



PALARONG PAMBANSA BOARD

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PALARONG PAMBANSA MEMORANDUM

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2019 PALARONG PAMBANSA GENERAL INFORMATION, TECHNICAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES OF SPORTS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Sections 6, 8, 9, and 10 of Rule II of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10588, otherwise known as the “*Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*”, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the *Palarong Pambansa Board* and the National Secretariat shall conduct the **2019 Palarong Pambansa**, with the theme “*Shaping the Future Through Sports*” to be held on April 27 to May 4, 2019 in Davao City.
2. The annual sporting event shall be hosted by the Local Government Unit of Davao City together with DepEd Regional Office XI and the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Davao City. The event shall be participated in by the seventeen (17) DepEd Regional Athletic Associations.
3. The schedule of activities is as follows:

Activity	Date	Venue
Screening and Accreditation of Athletes	February to April 2019	Regional Offices/ Billeting Quarters
Registration of Members of the Permanent Working Committees and Technical Officials	April 22-23, 2019	Davao City National High School
Refresher Course for Officiating Officials	April 24-25, 2019	Davao City NHS Gymnasium
Sports Journalism Seminar	April 24-26, 2019	Davao Christian HS
Solidarity Meeting	April 26, 2019	Davao City NHS Gymnasium
Opcning Ceremony	April 27, 2019	Davao City UP Sports Complex
Fellowship Night	April 27, 2019	Human Kinetics Hall UP-Mindanao
Tree-Planting	April 28, 2019	Hidden Nature Park
Sports Heroes Day	April 28, 2019	Regional Billeting Quarters
<i>Larong Pinoy</i>	April 28, 2019	Davao City UP Sports Complex
Competition Proper	April 29-May 4, 2019	Respective Playing Venues (see Enclosure No. 7)
Closing Ceremony	May 4, 2019	Davao City UP Sports Complex

4. For this year's edition of *Palarong Pambansa*, the *Larong Pinoy* and the Sports Heroes Day will be introduced as side events and will be managed by the DepEd Regional Office XI, and the Youth Formation Division (YFD) and the SDO of Davao City, respectively. The guidelines in the conduct of *Larong Pinoy* and the Sports Heroes Day is contained in Enclosure Nos. 4 and 5, correspondingly.

5. All selected officiating officials are required to attend the opening and closing programs, and the Refresher Course. Those who fail to register and attend the Refresher Course shall be replaced by the Technical Management and Administration (TMA) Committee following the criteria set forth in the selection of officiating officials.

6. The following shall be presented by the selected officiating officials upon registration:

a. Authority to Travel documents:

a.1. **For DepEd employees** – approved travel authority duly signed by their respective heads of office;

a.2. **For National Sports Association (NSA) members** – official letter from the Association President or Secretary General (or any NSA duly authorized official) authorizing their participation;

a.3. **For those coming from Host Local Government Unit (LGU)** – letter of endorsement from the Local Chief Executive or City/Provincial Administrator or authorized official in charge of 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*; and

a.4. **For Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) employees** – official Travel Order from the PSC Executive Director.

b. Two (2) recent 2" x 2" ID pictures; and

c. Medical certificate from government physician certifying that he/she is physically fit and able to serve during the *Palaro*.

Failure to submit all abovementioned documents shall be a ground for denial of registration.

7. The official regular sports in the elementary and secondary level, as provided in Section 27 of Rule VI of the IRR of RA 10588, shall remain to be played while dancesports, *pencak silat*, and aerobics gymnastics shall remain this year's demonstration sports.

8. There shall be separate events for student-athletes with disability to compete such as athletics, swimming, bocce, and goal ball. Medals shall be awarded to the winners of the said special games.

9. All sports shall be played in accordance with the current international rules and regulations being implemented by its respective international federation. However, modifications, amendments, or revisions in the technical rules and regulations may be allowed for justifiable or compelling reasons. The tournament manager of the concerned sports shall draft the proposed changes to be submitted to the head of the technical committee for review and evaluation, and to be endorsed to the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretary-General for final approval.

