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## **Bulls Calendar**

03/03 Oahu League BOD meeting, 7:15 p.m., Gentry Pacific Center  
03/07 HSC Bulls Coaches Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Paki Hale  
03/20 Newsletter deadline for April issue  
03/21 HSC Bulls Managers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale  
03/21 Oahu League U8 – U12 Season ends  
03/21 – 24 State ODP Soccer Camp  
03/26 Holiday – Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day  
03/27 Oahu League U13 – U19 Season starts

## **Message from the President**

February was an amazing month in which two events showed the family nature of the Club. Many of you have already seen the pictures on the website of the teams participating in the Tide Cup Rally, held February 13 at Kapaolono Park. Many thanks to Jose Dydasco and his coaching and managerial crew for coming up with the idea and making it happen. Many older Bulls were there to cheer on the younger kids as they prepared for their Tide Cup matches. It was a sea of red and black as the younger teams had a mini parade and a "best sign" competition. Mahalo to the Gillis' for making those spectacular Bulls flags. I am sure the neighborhood was not expecting such a tremendous response by the Bulls families. Over 300 people took part in the food and celebration after an inspirational talk by Coach Neddo.

High School soccer was in full swing in February. Congratulations to all of the young men and women who displayed excellent skills and sportsmanship throughout the

season and also during the playoffs and championships.

Congratulations to Punahou Varsity Girls for their victory behind the spectacular saves of All-American Allison Lipsher.

The Boys Varsity Soccer Championship was a grudge match between Iolani and Mililani, going the distance to PK shootout. Almost 3,400 fans watched as the boys left everything on the field, with Bulls players on both sides of the ball. It was terrific to see all of the Bulls players and parents out at both events to watch great soccer and to cheer on their friends and teammates.

Mahalo to all for making this Club what it is.

"If the eyes are looked upon as the windows to the soul, then a smile must be the doorway to the heart."

## **HSC Bulls Honor Roll**

By Theresa Wong

Congratulations to the Bulls players for listed below excelling on the field and in the classroom. Please note this is for high school students in the Club. Several youth players did exceedingly well, too. Keep up the good work all of you!

## **Bulls Star Scholar 3.75 - 4.00**

Kelsi Chan (88)  
John Chang (88)  
Cianna Chung-Min (88)  
Alexander Gino (89)  
Allison Haines (88)  
Jamie Hanold (88)  
Scott Kawakami (89)  
Sophie Merrifield (88)  
Kaveh Nikou (89)  
Ken Ogata (88)  
Marisa Schoen (88)  
Jason Shon (88)  
Alana Wall (88)

Jordan Wong (89)  
Jenna Wong (88)

## **Bulls Scholar 3.50 - 3.74**

David Hashisaka (89)  
Andrew Inaba (89)  
Morgan Langley (89)  
Shelysa Rapoza (89)  
Cory Wong (89)

## **U-12 Star Scholar**

Amy Austin  
Nicky Harris  
Kelli Kaneta  
Carmen McDermott  
Wade McDermott

## **U-12 Scholar**

Ashley Okazaki  
Reid Sakamoto  
Christine Tamamoto

## **Help Wanted for the HIC**

The HSC Bulls sponsors the HIC tournament every July, and we have committed to expanding the tournament this year. We have an immediate need for volunteers to assist with website development and marketing projects. Previous graphics and web page design experience is essential. This will involve 5 - 10 hours per week over the next several months, and will be a significant contribution to the Club and the tournament's success. If interested, please contact Miles at [miles.tsuruoka@verizon.com](mailto:miles.tsuruoka@verizon.com).

## **Of Concern to All:**

By Ken Perske

A few questions have come to me in the past few weeks from several sources so I thought I would give a general answer in the Bulletin. Please, if you have questions or concerns, ask your team manager. Several of these concerns are addressed in the manager's manual or at the manager's meetings, which they are required to attend. The Board also recently held an Open



Forum for exactly this reason, but no one showed up. Please take these opportunities to get your questions answered. More than likely you are not alone with the same question.

**Travel:**

Summertime is a big travel time for the Club. We may have as many as 18 teams traveling to the mainland for tournaments come June, July and August. The coaching staff determines which tournaments would give the players the best benefit based on the competition. Hopefully you are all aware from the start that we travel to many tournaments. Part of the commitment to the Club, once you reach a certain age, is to travel. Younger age groups do not need to seek competition on the mainland.

