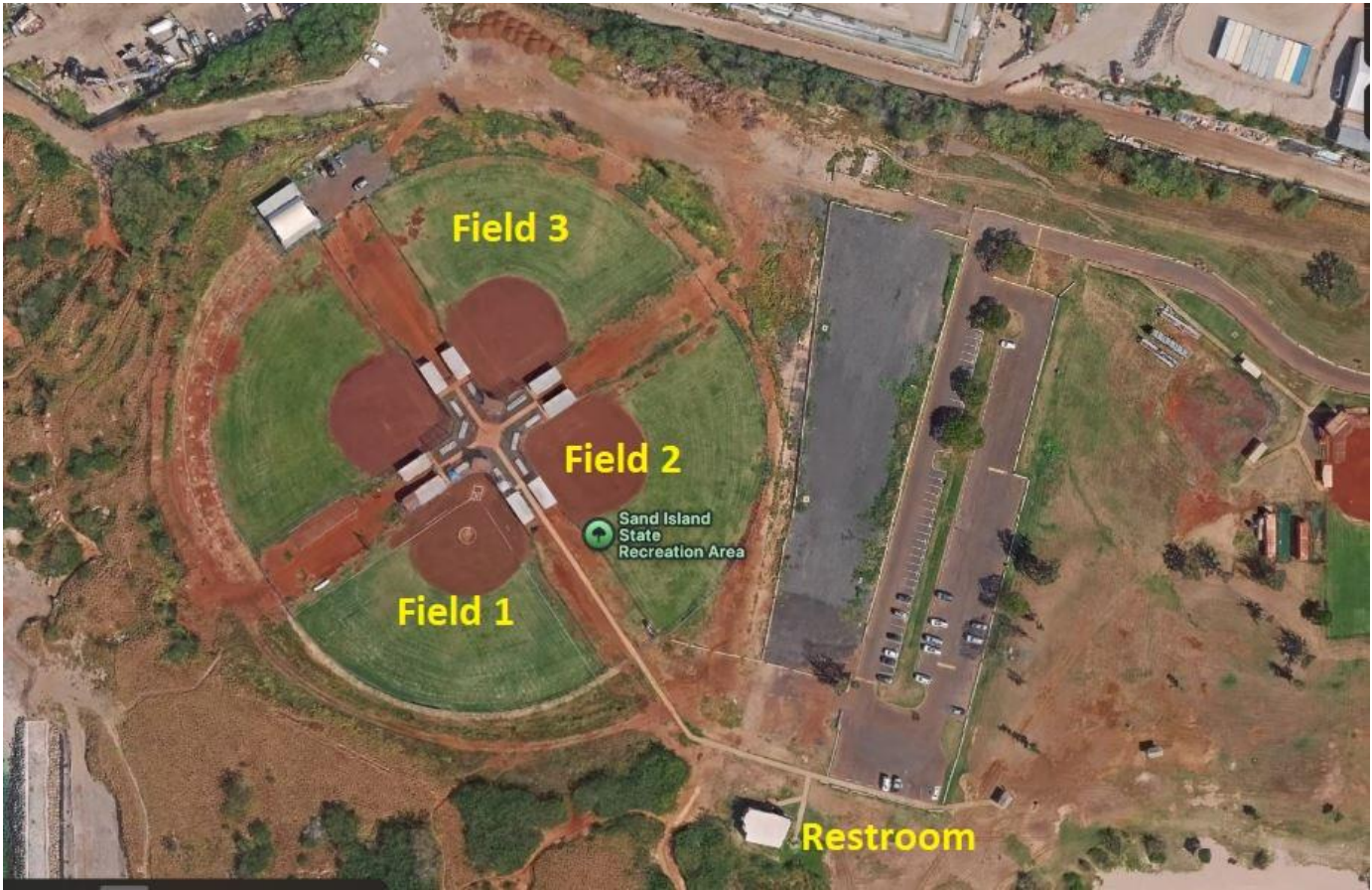
### SOFTBALL INDIVIDUAL SKILLS COMPETITION- Friday, June 5

1. Check-in at 9:30 am at Softball Field #2
2. Competition will start at 10:00 am.
3. Awards will follow the competition.
4. Lunch will be provided after the Awards.