10. Relative to the foregoing provisions, technical rules, regulations, and guidelines of respective sports adopted during the 2018 *Palarong Pambansa* shall remain in effect except for the following sports: **athletics, swimming, gymnastics, arnis, dancesports, wushu, wrestling, and aerobic gymnastics** for having changes in its technical requirement as follows (Enclosure No. 1):

a. Athletics : The events to be played in the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa* shall be the same events being contested in the ASEAN Schools Games (ASG);

b. Swimming : Similarly, all the swimming events in the ASG shall be played in the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*;

- c. Gymnastics : The **2017-2020 Code of Points** shall be adopted in the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*; and
 - d. Arnis : Adoption of PEKAF Rules pursuant to the *Palarong Pambansa* Board approval on September 27, 2017.
11. Team competition events such as **basketball, baseball, football, sepak takraw (team event), softball, and volleyball** shall adopt the tournament format guidelines contained in Enclosure No. 3.
 12. The **Olympic Medal System** shall be applied to determine the overall champion and rankings. Hence, ranking shall be based on the total number of gold, silver, and bronze medals to be contested in the different sports event as provided in Enclosure No. 4.
 13. Medals awarded in the demonstration sports shall not be included in the medal count earned by the regional delegation.
 14. The following may be given cash incentives subject to the availability of funds:
 - a. **Palaro medalists and new record holders** in regular sports events including the top three winners in the special games;
 - b. **Technical officials and other personnel** who served in the conduct of the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*; and
 - c. **Clean, Green, and Eco-Friendly winners.**

Cash incentives may be supplemented from the proceeds of the solicitation from various sponsors.
 15. On top of the allowable expenses to be given to all members of the TMA Committee and their various management working committees, an additional supplemental allowance to cover the cost of bottled water, toiletries, medicines, and such other related types of expenses may be authorized subject to the accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
 16. Consistent with DepEd's existing policies and guidelines in resolving **protest on game technicalities** of any sports event and **protest on eligibility**, complaints should be in written form, with affidavits of witnesses and/or evidence to support the same **and shall be filed before the start of the second game of the concerned team.** There shall be no protest fee to be collected from the protesting regional delegation.
 17. Transportation expenses of all members of the national TMA committees and their respective working groups and technical officials from their respective stations/offices to Davao City and back shall be charged to DepEd *Palaro* Funds, subject to the accounting and auditing rules and regulations. They shall also be provided meal allowance during their actual official stay. **All officers and members of the TMA must use the most economical and austere means of transportation.**
 18. Student-athletes enrolled under the Alternative Delivery Modes (ADM) who excel in any of the DepEd-recognized sports may participate in the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa* and lower meets leading to the same, as stated in *Palarong Pambansa* Board Memorandum No. 4, s. 2017 entitled *Eligibility of Home School Pupils/ Students to Participate in DepEd Palaro.*
 19. The National Screening and Accreditation Committee (NSAC) for this year's *Palarong Pambansa* is hereby constituted by the *Palarong Pambansa* Board to conduct the screening and accreditation of athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, and chaperons submitted by the 17 Regional Athletic Associations. The list of NSAC members; guidelines and procedures for the conduct of screening and accreditation; and the schedule of screening and accreditation is contained in Enclosure No. 5.
 20. The Clean, Green, Healthy, Organized, and Eco-Friendly Policy, as adopted in the previous *Palarong Pambansa*, shall continue to be implemented. The guidelines on the

conduct of the Clean, Green, Organized and Eco-Friendly Contest is contained in Enclosure No. 6.

21. DepEd personnel who will serve in the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa* as accredited technical officiating officials or member of the different national and regional working committees shall be granted **vacation leave credits** pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 entitled *Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*.

22. All regions shall adhere to the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 40, s. 2012 (*DepEd Child Protection Policy*). Therefore, all regional delegation officials shall be accountable for the protection, welfare, and safety of their pupil/student-athletes. In addition, each of the DepEd regional offices shall provide medical insurance coverage for its respective delegation.

23. In compliance to DO 13, s. 2017 entitled *Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices*, all regional delegations shall promote healthy eating habits by making available healthy and nutritious food and beverages during the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*.

24. All members of the TMA Committees shall observe the **No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Gambling** policies of this Department for the duration of the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa*. Violators shall be dealt with accordingly.

25. The following documents are enclosed for reference:

Enclosure No. 1 : Amended Technical Guidelines for the 2019 *Palarong Pambansa* for:

- 1a. Arnis
- 1b. Athletics
- 1c. Gymnastics (Artistic and Rhythmic)
- 1d. Swimming
- 1e. Wrestling
- 1f. Wushu
- 1g. Aerobic Gymnastics
- 1h. Dancesports

Enclosure No. 2 : Technical Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines of the Different Sports

Enclosure No. 3 : Tournament Format for Team Competition

Enclosure No. 4 : Number of Medals at Stake by Sports Events

Enclosure No. 5 : National Screening and Accreditation (NSAC)


- 5a. List of NSAC Members
- 5b. Guidelines and Procedures for the Conduct of Screening and Accreditation
- 5c. Schedule of Screening and Accreditation

Enclosure No. 6 : Guidelines on the Conduct of the Clean, Green, Organized and Eco-Friendly Contest

Enclosure No. 7 : List of Playing Venues and Billeting Schools

Enclosure No. 8 : Breakdown of the Composition of Regional Delegation

26. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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