Travel expenses are not included in the membership fees. We realize these costs can be burdensome, but the rewards are player development and player exposure to college scouts.

How costs per player are assessed for hotel rooms, transportation and food is a team decision. If parents have players that are not their children staying in their rooms, it makes sense to charge them a daily rate. The same applies to players traveling in vans rented by parents. For certain age groups, the DOC may specify whether players must stay with their team or may stay in their parents' room.

For a tournament in which many Club teams attend, and thus many coaches, each player is assessed a coaching subsidy fee based on how many coaches the DOC determines will be needed to cover all of the games and scout the competition. This coaching subsidy covers the cost of the airfare, transportation, lodging and a per diem for each coach. The cost for ALL assigned coaches going is evenly distributed among ALL players going. The staff is very creative in sharing vehicles and lodging to keep costs down as much as possible. In my experience over the past 5 years, it usually works out to about \$90/player. This is not etched in stone, but should be

included as part of the per player budget when making plans to travel. Obviously, this subsidy is determined by how many players in total are rostered and how many assigned coaches travel.

When multiple teams travel, we have a travel committee convene to look for the best airfare and most affordable housing. Each traveling team should have a representative on this committee when it convenes (and it doesn't have to be the manager!). When teams attend tournaments individually, they may pay the cost for related coaches directly.

**Fundraising:**

Teams are encouraged to obtain support for their travel and other expenses. However, the team should advise the contributors that their support is NOT tax deductible, since teams are not a non-profit corporation. Contributions made to the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club are used for purposes determined by the Board.

One other important note about fundraising is that the Club logo is Club property. Any fundraising item using the Club logo; such as coffee cups, chairs, umbrellas; must be Board approved.

The Board appreciates your understanding in these financial matters. Again, if you have questions your first contact should be your team manager.

**Need to Know Basis**

By Ken Perske

For all of you computer nerds out there, here are some interesting web sites that will keep you well informed about the beautiful game!

Of course, first and foremost, is the Club web site at [hscbulls.com](http://hscbulls.com). Search this site for the updated calendar, news articles about our alumni and great pictures of our teams, the Bulletin, forms you may need and vital links to other websites.

Many of our teams are now playing in MISO Jr. or MISO leagues. Please visit the

[www.islandsoccer.com](http://www.islandsoccer.com) web site regularly for informational updates, game schedules and players of the week listings.

To stay abreast of news about the Men's and Women's National Teams check out [www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com).

For daily news from around the soccer world or shopping for terrific replica jerseys:

- [www.foxsportsworld.com](http://www.foxsportsworld.com)
- [www.soccer.com](http://www.soccer.com)
- [www.uefa.com](http://www.uefa.com)
- [www.fifa.com/en/index.html](http://www.fifa.com/en/index.html)
- [wusa.com](http://wusa.com)
- [www.kitbag.com](http://www.kitbag.com)

Hope you find these useful!

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**Keep the WUSA Dream Alive**

From [www.wusa.com/keepthedreamalive](http://www.wusa.com/keepthedreamalive)

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**Show your support with the "Keep the WUSA Dream Alive" ticket fund:** Soccer supporters around the globe now have the opportunity to make a difference, as the WUSA recently announced the "Keep the WUSA Dream Alive" ticket fund initiative.

"We've had an incredible outpouring of support during the last few months," said Tony DiCicco, co-chairman of the committee to re-launch the WUSA and the league's former commissioner. "The WUSA has received thousands of inquiries from soccer clubs, individual players, parents and others asking about how they can contribute to the return of the league. The 'Keep the WUSA Dream Alive' ticket campaign provides the opportunity for fans to show their support for women's soccer and receive a valuable benefit."

WUSA supporters can log onto [www.wusa.com/keepthedreamalive](http://www.wusa.com/keepthedreamalive) to learn how they can officially pledge their support by joining the "Keep the WUSA Dream Alive" ticket campaign.

"Our goal is to have 2,500 clubs/organizations/businesses nationwide commit to purchasing a minimum of \$1,000 worth of tickets per year, for three consecutive years," DiCicco added. "Additionally, individuals who are not part of a club



or soccer organization can make a pledge at this level or make a one time donation at a level they feel appropriate."

