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**2023 PALARONG PAMBANSA GENERAL INFORMATION, AND THE TECHNICAL RULES,
REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES ON SPORTS**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announced the staging of the *Palarong Pambansa* this year through DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 005, s. 2023 titled **Conduct of the 2023 Palarong Pambansa**.
2. The annual scholastic multi-sport competition, scheduled from July 28 to August 5, 2023, shall be hosted by the local government unit (LGU) of Marikina City together with the DepEd-National Capital Region (NCR) Office and the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Marikina City.
3. The schedule of activities is as follows:

Event/Activity	Date	Venue
Arrival of Delegation	July 26, 2023	To be determined
Welcome Ceremonies and Orientation	c/o Marikina City	
Earthquake Drill		
Registration of Technical Officiating Officials	July 28, 2023	
Events for Exhibition	July 28, 2023	
Refresher Course	July 29-30, 2023	
Solidarity Meeting	July 30, 2023	
Opening Program	July 31, 2023 (afternoon)	
Competition Proper	August 1-5, 2023	
Closing Program	August 05, 2023 (Afternoon)	
Departure of Delegation	August 06, 2023	

4. All regional delegations are advised to arrive in Marikina City **not earlier than July 26, 2023**. Further, the regional delegations are enjoined to attend the closing program on August 5, 2023.

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 documentary requirements shall be presented by the selected officiating officials upon registration:

a. Authority to Travel documents:

- i. **For DepEd employees** - approved travel authority duly signed by their respective heads of office;
- ii. **For National Sports Association (NSA) members** - an official letter from the Association President or Secretary General (or any NSA duly authorized official) authorizing their participation;
- iii. **For those coming from Host LGU** - letter of endorsement from the Local Chief Executive or City/Provincial Administrator or authorized official in charge of the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*; and
- iv. **For Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) employees** - official Travel Order from the PSC Executive Director.

b. Two recent 2 x 2 ID pictures; and

c. Medical certificate issued by a government physician certifying that he/she is physically fit and able to serve during the *Palarong Pambansa*.

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

7. The official regular sports in the elementary and secondary levels, as provided in Section 27 of Rule VI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10588 otherwise known as the *Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, shall remain to be played in this edition of the *Palarong Pambansa*. Aerobic Gymnastics, by virtue of a *Palarong Pambansa* Board Resolution issued in 2019, shall be featured as a regular sport starting this year.

8. Dancesports and *Pencak Silat* shall remain as demonstration sports while Cheer Dance, *Karatedo*, Weightlifting, Obstacle Course, and Indigenous Games shall be featured for exhibition in this year's *Palarong Pambansa*.

9. All regions are requested to send at least 15 members from their respective delegations to attend and witness the presentation and display of the sports featured in the exhibition. Ten of the 15 members of each delegation shall participate in the showcasing of Indigenous Games.

10. There shall be separate events for student-athletes with disability to competitions such as Para-Athletics, Para-Swimming, Bocce, and Goalball. Medals shall be awarded to the winners of the special games.

11. All sports shall be played in accordance with the current international rules and regulations being implemented by their respective international federation. However, modifications, amendments, or revisions in the technical rules and regulations may be

allowed for justifiable reasons. The tournament director of the concerned sport 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. In addition, a set of ground rules shall be formulated in concurrence with the coaches of the regional delegations during the solidarity meeting. The technical rules, regulations, and guidelines of the different sports (regular and demonstration) are contained in Enclosure No. 1.

12. A qualifying standard (distance, time, points) shall be adopted for measurable sports such as Archery, Athletics, and Swimming in the regional meets. These qualifying standards were set as a result of constant consultations with the tournament directors and technical experts from the national sports associations of the three measurable sports. The qualifying standards for the measurable sports are contained in Enclosure No. 2.

13. In relation to the **winner-take-all policy** adopted for all team sports in the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*, teams (except for football and futsal) are encouraged to identify three players as **alternates** and may be allowed to compete in place of the core player/s who may not be able to play due to compelling reasons such as injuries or other emergency cases prior the opening program of the *Palarong Pambansa*. The alternate players, who shall form part of the official delegation, must come from the same school that played in the lower meets.

14. Outdoor games shall be suspended between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to protect the learner-athletes, officiating officials, team officials, and spectators from extreme heat during the *Palarong Pambansa*.

15. The **Olympic Medal System** shall be applied. The total number of gold, silver, and bronze medals to be contested in the different sports events is provided in Enclosure No. 3.

16. Medals awarded in the demonstration sports shall not be included in the medal count earned by the regional delegation.

