



Special Olympics Hawaii – 2026 ‘Aukake Classic 5-a-side Soccer Tournament Coaches Information Guide

**Waiau District Park, Pearl City
Saturday - Sunday, August 22, 23**

Saturday Schedule

9:30 am – 10:30am	Registration and check-in
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Opening Ceremonies
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Coaches Meetings
11:00 am- 12:00 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm – 12:45 pm	Divisioning Round Games
1:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Soccer 5 v 5 Competition

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – 9:25 am	Warm-up
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Soccer 5v5 Competition continued
12:00 pm	Final Awards

Tournament Rules

1. Special Olympics Hawaii five-a-side soccer rules are in effect.
2. Games will consist of four 10-minute quarters, with a seven-minute halftime and a one-minute water break at the end of the first and third quarters.
3. Teams can substitute at any time during a dead ball but must check in at the score table and be waved onto the field by the referee before entering the field.
4. All games will be played with a size five ball.
5. All teams will play on both days. Depending on Division schedule, some teams may only play one game on Saturday and/ or Sunday
6. Divisioning round games will be scheduled as needed. Divisioning Round Games are eight minutes long. Teams must play their starting five for the first five minutes of these games. Athletes must play in divisioning round games in order to play in the tournament.
Teams will be placed in their Division after the Divisioning Round Games. Coaches will be given the schedule for the day and tournament format after the Divisioning Round. No warm-up will be given for these games and all teams must be ready to play at 12:15 pm.
7. Any player ejected from a game (by receiving a red card, or two yellow cards) will be ineligible for the team's next game.
8. All players must play a minimum of one quarter or 10 minutes in each regulation game.
9. Uniforms/ Equipment:
 - All team members must have matching color jerseys with numbers on both sides.
 - All players must wear shin guards, covered with socks.
 - Goalies must have a goalie shirt, or a soccer jersey, which differs in color from the team colors.

- Cleats with a front cleat/stud (as found in baseball, football, etc.) are not allowed.
- 10. No jewelry may be worn in competition. Eyeglasses must be strapped on.
- 11. Overtime will not be played in Round Robin games, only in Elimination or Medal Round Games
- 12. During Round Robin Play, teams receive three points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. These points will be used to seed teams for medal round competition.
- 13. Head Coaches are responsible for knowing and abiding by the SOHI rules.

Tournament Formats

Teams will be placed into Divisions of two to four teams after the Divisioning Rounds. Teams will play one or two round robin (full-length) games on Saturday. Teams will again play one or two games on Sunday. It is possible that divisions may have as few as two teams or as many as four teams. Tournament formats are as follows, depending on the number of teams in the division:

Two Team Division

Teams will play a two out of three games tournament.

Three Team Division

Each team plays the other two teams on Saturday. (Round Robin). The second and third seeded teams after the round robin will play off in the first game on Sunday. The Winner will face the top seeded team in the Final on Sunday.

Four Team Division

Each team plays the other once (Round Robin). Round Robin games will be played throughout Saturday and the first games on Sunday. Teams are then seeded by record. The bottom two teams will play in the Bronze Medal Game on Sunday. The top two teams will play in the Gold Medal Game on Sunday.

Teams may be re-divisioned for medal round games

Tiebreakers

After the round robin, if teams are tied in points, the following tiebreakers will be used in this order:

- Winner of head-to-head game
- Point differential (Goals scored minus goals allowed) among tied teams (Maximum of five goals)
- Total number of goals scored in games with tied teams
- Total number of goals scored in round robin
- Coin toss

If obvious discrepancies occur in the Divisioning of the teams, the Soccer competition committee may split the divisions further during competition or move a team into another division for the medal round.

Tournament Notes

1. Lunch will be provided for all athletes, coaches, and volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday starting at approx. 11:00 am. Teams will need to eat around their game

schedule. Water will be available throughout the day. Delegations are responsible for snacks and additional drinks.

2. Please make sure your team cleans up after itself.
3. Please keep in mind that the Oahu teams are "hosts". Any help they can give in the way of sharing tents, snacks, etc. with the Neighbor Island teams is greatly appreciated.