You may have read where the WUSA will play several matches in 2004, staging as many as three, four-team WUSA Soccer Festivals in June, with a full re-launch of the eight-team women's professional soccer league planned for 2005. In fact, more than 15 communities expressed interest in hosting one of the weekend soccer festivals. So which cities will it be? Well, check out [wusa.com](http://wusa.com) on the afternoon of March 1, as the host cities will be announced.

"The response has been fantastic," said Joe Cummings, co-chairman of the committee to re-launch the WUSA. "In addition to the interest among the eight WUSA cities, some of America's soccer hotbeds are among the markets we are considering. The feedback we've received from these markets is one of many reasons why we're excited about the future of the WUSA."

All of the U.S. women's national team stars of the WUSA are committed to play in the WUSA Soccer Festivals, which also may include several of the international standouts. These soccer festivals will bring the WUSA brand to the forefront of the American sports landscape as the athletes being final preparations for the Summer Olympic Games in Athens in August. Players keeping busy during the off-season: WUSA players are involved with a variety of activities during the off-season. Some athletes are competing for their respective national teams while trying to qualify for the Athens Summer Olympic Games. In fact, New York Power midfielder Shannon Boxx had a hat trick and Washington Freedom standout Mia Hamm notched two goals on Wednesday in the United States' 7-0 win over Trinidad & Tobago. San Diego Spirit forward Christine Latham and Atlanta Beat veteran Charmaine Hooper scored for Canada in a 6-0 victory over Jamaica on Thursday, while

Hooper's Beat teammate, Maribel DomAnguez, scored for Mexico in a 5-0 win over Haiti earlier this week. Other WUSA players are pursuing graduate degrees or are coaching and working at soccer camps and clinics.

#### **Law 11: Offside**

From [www.fifa.com/en/display/mrel.72504.html](http://www.fifa.com/en/display/mrel.72504.html)

Laws of the Game: more detailed interpretation of Law 11: Offside

Zurich, 29 October 2003 - At the Annual Business Meeting of the International Football Association Board on 16 September 2003, a decision was passed in order to ensure uniform interpretation of Law 11: Offside (see below). The aim of this decision is to respect the Laws of the Game and to protect attacking play intended to lead to a goal, which is the ultimate objective in football. This is not a change to the Laws of the Game as this interpretation adheres entirely to the original wording of the Law.

Law 11 reads as follows: "A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball is touched or played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

interfering with play, or  
interfering with an opponent, or  
gaining an advantage by being in that position."

How to interpret:

"interfering with play"

-> PLAYING OR TOUCHING a ball passed or touched by a team-mate.

"interfering with an opponent"

-> PREVENTING an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball. For example, by clearly obstructing the goalkeeper's line of vision or movements.

-> Making a gesture or movement while standing in the path of the ball to DECEIVE OR DISTRACT AN OPPONENT.

"gaining an advantage by being in that position"

-> PLAYING A BALL that rebounds off a post or the crossbar having been in an offside position.

-> PLAYING A BALL that rebounds off an opponent having been in an offside position.

With these clearer instructions, the referees will be in a better position to make informed decisions based on uniform criteria. However, as stipulated in the Laws of the Game, the referee's decision is final.

#### **Offside Rules OK?**

Tue 17th Feb 2004

Submitted by Briana O'Dowd

#### **Keith Drew looks at the new offside interpretation...**

With their recent hard-fought 3-1 win over Wolves, Arsenal managed to set a new club record and stretch their unbeaten run to 24 games in the process. They're proving a hard team to pick up points from this season but Wolves found it an altogether tougher task, thanks to the individual interpretation that makes up the "new" offside rule.

With the game tied at 1-1, Thierry Henry found himself hovering a couple of yards the wrong side of the last Wolves defender as an Arsenal attack developed in midfield.

At the last minute, he slipped back in line to receive the final pass before going on to beat Paul Jones in the Wolves goal. So, was he offside? Or was he onside? Or was he offside outside the box and then onside, inside? One thing's for sure - FIFA's new directive has got managers, players and fans united in their confusion.

The FIFA offside guidelines are not actually a new rule, but rather an attempt to better define what is meant by "interfering with play," that grey area of the game left to the referees and their assistants' - often debatable - interpretation. The "improvement" they've come up with focuses on two main points. The first states that a player can only be adjudged to be gaining an advantage by being offside if he touches the ball after it has come back off a post or the crossbar, or rebounds to him off an opponent.

