

KEA'AU HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Being a member of Keau High School's Athletic Program is a privilege that carries certain expectations and responsibilities. The following is a standard set of rules which shall apply to ALL sports and no team/sport shall deviate in any way. Exceptions to the rules may be petitioned to the Athletic Director and/or Principal. Rules are in effect for entire school year upon start of athletic participation and may be carried over to following school year, season and/or sport. Student-Athletes are obligated to uphold these rules and responsibilities for participation:

1. Any student-athlete who is absent from school on the day of a game or practice may be ineligible to play or practice on that day. Student-athlete will remain ineligible to participate until they return to school. A student-athlete will be considered absent if they check in to school after 11:00am. Consideration to this rule will be given for authorized, documented circumstances by the AD/Principal.
2. A student-athlete who is suspended from school will not be allowed to participate (in any form or manner) for the duration of their suspension. Suspended athletes are NOT allowed to suit up for games or travel with the team. Athletes are not allowed to attend events during their suspension. Athletes suspended for more than (15) consecutive days shall be dismissed from the team.
3. Student-Athletes must not use, possess, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol, and/or illicit drugs and contraband at ALL times. The student shall be released from the team immediately and be ineligible for participation in any sport for the remainder of that sport season.
4. Student-athletes must not use, possess, or distribute any form of tobacco products/contraband. (this shall include, but are not limited to e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.) The student shall be suspended from the next scheduled game. Continued violation of this rule may lead to dismissal from team.
5. Student-Athletes may be released from the team for gambling and theft.
6. Any student-athlete who misses practice or games, or is tardy should inform their coach prior to the event or as soon as time permits. A written note from an authorized adult or personal contact from the parent/guardian to the Head Coach or Athletic Director is requested. Excessive non-attendance (excused or unexcused) and chronic tardiness may lead to dismissal from the team. The penalty for late arrival to practice is the discretion of the coach.
7. Chronic absence and/or tardiness from classes or school will lead to the student-athlete being suspended from participation and may lead to dismissal from team. Both the athlete and the coach should be aware that athletics comes secondary to education.
8. Participating in fighting (watching, engaging, or encouraging) before, during and after any practice, game, or school event will be address immediately with the student-athlete(s) involved. 1st Offense, student-athlete is suspended from the next scheduled athletic game; 2nd Offense student-athlete may be released from the team; 3rd Offense, student-athlete may be dismissed from all athletic participation for the remainder of the year. This rule will be cumulative by school year.
9. Any student-athlete found to be involved in any act of violence shall be placed on suspension until investigation is completed. Acts of violence include, but are not limited to

intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury to another and/or damaging property of another. (BOE 8-10-91)

10. Student-athletes shall not engage or encourage any type of harassment, threats or acts of bullying using social media or texting. Student-athlete may be suspended from participation. Continued violations may lead to dismissal from athletic participation.
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the frequency and severity, consequences may include loss of play time, up to dismissal from team and/or continued participation. When it involves an Ejection from contest, 1st Offense = removal from game/contest and suspended from next scheduled game; 2nd offense = dismissal from team/removal from BIIF participation. (BIIF ByLaw 17.5)
12. Any student-athlete found to be participating (watching, engaging or encouraging) in any form of sexual activity may be dismissed from athletic participation. This includes, but is not limited to harassment, taunting, and indecent exposure.
13. Student-athletes are required to travel with the team when transportation is provided by the school. Athletes will be deemed ineligible upon team departure. Arrangements must be cleared by the Athletic Director prior to event for consideration of eligibility. Proper forms must be completed and submitted for all return travel as well.
14. Should a student-athlete quit a team, be dismissed from a team for disciplinary action, or become a “no show”, after the team is selected, the student-athlete will forfeit all awards for that sport and not be eligible to try out, condition, or become a member of any team at Kea’au High School until ninety (90) days have elapsed. Days will commence from the time of notification to the Athletic Director.
15. At the conclusion of each season, the athlete shall return all uniforms and equipment that were issued to him/her at the beginning of each season. The student-athlete shall assume responsibility in paying for damaged or lost uniforms and equipment. Should an athlete quit a team or is released from a team; he/she is responsible to return all uniforms and equipment to the coach/Athletic Director within five (5) days. All said items should be cleaned prior to returning. Students-athletes who fail to comply will be denied eligibility to try out, condition, or participate in any sport until all issued items are returned or paid for at the current market replacement cost. All financial obligations such as travel cost and fundraising monies must also be cleared. All outstanding obligations will carry over into the next school year until payment is received. Outstanding obligations will deny Seniors the right to participate in graduation activities. Criminal Theft reports may be initiated for loss non-return of equipment and supplies provided to student-athletes.
16. Parties, picnics, and other gatherings of athletic teams are permitted at no expense to the Athletic Dept. All gatherings will be considered voluntary and not the responsibility of Keaau High, DOE, or the State of Hawaii. All school rules shall apply.
17. Any violations not previously stated will be referred to the Athletic Director by the Administration. The Athletic Director and/or Administration will determine athletic eligibility. Special problems that affect the Athletic Program should be resolved amongst the coaches involved and the Athletic Director. Should a problem remain unresolved after a discussion, the matter will be resolved by the Principal. In accordance with DOE Regulation 2610.1, any athlete, student, or coach will be notified of their rights at a hearing or appeal. PROCEDURE FOR APPEALING: A. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR; B. PRINCIPAL; C. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
18. Kea’au High School will remain in compliance with all DOE, BIIF, and HHSAA rules and regulations regarding discipline and procedure.