## 2026 State Summer Games - Softball Teams by Division

<u>Unified A Division</u> Les Murakami Stadium	<u>Coach Pitch A</u> Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium	<u>Coach Pitch B</u> Sand Island Field One	<u>Tee ball</u> Sand Island Field Three
Pirates (Oahu)	Red Wave (East Hawaii)	Honoka'a Hawks (East Hawaii)	Power Ducks (Oahu)
Diamond Kings (Maui)	Mighty Ducks (Oahu)	Kauai Storm (Kauai)	Hurricanes (Maui)
Hawks (East Hawaii)	Term-Bows (Oahu)		Term-Bows (Oahu)
Terminators (Oahu)	Explosions (East Hawaii)		

Maps of Sand Island and UH Fields



**Friday, June 5, 2026**

<b><u>Field</u></b>	<b><u>Les Murakami Stadium</u></b>	<b><u>Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium</u></b>	<b><u>Sand Island #1</u></b>	<b><u>Sand Island #2</u></b>	<b><u>Sand Island #3</u></b>
<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Unified</u></b> 4 Teams "Modified" Double Elimination	<b><u>Coach Pitch A</u></b> 4 Teams "Modified" Double Elimination	<b><u>Coach Pitch B</u></b> 2 Teams Back-to-Back	<b><u>Individual Skills</u></b>	<b><u>Tee-Ball</u></b> 3 Teams Round Robin Format Best Record Wins
<b><u>9:00 am</u></b>	<b><u>Game 1</u></b> Pirates Vs. Diamond Kings	<b><u>Game 1</u></b> Red Waves Vs. Term-Bows	<b><u>Game 1</u></b> Honoka'a Hawks Vs. Kauai Storm		<b><u>Game 1</u></b> Power Ducks Vs. Maui Hurricanes
<b><u>10:00 am</u></b>				<b><u>Individual Skills Competition</u></b>	
<b><u>10:30 am</u></b>	<b><u>Game 2</u></b> Honoka'a Hawks Vs. Terminators	<b><u>Game 2</u></b> Mighty Ducks Vs. Explosions	<b><u>Game 2</u></b> Kauai Storm Vs. Honoka'a Hawks	<b><u>Awards to follow</u></b>	<b><u>Game 2</u></b> Maui Hurricanes Vs. Term-Bows
<b><u>12:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Game 3</u></b> Loser Game 1 Vs. Loser Game 2	<b><u>Game 3</u></b> Loser Game 1 Vs. Loser Game 2	<b><u>Awards to follow</u></b>		<b><u>Game 3</u></b> Term-Bows Vs. Power Ducks
<b><u>1:30 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Game 4</u></b> Winner Game 1 Vs. Winner Game 2	<b><u>Game 4</u></b> Winner Game 1 Vs. Winner Game 2			<b><u>Awards to follow</u></b>

**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

	<b><u>Les Murakami Stadium</u></b>	<b><u>Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium</u></b>			
<b><u>5:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Game 5 Unified</u></b> Winner Game 3 Vs. Loser Game 4	<b><u>Game 5 Division A</u></b> Winner Game 3 Vs. Loser Game 4			
<b><u>6:45 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Game 6 Unified Gold Medal Game</u></b> Winner Game 4 Vs. Winner Game 5	<b><u>Game 6 Division A Gold Medal Game</u></b> Winner Game 4 Vs. Winner Game 5			

## Tournament Notes – Friday/ Saturday

### Venues

Sand Island softball fields are natural grass outfield, and dirt infield.

Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium has an artificial turf outfield, and a dirt infield.

Les Murakami Stadium has artificial turf on both the infield and outfield.

All fields will be lined to the appropriate division length, will include a safety first base, and the second home plate.

### Lunch

Lunch will be delivered to the venue at which you are playing. Lunches are for official team delegates only. Teams must eat lunch around their playing schedule. Lunches could be delivered as early as 10:30 am. Your Area Director has given us a lunch count for each team.

### Awards

**Individual Skills Competition** will be awarded medals or ribbons at the conclusion of their event on Friday.

**Unified and Coach Pitch A** present 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon on Friday, and all other awards on Saturday night.

**Coach Pitch B and Tee Ball** will be awarded their medals at the conclusion of their event on Friday.

### Tiebreakers

Criteria written in order used, once the tie has been broken, no further criteria will be followed.

