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Subject: **1997 CHED PALARONG PAMBANSA**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of a Resolution approved by the Commission en banc, the Commission hereby issues the following information and guidelines for the smooth, efficient and successful conduct of the *1997 CHED Palarong Pambansa*.

1. The *1997 Palarong Pambansa* for the tertiary level, for purposes of distinction from the basic education level, shall be called the *1997 CHED Palarong Pambansa*.
2. The *1997 CHED Palaro* shall be staged at the Bicol Sports Complex, Pacol, Naga City on April 24-29, 1997. On the other hand, the *Palaro* for the basic education level shall be in Pili, Camarines Sur on April 20-27, 1997.
3. President Fidel V. Ramos shall be the guest of honor at the opening of the *Palaro* on April 20, 1997 at Pili, Camarines Sur.
4. All HERO Directors and their athletic delegation shall participate in the opening ceremonies in order to show oneness and cooperation in this national sports event.

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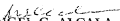
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5. Attached are the guidelines that shall govern the *CHED Palarong Pambansa*.

This CMO shall take effect immediately.

FOR INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

For the Commission:


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Likewise, the international rule in sports pertaining to doping and the use of illegal substance to enhance performance shall be adopted and applied in the *CHED Palero*.

3. There is an existing Naga City ordinance which prohibits smoking in public places. Smokers therefore should be mindful of the importance of observing this rule. Observance of rules is a fundamental tenet in sporting events and one of the values the *Palero* aims to inculcate.
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and values assigned to develop the full potential of tertiary level students;

- II.b To provide opportunities for tertiary level sports coaches to identify, recruit and train athletes based on scientific coaching principles and practices, and thus, promote their professional growth and self-realization while they are engaged in the education of athletically talented college youth;
- II.c To serve as a practical and laboratory experience for tertiary level school personnel to acquire and develop the competencies which will enable them to manage and officiate athletic games, tournaments and competitions and thus contribute to the professionalization of sports officiating;
- II.d To provide opportunities for sports participation of tertiary level students of varying skills and talents, so that in the process of active participation, the "cream of the crop" will rise to the top to become the carriers of our national colors in international sports competitions; and,
- II.e To insure that all the good things and Olympic ideals inherent in the practice of sports and the reasons for which the *CHED Palaro* is staged every year, at great expense and effort, are observed and kept, so that these tertiary games shall become a tradition and legacy of the capacity of men to do great things for the greater glory of God.

III. ORGANIZATION OF CHED SPORTS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The tertiary level sports program shall be administered by the CHED Sports Coordinating Committee (CSCC) under the Office of the Chairman. The CSCC shall be headed by the Executive Director as Chairman and the Director IV of the Office of Student Services (OSS) as Vice-Chairman. The interim members of the committee are the Presidents of tertiary school-based sports associations such as PRISAA, SCUAA and CHESSAA.

The CHED Sports Coordinating Committee is a recommendatory body to the Commission en banc. It is empowered to create working committees under a Technical Secretariat headed by the OSS Director IV to oversee the implementation of the various technical requirements of the *CHED Palaro*.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. *Governing Participation of CHED Personnel and Officials:*

As a general rule, only CHED and tertiary school-based sports association personnel and officials, shall be involved in the *CHED Palara*. This provision insures that the duties, responsibilities and accountabilities attendant to the implementation of the various requirements of the *Palara* shall be observed along the hierarchical lines and protocol of the CHED as an organization for tertiary level education. It will also insure that the educational and experiential benefits which can be derived from the staging of the games, shall be enjoyed first and foremost by the members/constituents of the CHED. Thus, those who will perform the duties of heads and members of athletic delegations, such as athletic managers, coaches, chaperons, and utility personnel, as well as, technical and officiating officials, and all members of working committees must be designated in conformity with the above-stated provision of these guidelines.

However, in cases where certain technical expertise is required in the proper conduct of the *Palara* and such expertise can be provided by better qualified persons who are not connected nor affiliated with the CHED organization, this provision can be waived, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Commission or his duly designated representative.

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- b.4 An entering freshman shall not be subject to the rule on residency, which prescribes that an athlete who transfers to another institution must first complete a year of residency before he/she is allowed to participate in the *CHED Palara*.
- b.5 While the completion of college studies may be protracted and can extend beyond the period usually spent in completing a degree or course, a tertiary level athlete is allowed to compete only in a maximum of five (5) CHED national *Palara* beginning in the 1996 CHED *Palara*.
- b.6 Graduate students who are officially enrolled in the first and second semesters of the current school year are qualified to participate.
- b.7 The following athletes are not allowed to participate in the *CHED Palara*:
 - b.7.a Athletes who at one time or another represented the country in the Southeast Asian Games;
 - b.7.b Current members of the National Athletes Pool, and certified to by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) receiving allowance at any time during the period of the current school year 1996-1997. Members of the National Athletes Pool who drop out of the pool prior to the staging of the regional meets shall not be allowed to participate unless the date of dropping out is at least a period of one (1) year prior to the 1997 *CHED Palara*;
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Tournament Manager. The name and affiliation of the guilty person will be submitted to the Chairman of the CHED Sports Coordinating Committee (CSCC) for appropriate action.

