

### PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A. A. U. READY TO SIGN

#### Officers of Tentative Organization Draw Up Application and Endorsement by Local Clubs Will Be Sought This Week.

The officers of the tentative organization known as the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association went into executive session yesterday afternoon and drafted the form of application for admission into the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Following is the form of application, to which the local athletic clubs will be asked to affix their official signatures, and to suggest any further reasons why the benefits of the A. A. U. should be extended to the Hawaiian Islands that already incorporated in the petition which may weigh with the national board when considering the application:

"Board of Governors, Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America—Honolulu:

"The Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association, comprising the following clubs: The Hawaii Yacht Club, the Honolulu Yacht Club, the Honolulu Cricket Club, the Hawaiian Association Football Club, the St. Louis College Athletic Association, the Oahu College Athletic Association, the College of Hawaii Association, the Diamond Head Baseball Team, the McKinley High School, the Kamehameha Schools, the Grammar School League, the Merile Boat Club, the Maleo Baseball Team, the Oahu College Alumni Association, the Heihei Yacht and Boat Club, the Outrigger Club, the Y. M. C. A., the St. Louis Alumni Association, the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, the Hawaiian Golf Club, the Oahu Country Club, the Oahu Polo Club, the Hawaiian Tennis Association, and the Hawaiian Club, hereby respectfully makes application for membership as an active member in the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America as the Hawaiian Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America.

"The territory to be included in this association is to be the Territory of Hawaii, comprising the five islands, namely, Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai.

"The reasons why the creation of such a proposed association is desired and desirable are as follows:

"First—The Territory of Hawaii is two thousand miles from the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association and the A. A. U. which is the nearest branch of the A. A. U.

"Second—The climate is the same (the year around), permitting athletic sports of all kinds to continue uninterrupted, and the various seasons are not strictly observed. The population of the islands is over 200,000, and there are a number of athletic clubs promoting tennis, basketball, football, baseball, basketball, rowing, sailing, surfing, polo, jockey, polo, golf, cricket, and field and track athletics, but there is no satisfactory association to govern competitors. Young athletes are constantly going to the United States to compete, but they have no standing. Many of them have made and are making notable records in the big eastern colleges on the various athletic teams. They have made brilliant records in the islands, all of which counts for credit for the reason that there is no official record of their achievements. Records are being made in athletic meets in the Territory of Hawaii which compare favorably with the records made in the States, yet by reason of the islands not being on the athletic map, athletes in the islands can not gain recognition outside their own country, and can not compete except among themselves. There is no encouragement for amateur athletics in the islands and no incentive to decide from becoming a professional. While there is not enough remuneration to buy the athletes to make it a profitable venture, there is enough professionalism intermingled with amateur sports to work a serious detriment to beautiful athletic activities. There is no officially recognized body in the islands to regulate sports, to see that tracks upon which races are held are exactly length, that various implements used are of the prescribed weight, length of size, and so properly constituted authority to arrange athletic meets and tournaments and award official trophies, or provide suitable medals or prizes.

"Third—As a regularly organized branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America, the Territory of Hawaii would send a field and track team to the regular A. A. U. meets in the States that might be able to throw the recorded official records made in the States. The citizens of Hawaii are American citizens and are entitled to recognition in athletics as well as in any other line of effort.

"We, the undersigned athletic clubs, constituting the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association, hereby make application for membership in the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America for the reasons above set forth and we do hereby agree to enroll as members of the Hawaiian Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America.

The names of all the organizations considered as likely to sign the original application for membership in the A. A. U. have been included in the draft of this petition and all who can be reached will be asked to sign. The headquarters of the national organization in New York will, however, have only the names of those clubs who's signatures are obtained. The names of those clubs who's signatures are obtained, however, will be sent to the headquarters of the national organization in New York. Some of the baseball athletes were of the opinion yester-

day that enough teams could be included to join the A. A. U. to get an amateur baseball league here. The Diamond Heads, it was said, are coming to life again and with the old Maleo team, the Kamehameha Amateur Association, Oahu College Alumni Association and the St. Louis Alumni Association there could be teams enough to make an interesting series without mixing with the professional teams in the islands. The St. Louis baseball team is not likely to identify itself with the amateur movement, but the Oahu College Alumni team is entirely in favor of amateur baseball and members of the team declared yesterday that there were teams enough without the States to get up a good amateur league.

The committee will probably be around after signatures today and the rest of this week so as to make sure to get the application off in time to reach the consideration of the A. A. U.

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