- For round robin tournaments **with** a championship game, if all three teams are tied after the round robin, a +/- run differential will be used to determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> seeds.
- If two teams have the same +/- run differential, the winner of that head-to-head game will be seeded higher.
- If all three teams have the same +/- run differential, lowest number of runs allowed will determine seeding.
- If two teams have the same number of runs allowed, the winner of that head-to-head game will be seeded higher.
- If all three teams have the same number of runs allows, the most runs scored will determine seeding.
- If two teams have the same number of runs scored, the winner of that head-to-head game will be seeded higher.
- If all three teams are still tied, a random card draw will be used to determine seeding for the championship game
- The team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the round robin will be presented with the bronze medals. Teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will play again in the Gold Medal game on Saturday night.

The round robin tournaments **without** a championship game (Tee Ball, Coach Pitch “B”), if all teams are tied with a record of 1-1, all teams will be awarded the Gold Medal.

Divisions with four teams (Unified, Coach Pitch “A”) will not be subjected to any tiebreaker situation.

### **Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather, games will be played if the Tournament Committee and Umpires feel it is safe to play. If play is halted, we will try to wait for the weather to improve for as long as possible. Games may be shortened, or the schedule revised, to give all teams an opportunity to play. A Head Coaches Meeting will be called immediately to discuss options.

### **Number of Games and Back-to Back Games**

All teams will play two games on Friday; some teams will have to play Back-to-Back games depending on schedule. One team in the Unified and one team in Coach Pitch "A" will play two, back-to-back games on Saturday.

### **Time Limits**

In all games, except Finals, no inning will start after 55 minutes, unless the score is tied. If a game is tied, the game will continue into extra innings.

### **Transportation**

Neighbor Island Teams will be transported directly from the airport to their competition venue. Neighbor Island teams playing off campus will be transported from Sand Island to the UH campus after their last game of the day.

### **Reminder – Play everybody!**

All athletes (and Unified Partners) must play in every game unless injured or have been removed for disciplinary reasons. Every person on the roster must play a minimum of one at-bat, or one inning in the field in each game played. Teams will forfeit the game if they do not comply.

### **Dinner- Saturday Night**

Teams playing in the 5:00pm games on Saturday night will receive dinner outside of the stadium, after their games. If your team is the #1 seed and only playing in the 6:45pm championship game, teams should eat before their game. Neighbor Islands should eat in the cafeteria, whereas Oahu teams should eat on their own, pizzas are available through the Oahu Area Director.

## Unified Softball

<u>Unified Division</u> Les Murakami Stadium
Pirates
Diamond Kings
Terminators
Honoka'a Hawks

### Tournament Formats

The Unified Softball Division is a 4-team 'modified' double elimination tournament. All teams will play two games on Friday. The team with a 0-2 record will receive 4<sup>th</sup> place and not advance. The two teams with a 1-1 record will play at 5:00pm Saturday, losing team is awarded the bronze medal, the winning team will play in the gold medal game against the team with a 2-0 record from Friday. The championship game is the final, regardless of whether it is a team's first loss.

The games are a maximum 7-inning game with a 10-run mercy rule in effect after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. No inning will start after 55 minutes, unless the score is tied. Championship game may be extended to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

### Special Notes

Softball cleats are suggested for all fields. Metal spikes are prohibited.

### Tournament Rules

USA Softball rules with Special Olympics adaptations are in effect. Games are run on a time limit basis with no inning starting after 55 minutes of play. A maximum of 7 innings will be played in a game, even if there is time left, unless teams are tied after the seventh inning. Games will be played until a team has won the game. Please warm up off the field as much as possible so we can keep to schedule. A minimum of 8 players, 4 Partners and 4 Athletes, must be playing at all times or a forfeit will be declared. A team may play 4 Partners and 5 Athletes, but not vice-versa, unless an athlete is injured during play. (See SOHI rules for clarification.) Please note, 6 athletes and 4 Partners are not allowed. The line-up can consist of 10 or 12 batters, not 11. A non-playing adult coach must be responsible for the line-up and on-field conduct of the team.

