

Use of Wildcard at Section Championships

HPS 2.02B(2) District/Area and Sectional Championship Events

In accordance with the 2018 HPS League Regulations the Adult League Committee adopted the following policy on use of a wildcard: The Championships Committee may elect to utilize a wildcard team when a District cannot send a team to participate in a section championship event. See table below:

Teams Per Flight	Format	Wildcard Option Used
5 (6 if Guam participates)	Single Round Robin	NO
4	Single Round Robin	YES
3	Two Round Robins	NO
2	Four Round Robins	NO
1	N/A	NO
Local League at Sectionals	Variable	NO

The Championships Committee may, at its discretion and with just cause, recommend to the Adult League Committee a modification of the application of this policy.

Selection of District for Wildcard Team

A district will be asked to provide all wildcard teams for each sectional event in a particular year. Starting with calendar year 2020, the order in which the districts will be asked is:

YEAR	DISTRICT
2020	Maui
2021	Oahu
2022	W. Hawaii
2023	Kauai
2024	E. Hawaii
2025	Maui
2026	Oahu
2027	W. Hawaii

- If a District cannot provide a wildcard team for a particular flight/gender, the next District in the rotation shall be asked. Should this happen, it does not remove this next District from the original order of rotation. Example: in 2021, Oahu is asked to provide a wildcard team for 5.0 women but cannot do so. West HI is then asked and does provide a wildcard 5.0 women's team. In 2022, West HI shall still be asked to provide wildcards whenever necessary.
- Should there be no need for any wildcards in any particular year, the order of rotation shall be maintained. Example: if no wildcards are issued in 2021, the district that will be asked to provide any wildcards in 2022 is still West HI.
- The Section League Coordinator (SLC) shall inform the Local League Coordinator of the need for a wildcard. The Local League Coordinator will inform the SLC as to which team should be asked. The order of teams to be asked in a particular flight/gender shall be according to the local league standings.
- Should a team withdraw from Sectionals within ten (10) days of the start of play, that team will be replaced by a wildcard team from the district that is hosting Sectionals.
- In the event that the Section is awarded bids to a National Championship or National Invitational and the Section does not currently have a Section Championship scheduled for that specific league, the bid will be awarded to the current year's wild card team based on the table above. If a District cannot provide a wild card team for a particular flight/gender, the next District in rotation shall be asked. Should this happen, it does not remove this next district from the original order of rotation.