17. The following may be given cash incentives, pursuant to Section 15 (b) of DO 43, s. 2016 titled Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 10588 or the *Palarong Pambansa* Act of 2013, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations:

- a. 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* medalists and new record holders in regular sports events including the top three winners in the special games, and
- b. Technical officials and other personnel who served in the conduct of the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*.

Cash incentives may be supplemented from the proceeds of the solicitation from various sponsors and donors engaged in by the *Palarong Pambansa* Communications Group in line with its functions stipulated specifically in Section 16 (c) of DO 43, s. 2016.

18. Consistent with DepEd existing policies and guidelines in resolving protests on game technicalities of any sports event and protests on eligibility, complaints should be in written form, with affidavits of witnesses and/or evidence to support the same. There shall be no protest fee to be collected from the protesting regional delegation. Detailed information on the filing of protests on game technicalities and eligibility is contained in the respective technical guidelines of the different sports.

19. Student-athletes enrolled under the Alternative Delivery Modes (ADM) who excel in any of the DepEd-recognized sports may participate in the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* and lower meets leading to the same, pursuant to DM 005, s. 2023 and the therein enclosed Amendments on the Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes (Enclosure No. 7). All other issuances inconsistent with the aforementioned guidelines, including *Palarong Pambansa* Board Memorandum No. 4, s. 2017 titled Eligibility of Home School Pupils/Students to Participate in DepEd Palaro are rescinded.
20. Learners under the Alternative Learning System (ALS) will not participate in this year's edition of the *Palarong Pambansa*, as provided in Enclosure No. 2 (Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes) of DM 005, s. 2023.
21. The National Screening and Accreditation Committee (NSAC) for this year's *Palarong Pambansa* is constituted by the *Palarong Pambansa* Board to conduct the screening and accreditation of athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, and chaperons submitted by the participating regional delegations.
22. There shall be no contest on the Most Clean, Green, Healthy, Organized, and Eco-Friendly Regional Delegations. However, the policy on **Green Palarong Pambansa** shall be strictly implemented by the regional delegations in their billeting quarters. The implementing guidelines for the Green *Palarong Pambansa* are contained in Enclosure No. 4.
23. All DepEd personnel who will serve in the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* as accredited technical officiating officials or members of the different national and regional working committees shall be granted vacation leave credits pursuant to the provisions of DO 53, s. 2003 titled Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers.
24. All members of the TMA Committee and their management working committees may be given additional supplemental assistance—on top of the allowable expenses to be given—as may be authorized, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
25. Transportation expenses of all members of the national TMA committees and their respective working groups and technical officials from their respective stations/offices to Marikina City and back shall be charged to the Physical Fitness and School Sports Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. They shall also be provided with meal allowance during their actual official stay. **All officers and members of the TMA must use the most economical and austere means of transportation.**
26. All regions shall adhere to the provisions of DO 40, s. 2012 (DepEd Child Protection Policy) and Enclosure No. 3 (Guidelines on the Health and Safety Protocols, Learner Rights and Protection, and Disaster Risk Reduction Management Relative to the Conduct of the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*) of DM 005, s. 2023. Therefore, all regional delegation officials shall be accountable for the protection, welfare, and safety of their pupil/student-athletes. In addition, each DepEd regional office shall provide medical insurance coverage for its delegates.
27. In compliance with DO 13, s. 2017 titled 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 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*.
28. All members of the TMA Committees shall observe the **No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Gambling Policy** of this Department during the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*. Violators shall be dealt with accordingly.

29. The following documents are enclosed for easy reference:

- Enclosure No. 1 - 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* Technical Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines of the Different Sports, and the Qualifying Standards of the Measurable Sports;
- Enclosure No. 2 - Qualifying Standards for Measurable Sports;
- Enclosure No. 3 - Breakdown of Medals at Stake by Sports;
- Enclosure No. 4 - Implementing Guidelines for the Green *Palarong Pambansa*;
- Enclosure No. 5 - List of Playing Venues and Billeting Schools;
- Enclosure No. 6 - Breakdown of the Composition of Regional Delegations to the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa*; and
- Enclosure No. 7 - Amendments on the Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes.

30. For more information, please contact the ***Palarong Pambansa Secretariat-Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations*** (*Palarong Pambansa* Secretary-General) through email at palarong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8638-1790.

31. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



By Authority of the Secretary:


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References:

- DepEd Order (Nos. 13, s. 2017; 43, s. 2016; 40, s. 2012; and 53, s. 2003)
- DepEd Memorandum (No. 005, s. 2023)

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