### Emphasized Unified Softball rules and adaptations:

1. Teams may position Unified Partners and Athletes at whatever position best suits the player. Teams **do not** have to play a specific number of Athletes or Unified Partners in the infield, outfield, or at pitcher/ catcher.
2. Unified Partners and Athletes may be positioned at any place in the batting line-up. **Teams do not** have to alternate Athletes and Partners in the batting order.
3. No sliding. If a runner slides, they will be called out.
4. Players can only overrun first base without being in danger of being tagged out.

5. No Partner or Athlete shall intentionally overplay their defensive position and make a play that is in another fielder's territory. This includes moving the Pitcher to home plate to take a throw from another fielder. The Catcher must make the play if able.
6. The outfielders must play a minimum of 10 feet behind infielders. Four outfielders must start play, on each pitch, in the outfield.
7. When submitting the line-up, Coaches must identify Athletes and Unified Partners.
8. All batters begin the at-bat with a one and one count. A foul ball will count as a third strike.
9. The Second Home Plate will be utilized. If a runner goes to the main Home Plate, they will be called out. If a defensive player tries to tag a runner after they pass the commitment line, or steps on the Second Home Plate, the runner will be called safe.
10. A player ejected from a game will be ineligible for the team's next game.
11. Athletes must wear even numbered uniforms. Partners must wear odd numbered uniforms.

**Tie-breakers:**

Because this is a 'modified' double elimination tournament, there is no need for a tie breaker scenario.

# Unified Softball Division (4 Teams)

All Games played at Les Murakami Stadium



## Coach Pitch Softball

<b>Coach Pitch “A” Division UH Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium</b>	<b>Coach Pitch “B” Division Sand Island Field #1</b>
Red Wave	Honoka’a Hawks
Term-Bows	Kauai Storm
Mighty Ducks	
Explosions	

### Tournament Format

#### ***“A” Division:***

The Coach Pitch “A” Softball Division is a 4-team ‘modified’ double elimination tournament. All teams will play two games on Friday. The team with a 0-2 record will receive 4<sup>th</sup> place and not advance. The two teams with a 1-1 record will play at 5:00pm Saturday, losing team is awarded the bronze medal, the winning team will play in the gold medal game against the team with a 2-0 record from Friday. The championship game is the final, regardless of whether it is a team’s first loss.

The games are a maximum 6-inning game with a 10-run mercy rule in effect after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. No inning will start after 55 minutes, unless the score is tied. Championship games may extend time limit.

#### ***“B” Division:***

The “B” Division is a 2-team, back-to-back tournament. Teams will play two games against each other and be awarded medals based on record. If a team is 2-0 they will receive the gold, if a team is 0-2 they will receive the silver. If both teams are tied 1-1, both teams will receive the gold.

The games are a maximum 6-inning game with a 10-run mercy rule in effect after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. No inning will start after 55 minutes, unless the score is tied.

### Tournament Rules

Special Olympics rules are in effect. Games will be played on a time limit basis with no inning starting after 55 minutes of play. Championship games will have no inning start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. A maximum of six innings will be played in a game, even if there is time left, unless teams are tied after the sixth inning. Games will be played until a team has won the game. Teams will switch sides when whichever of the following occurs first: A team bats through its lineup (maximum 10 in the order) or gets 3 outs. A minimum of eight players must play at all times, or a forfeit will be declared.