So, when Ruud van Nistelrooy scored Manchester United's controversial winning goal against



Southampton at the beginning of February, the goal stood because the Dutchman's strike followed a goal-mouth melee and the ball did not rebound to him off the woodwork or an opposing player. The only problem with that interpretation is the small matter that van Nistelrooy was clearly still stood in an offside position when Ronaldo originally delivered the free-kick, whether it hit a defender on his way to him or not.

Fast forward a week to Henry's goal against Wolves. The second point of FIFA's new definition states that, as long as a player doesn't directly block the vision or restrict the movement of an opponent, then he is deemed as 'not interfering with play,' and therefore will not be flagged for offside. Henry wasn't preventing the goalkeeper from seeing the ball when he was wandering around behind the Wolves back four so his goal was allowed to stand. As the Wolves manager, Dave Jones, argued on ITV's The Premiership on Saturday night though, if a striker's not interfering with play when they're prowling around the box then when will they be?!

FIFA hopes that these new guidelines will improve the game by allowing more attacking play and with the benefit of the doubt now going to the attacker, the Premiership will clearly be seeing a lot more goals. But, at the end of the day, football's governing body has done little more than mix up its message.

If FIFA want referees to start showing some consistency then they should tighten up on the rules where judgment is open to interpretation rather than diluting them. With the original offside rule, a player was either offside or they weren't. Now the decision's going to come down to the discretion of the individual in charge. In giving greater power to the referees' interpretation, FIFA has only succeeded in making a confusing law even more complicated.

**Open Tryouts U07 – U12**

The HSC Bulls are holding open tryouts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 14 at Waialae Iki Park (Koko Head side by parking lot). Coaches expect all current players to participate in these tryouts. If a player has friends who are interested in playing soccer at a higher level, this is an opportunity for them to join the best Club in the Islands. Does your friend desire:

- Competitive play
- To be on a competitive team
- To be in a competitive league

Does your friend want to work with a coaching staff that teaches?

- Fundamentals
- Individual Technique
- Team Tactics

Open HYSA Tryouts are held during June - July of each year. Outside of those months, HYSA players from other clubs need written permission from their current HYSA coach before they can visit the Bulls. Non-HYSA players can join the Bulls at any time throughout the year.

**Why do the Bulls hold open tryouts?**

Coaches, in most cases, do not know the players that come to the tryouts. Open tryouts allow coaches to balance teams if there is enough for two teams.

**Ultimate Challenge Soccer Camp**

The Ultimate Challenge Soccer Camp is being held from March 22 - 26, 2004. This Camp is for boys and girls ages 6 through 14. Times for a full day Camp are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Times for half a day Camp are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Early-Bird Registration by March 15

- \$129 (Full Day)
- \$79 (Half Day)

Standard Registration from March 16 to March 21.

- \$139 (Full Day)
- \$89 (Half Day)

Walk-up Registration after March 21.

- \$149 (Full Day)
- \$99 (Half Day)

Camp registration is available on-line <https://www.youthleaguesusa.com/honolulu/2004/Camp.html>.

**Some Play for Keeps**

The Some Play for Keeps is a Goalkeeper Camp. The Camp will be from March 25 - 27, 2004. This Camp is for boys and girls ages 6 through 14. Times are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost for the Goalkeeper Camp is \$100.

Camp registration is available on-line <https://www.youthleaguesusa.com/honolulu/2004/Camp.html>.

**Parent Education Series - Number 1**

By Tom Goodman, M.Ed.  
National Director of Coaching Education, US Youth Soccer

**Game Day**

**Helpful Tips for Parents**

Parents of young athletes play a vital role in their children's development in sport. Some parents struggle in their efforts to positively influence their children in this sporting environment. Well-intentioned, much of the time, some of their methods employ over-questioning, critical comments and unrealistic demands toward their children. The situations that many young soccer athletes deal with before, during and after games and training sessions could bring a grown adult to tears.

Consider the following story about Mr. John Jones and his 11-year-old daughter Jean as they experience "Game Day".

**"Interrogation on Wheels"... Pregame**

The car door closes. Jean seat belts herself in. John starts the engine. The car begins to move and John starts the interrogation:

"What position is coach going to play you in today?"

"Are you going to start?"

"Take some shots yourself today; you don't have to pass to Mary all the time."

"Be more aggressive on your tackles."

