

Duke Barred As Outrigger Club Athlete

A. A. U. Rules Will Not Permit
Him To Swim For That
Organization

Any plans the Outrigger Club has to make Duke Kahanamoku a member of its swimming team appear to be blocked by the A. A. U. rules. Duke is registered with the A. A. U. as a member of the Hui Nalu Club, under the colors of which he has been swimming for a long time. His present registration will expire next month. While it runs he cannot swim for any other club without violating the rules of the A. A. U. For one year after the expiration of the registration Duke may swim unattached, if he does not wish to register as of any club, but he may not swim for any club other than the Hui Nalu during that time. In short, he may not represent any club other than the Hui Nalu until August, 1918.

John F. Soper, secretary of the registration committee of the A. A. U., said that the question was raised by the Outrigger Club as to whether or not Duke might swim for the club, and that the rules of the A. A. U., as outlined above, were explained. Kahanamoku could swim in a closed meet of the Outrigger Club, but an inter-club meet would be regarded by the A. A. U. as open competition, and in such a meet he could not compete for the Outrigger.

The question of Duke's eligibility was raised by a published article on the plans of the Outrigger Club to include him on its team in a proposed meet with Palama.