### **Emphasized Coach Pitch Rules and/or Adaptations:**

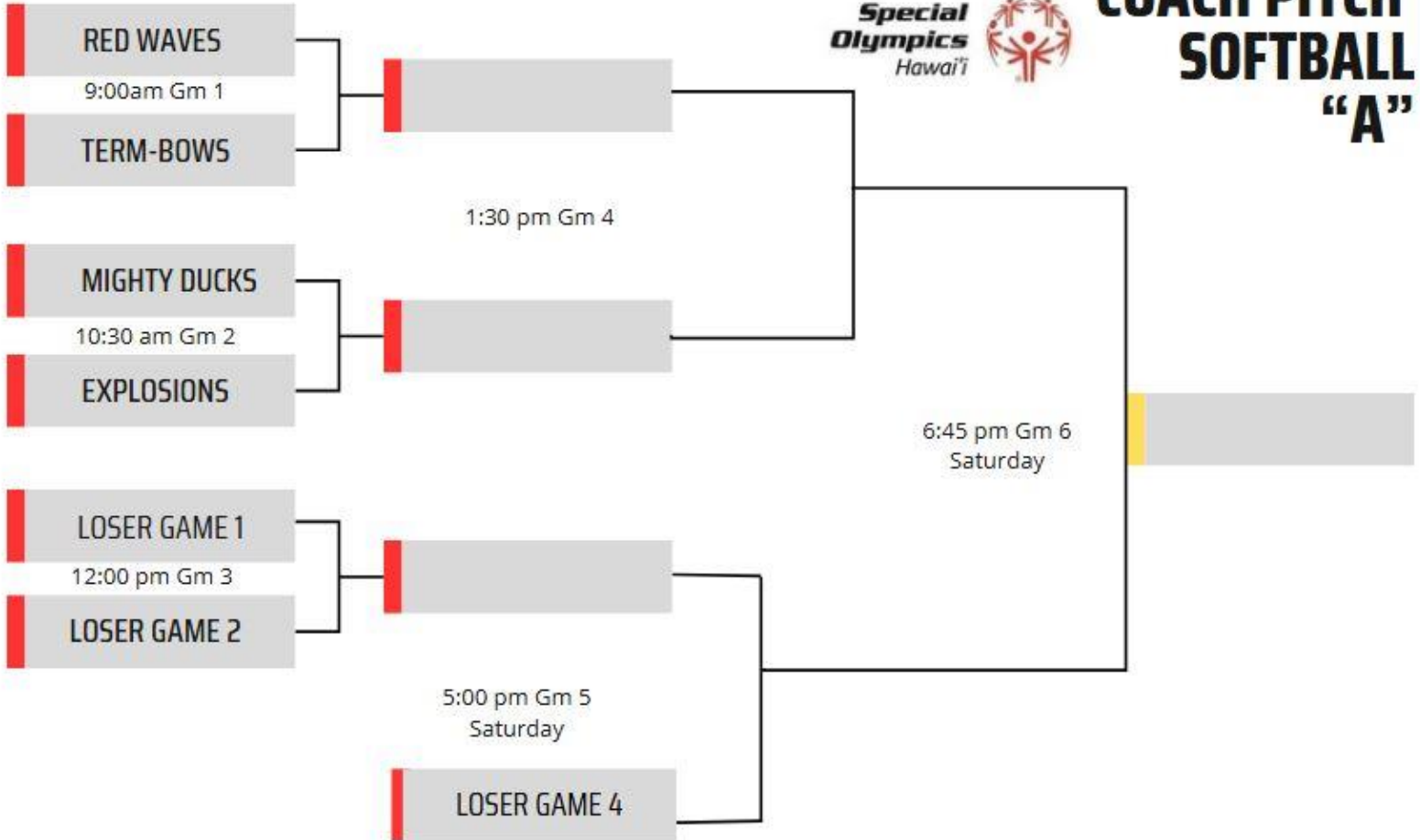
1. Sliding is prohibited. If runners slide, they will be called out.
2. Players can only overrun first base without being in danger of being tagged out.
3. **The Umpire will call time when the ball is held in the fair territory area of the infield AND it is clear to the umpire that the fielder is not attempting to make a play. At the umpire's discretion, runners already halfway to the next base will be allowed that base. An outfielder can run the ball into the infield.**

This rule is in place to limit overthrows and errors. But teams should be attempting to compete plays in a traditional style.
4. It is the batting team's coaches' responsibility, (not the umpire's) to adjust the height of the tee.
5. Games will be played with a 12-inch IncrediBall or training softball.
6. Teams will be allowed a defensive coach in the field, as in Tee-ball.
7. Teams will be allowed to use the Tee for 2 batters within the lineup, if needed. The tee must be used in the same place in the line up each time the batting team goes through their lineup. **If the batter elects to NOT use the tee to start their at-bat, they must complete the at-bat without the use of the tee.** A full swing must be taken by the batter, but the tee-ball line will not be used in Coach Pitch games.
8. **A player must only use the tee because they do not have the ability to hit a pitched ball, not to gain a strategic advantage**
9. Each team's coach pitches to their own team. This coach must make every attempt to move out of the way of defensive players attempting to make a play. The defense will position a defensive player next to the pitcher.
10. Coach pitching distance can be from 25' to 45'. No arc is required on any pitch.
11. Batters cannot be walked. Umpires will not call strikes if the batter does not swing. A foul on the third strike is an out.
12. Batters will get a maximum of **seven** pitches. If the batter has neither made an out, nor put the ball in play after seven pitches, the batter will be called out.
13. The outfielders must play a minimum of 10 feet behind infielders. Four outfielders must start play, on each pitch, in the outfield.
14. The Second Home Plate will be utilized. If a runner goes to the main Home Plate they will be called out. If a defensive player tries to tag a runner after they pass the commitment line, or steps on the Second Home Plate, the runner will be called safe.
15. If a ball is hit and comes into contact with the Pitcher-Coach it will be declared a foul ball.
16. A player ejected from a game will be ineligible for the team's next game.

