

ADVISES OUTRIGGER CLUB TO DRAW LINE

Dr. Hand Says Boys Owning Canoes Should Be Allowed to Take Tourists Surfing.

Members of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club are still at variance on the question regarding the scope of the term amateur as applied to this organization and in discussing the various problems which may fall to the lot of the board of governors of the local branch of the A. A. U. to decide as soon as the charter is granted by the national union to the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association. Doctor Hand said yesterday: "Here is one which ought to be threshed out."

There has been a good deal of controversy in this club over certain of the younger members taking tourists out in their canoes for a financial consideration. This is held by some of the members to constitute professionalism. The sports promoted by the Outrigger club are strictly Hawaiian and board and canoe surfing is one of the chief attractions to lure the tourists to the beach at Waikiki.

Being exclusively a Hawaiian sport the A. A. U. would have no rules particularly applying to regulate it and the local branch would have complete jurisdiction. According to Doctor Hand's views a distinction should be made between boys owning canoes and receiving cash remuneration at odd times for taking tourists out through the surf and boys following this pursuit as a livelihood. The use of club canoes or any club property for incidental gain, Doctor Hand asserted, should be forbidden and no exhibition contests of any kind for purses or financial reward should be allowed, but if a boy chooses to make a few dollars now and then to help keep up his canoe it is a matter outside of athletics altogether.

"A canoe costs from sixty to ninety dollars," Doctor Hand explained. "Paddles cost three dollars and a half and it is a very common occurrence to break one. Then the canoes have to be varnished once in a while. If you owned a boat, would you loan it to greenhorns to use? It takes a good, experienced man to steer a canoe on a good or high surf and for this reason the boys who own canoes do not loan them unless they steer them themselves. Supposing a boy has a date after school to play a game of tennis or something of other. He could not be expected to break his engagement to that visitor here to the thrill of native sport unless they offer him some inducement. There is no one else to entertain the malilinis in the surf if these boys don't do it. There are two or three boys here, however, who make a regular business of teaching swimming, surfboard riding and taking parties out in the outrigger canoes. They are professionals, but there are about twenty school boys who own canoes and a few working boys. There should be a line drawn between these boys and the few who make the sport a profession. Some time ago the Outrigger club offered cash prizes in races, but the new board of governors has put a stop to that. Members would not be in good amateur standing who competed for cash prizes in any event in the club or out of it and members should not use the club property or canoes for financial consideration."

Another question came up yesterday which Doctor Hand said ought to be passed upon by the higher tribunal of the A. A. U. Henry Chillingworth is the umpire in chief of the Oahu Baseball League and receives a regular fee for officiating at all the league games. Kiddie is anxious to know whether the A. A. U. would deny him this source of revenue. As baseball is not under the jurisdiction of the A. A. U. as a game and as the umpire takes no part in the competing and is not connected in any way with the professional teams playing Doctor Hand was inclined to believe that it would not affect Chillingworth's amateur standing, but he said it was a nice question to decide and should be put up to the A. A. U. direct.