"Don't take any grief from the other team!"

"Work on your mental toughness today."

**“Match Mouth”...The Game**

Mr. Jones and Jean arrive at the field. Jean is gathering her stuff. John locks the doors of the car. He still has a few minutes to walk with Jean to the field and bestow upon her a few more tidbits of advice:

“Don’t be lazy this game!”

“Keep your head in the Game.”

“Don’t forget to ask the coach to put you at forward.”

The match begins and Jean is not starting. John’s body tenses, his teeth begin to grind and negative **self-talk** (talking to oneself) begins:

“This guy doesn’t know what he’s doing!”

“I bet he won’t let her play forward.”

“I should have put her on another team.”

Jean finally gets into the game. She is playing left defender. More negative **semi-self-talk** (becoming audible):

“What is he doing?”

“It’s clear that he doesn’t like her!”

“She can’t even kick a ball with her left foot!”

As the game progresses, an opposing player, on Jean’s side of the field, receives the ball and dribbles straight at her. John’s negative “coaching” comments begin so that Jean can hear them:

“Stop backing up...be aggressive...step up!”

“Come on...get the ball...tackle her!”

Jean trips and falls as the opponent dribbles by her. The opponent proceeds to cross the ball and a goal is scored against Jean’s team. John is beside himself with rage! He just can’t stand it! He throws his arms down vigorously and begins to pace the touchline for a few steps. His negative comments become extremely vocal...he is willing to share them with anyone who will listen!

“Jean...Get up...what are you doing?!”

“I knew it...this coach doesn’t have a clue!”

“Hey ref...she knocked her down...call something for a change!”

“He should have never put her in the back.”

“This is ridiculous!”

The game ends and Jean’s team loses 1-0. The coach is talking to the team and Mr. John Jones decides that he must talk to the coach RIGHT NOW...IMMEDIATELY! It cannot wait! He walks over to where the team is sitting, interrupts the coach in an angry tone, and informs him that he wants to talk to him. Jean is embarrassed. The coach suggests that Mr. Jones step away and wait until he is done speaking to the team. Then he will speak with Mr. Jones privately. John Jones storms off and says, “Forget it!” His anger has reached a pinnacle:

“I can’t believe this guy!”

“He has no respect for the parents!”

“I’m taking my daughter off this team!”

Anyone within earshot has heard John’s comments... including the players.

**“Interrogation on Wheels Again”...Post-Game**

Mr. Jones gets into his car and tells Jean to hurry up and get in. Once out of the parking lot, it begins...

“Didn’t you ask him if you could play forward?”

“He doesn’t know what he is doing anyway!”

“What have I told you about diving in on the tackle...you have to stay balanced and be aggressive!”

“We are going to another club, where you can play forward!”

Mr. John Jones and his daughter Jean get home. Jean gets out of the car in tears, goes up to her room...and decides to quit soccer!

**Friendly Advice:**

I am sure that you, as parents of a youth soccer player, have witnessed some of this parental behavior. Here are a few ideas on “Game Day” that might help to make a positive difference in your child’s development in sport.

**Pre-Game**

Make a few positive, support comments to your child...“I can’t wait to see your game today. Have some FUN!”

Help your child get the proper nutrition she needs prior to the competition.

Prior to a game, any good sports psychologist or coach will tell you that it is important for the athlete to get mentally ready for the competition through “positive self-talk”. The ride to the game is a good time for this. Some athletes like to listen to music during this time. Some athletes want to talk a bit...let your child start the discussion or ask the question if they desire. It is very difficult for your child to mentally prepare for the competition when you are hording all of the time with your questions and advice!

**The Game**

Cheer on the athletes for both teams. They are trying their best. They are youth players and what you say really does affect them...whether you are their parent or not!

Please DO NOT try to coach your child or the other players. The players must focus their attention on the game and, at times, their coach and the referee. There is a lot to think about in the game of soccer. Let them focus.

**Post-Game**

Good parents and coaches know that immediately after the game it is time for mental, emotional and physical regeneration.

A positive word about their efforts in the game is very helpful and means a lot to your child.

Please don’t analyze the game or your child’s performance in the game. The coach will do this at the next training session.

**Final Thought**

Enjoy watching your children play...it will be much less stressful on you and, certainly, on them.

**Editor’s note: Let’s hope the HSC Bulls do not have parents such as described above.**