Coach Pitch  
"A" Division (4 Teams)  
Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium



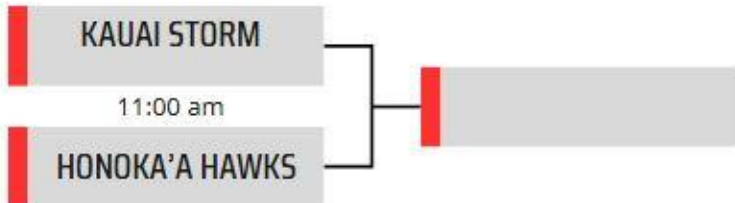
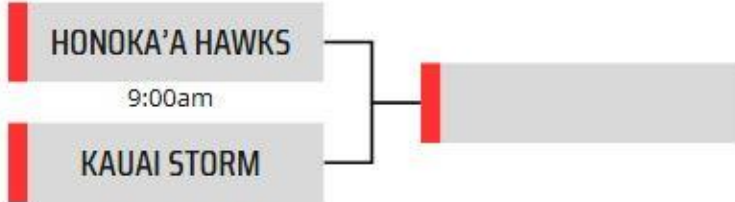
**COACH PITCH  
SOFTBALL  
"A"**



**Coach Pitch**  
**“B” Division (2 Teams)**  
Sand Island Field #1



**COACH PITCH**  
**SOFTBALL**  
**“B”**



## Tee-Ball

<b>Tee-Ball Division Sand Island Field #3</b>
Hurricanes
Power Ducks
Term-Bows

### Tournament Format:

The Tee-Ball tournament will take place at Sand Island field #3.

The Tee-Ball division has a total of three teams, which will play a single round robin tournament. Winner will be declared based on overall record, if each team has a 1-1 record, all teams will be awarded a gold medal.

### Tournament Rules:

Special Olympics rules are in effect. Games will be played on a time limit basis with no inning starting after 55 minutes of play. A maximum of six innings will be played in a game, even if there is time left, unless teams are tied after the sixth inning. Games will be played until a team has won the game. Teams will switch sides when whichever of the following occurs first: A team bats through its lineup (maximum 10 in the order) or gets 3 outs. A minimum of eight players must play at all times, or a forfeit will be declared.

### Emphasized Tee-Ball rules and/or Adaptations:

1. Sliding is prohibited. If runners slide, they will be called out.
2. Players can only overrun first base without being in danger of being tagged out.
3. **The Umpire will call time when the ball is held in the infield AND it is clear to the umpire that the fielder is not attempting to make a play. At the umpire's discretion, runners already halfway to the next base will be allowed that base. An outfielder can run the ball into the infield.**

This rule is in place to limit overthrows and errors. But teams should be attempting to compete plays in a traditional style.
4. It is the batting team's coaches' responsibility, (not the umpire's) to adjust the height of the tee.
5. Games will be played with a 12-inch IncrediBall or training softball.
6. Teams will be allowed a defensive coach on the field.
7. Bases may be modified to a distance of 60 feet.
8. A "neutral zone" will be marked in an arc of 46 feet from home plate. Any ball that does not cross this line will be designated **a foul ball unless fielded** within this zone by a defensive player while the ball is still moving.
9. A coaches' circle will be located 10 feet beyond second base and made with a 6 foot diameter. One coach from the defensive team may be allowed to stand in this circle while his team is on the field.

**Tee-Ball Division**  
**(3 Teams)**  
Sand Island Field #3  
All games are played on Friday, June 5



**TEE BALL**

POWER DUCKS

9:00 am

HURRICANES

HURRICANES

10:30 am

TERM-BOWS

TERM-BOWS

12:00 pm

POWER DUCKS