



KAUA‘I MOKIhana FESTIVALS HULA COMPETITION

GENERAL RULES

ALL DIVISIONS

1. There should be a minimum of three hālau/group/soloists to make a division valid.
Subject to change by KMF Committee.
2. Hālau/Soloist MUST do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i (dance on/off stage).
3. All presentations must be done live. No recording.
4. There is no time limit.
5. One point each will be given for the following:
 - a. Meet the application deadline... August 1.
 - b. COMPLETED Application Form which includes:
 - i. Application Form - In its entirety, typed or printed clearly
 - ii. Copy of Oli/Chant
 - iii. Song Lyrics and translation
 - iv. Photos
 - v. Media/Video Waiver Release Form
6. Additional bonus points:
 - a. Songs 10 years or younger: Five (5) points
 - b. Kaua‘i Composers: Five (5) points
 - c. Kaua‘i songs 25 years or younger: Five (5) points
7. All ties will be broken and determined by the appropriate judge(s).
8. Cash awards will be given for the top three places in each division.
9. Hālau may enter any category.
10. House Band available if requested by June 30. The House Band is Kupaoa. Please Contact Kumu Maka Herrod at mfkauai85@gmail.com or 808-651-1868 for more information.
11. Hālau must abide by all general and category rules.
12. Please fill out this [Pre-Application Competition Form](#).

An automatic five (5) points will be deducted if the deadline is not met by August 1st.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

All divisions will be judged by the following hula criteria in Kahiko Nei and ‘Auana:

Ka‘i (Entrance)	Outfit	<u>Point System:</u> 1-2 Fair 3-4 Average 5-6 Good 7-8 Excellent 9-10 Superior
Ho‘i (Exit)	Adornments	
Creativity	Grooming	
Precision	Neatness	
Rhythm/Tempo	Overall	
Expression	Interpretation	

GROUP WĀHINE & GROUP KĀNE (Ages 13-54)

GROUP KAIKAMAHINE & GROUP KEIKI KĀNE (Ages 6-12)

GROUP KŪPUNA (Ages 55+ (‘Auana Only)

HUI/‘OHANA (All ages (‘Auana Only)

Group Kahiko

1. Group Kāne and Group Wāhine dancers ***MUST*** use at least one traditional implement. Hālau receive three (3) bonus points for each additional implement used. (Implement must make sound).
2. Chant should be in Hawaiian.
3. Choice chant *should be* 25 years or less.
4. There must be a minimum of three (3) dancers and a maximum of 15 dancers.
5. No more than three (3) chanters.
6. Hālau ***must*** do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i.

Group ‘Auana

1. Group Kupuna enters ‘Auana only and can be male and/or female (Ages 55+)
2. Hui/‘Ohana is open to all ages in any business, group, club or family that is NOT a hālau.
3. The song can be in Hawaiian or Hapa Haole.
4. Group Kāne and Group Wāhine dancers ***must*** use at least one implement. Bonus points for this category:
 - a. First traditional implement: Two (2) points
 - b. First non-traditional implement (ie: castanets, maracas): Three (3) points
 - c. First NEW non-traditional implement (ie: jitter ring): Five (5) points
 - d. Additional implements: One (1) point each

- e. Implements *must* make sound.
- 5. There must be a minimum of three (3) dancers.
- 6. A maximum of five (5) musicians and **ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE NOW ALLOWED. Must provide information for the amount of plug-ins and mics.**
- 7. Hālau/Group *must* do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i.

MISS MOKIHANA HULA KAHIKO (Ages 18+)

- 1. Soloists must be single and never married.
- 2. Soloists must do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i.
- 3. Soloist hula is limited to the Kalākaua era.
- 4. Soloists main chant/hula **must be about the Hawaiian island of her birth (soloist must be born in Hawai‘i).**
- 5. No hula noho (seated hula) PERMITTED.
- 6. Soloist will be judged and awarded in the following categories:
 - a. HULA
 - b. OLI
 - c. OUTFIT/ADORNMENTS
 - d. OVERALL

SOLO KAIKAMAHINE & KEIKI KĀNE (Ages 6-12) **SOLO ‘ŌPIO WAHINE & SOLO ‘ŌPIO KĀNE (Ages 13-17)**

Kahiko/‘Auana

- 1. Dancer *must* be the same for both Kahiko Nei and ‘Auana.
- 2. Soloist must do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i.
- 3. The song can be in Hawaiian or Hapa Haole for ‘Auana.

SOLO ‘AUANA

Mrs. Mokihana Hula (Ages 30-54)

**Must be married, divorced or widowed*

Mr. Kāne Hula ‘Auana (Ages 18-54)

Kupuna Mokihana Hula (Ages 55+)

**Dancer can be male or female*

- 1. Soloist must do a hula ka‘i and hula ho‘i.
- 2. The song can be in Hawaiian or Hapa Haole.

HULA COMPETITION SPECIAL AWARDS

MARGARET AIPOALANI MUSIC AWARD: All musical groups in the ‘Auana divisions only.

HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AWARD: All divisions in the Kahiko Nei only.

HENRY MOIKEHA PA HO‘OPA AWARD: Wāhine/Kāne Division Only.

PURPOSE: To encourage more and greater participation by the kumu hula. This award is for the kumu hula who meets the following criteria:

1. Kumu Hula must haku the mele Kahiko Nei.
2. Kumu Hula must ho‘opa‘a, pa‘i and chant.
3. Kumu Hula must play a musical instrument.
4. Kumu Hula must sing.

GEORGE KANANIOKEAKUA HOLOKAI Overall Award: Only judges scores will be added - minus the “bonus points”

KILOHANA KAUA‘I AWARD: Judges' choice on the BEST FACT SHEETS submitted by the participating kumu hula

JOSIE & DON OVER MEMORIAL AWARDS: Cash awards specifically for Miss Mokihana Hula Kahiko