D. *Governing the Documentation and Screening of Athletes and other Officials*

1. The Documentation and Screening Committee will be composed of the following:

- a. Not more than five (5) from CHED Central, one of whom will act as Chairman.
- b. Two (2) PSC representatives; and
- c. One from each region, preferably the sixteen (16) HERO Sports Coordinators who underwent training and accreditation under "Project 16-16" conducted by the PHILSPORTS in cooperation with the CHED.

2. The duties and functions of the Documentation and Screening Committee are as follows:

- a. Requires the submission by all 16 regional athletic delegations of the necessary documents and pictures at least one week prior to the opening of the games, and consisting of:
 - Certification of enrolment of athletes, including a listing of subjects enrolled in the first and second semesters of the current school year, and the grades obtained in the first semester. This should be accompanied with the corresponding 2" x 2" sized photos on white background of the athletes;

CSC Form 212 of coaches and chaperons, accompanied with corresponding 2" x 2" sized photos on white background, with signatures over printed names at the back;

- b. Conducts the necessary examination of records and interviews to verify and authenticate the eligibility of participating athletes and delegation personnel concerned on or before 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to the opening of the Palaso;
- c. Exercises its prerogative to accredit or disqualify any athlete, by a majority vote of the members;
- d. Keeps and maintains an album containing the pictures and other pertinent data on all participating athletes and makes this available whenever necessary to verify the identity of athletes prior to the start of scheduled games; and
- e. Performs all other functions necessary to insure that only those athletes and concerned delegation officials who meet the eligibility requirements are allowed to participate.

E. *Governing the Treatment of Protests and Application of Penalties and Sanctions*

1. A protest on eligibility of an athlete will only be entertained if filed prior to the start of the second game or event wherein the athlete in question or his/her team will play. Such protest must be addressed to and received by the Chairman of the Documentation and Screening Committee. In no case will a protest on the eligibility of an athlete affect the ongoing schedule of games. However, the case will be pursued even after the Palaso so that the corresponding sanction, in case a violation is committed, will be applied. Such sanction may be in the form of a life-time ban on the participation of the athlete concerned, or the filing of appropriate administrative charges against erring officials if the case so warrants. The decision of the Jury of Appeals shall be deemed final, and appealable only to the Chairman of the CHED.
2. A protest on the technical application of a playing rule shall be acted upon by officials concerned as follows:

- a. The Tournament Manager of the particular sport where the protest is indicated shall conduct an on the spot investigation and make a decision, in order to insure that there is no delay in the conduct of the scheduled games.
 - b. Should the decision of the Tournament Manager become unacceptable to the protesting party, a written formal protest signed by the CHED Regional Director concerned, should be filed and submitted for resolution to the Jury of Appeals not later than 8:00 p.m. (2000H) of the day the protested game was played. The decision of the Jury of Appeals, which is final, shall be rendered before the start of the next day's scheduled games in the sport concerned so as not to disrupt the schedule.
3. The corresponding sanctions for violations of rules and regulations are as follows:
- a. Eligibility Rules- Life time ban on athletes, coaches and officials who will be found guilty, without prejudice to the filing of administrative charges. The decision of the Jury of Appeals is final, and appealable only to the CHED Chairman.
 - b. Technical and Playing Rules- In the case of team sports, the game where the guilty athlete or official is involved will be forfeited in favor of the opposing team(s). In the case of individual sports, the result will be nullified in favor of the athlete who placed runner-up to the guilty athlete.
4. It should be noted by all concerned that undesirable behaviors exhibited by an athlete, coach, official or spectator are punishable under the technical rules of the game, and that any such behaviors which are deemed contrary to such rules shall merit the corresponding appropriate sanction. Such behavior could include, but not limited, to roughness, use of indecent or profane language and gesture, participation in a game while under the influence of alcoholic drink, and other boisterous and unsportsmanlike conduct contrary to the values being

promoted in the CHED Palazo. Suspension or permanent disqualification from further participation in the games shall be applied to offenders as the appropriate CHED officials may deem proper.

5. The CHED Regional Directors and other officials of the region shall have the primary responsibility of maintaining discipline, proper decorum and good manners and conduct on the part of athletic delegations. The Tournament Manager for each sport and the Chairman of the Technical Committee shall likewise be responsible for the behavior of technical officials.

F. *Governing the Technical Management of the Games*

1. The international rules of each sport event shall be applied in the conduct of the different events. However, ground rules, which are formulated and agreed upon to be applied, through a signed manifesto of all coaches and team managers concerned, shall supersede international rules. Such ground rules, however, should be approved by the Secretary General of the Technical Secretariat.
2. All official forms, supplies and athletic equipment shall be provided by the Technical Committee. No other forms, supplies or athletic equipment shall be used in the games without the permission and approval of the Secretary General of the Technical Secretariat. The Tournament Manager for each sport event shall be responsible for the observance of this regulation.
3. An athlete is allowed to take part in a maximum of three (3) individual events, excluding the two(2) relay events in athletics. On the other hand, a swimmer is allowed to take part in five (5) individual and the relay events.

An athlete may participate in a maximum of two (2) team sports and three (3) individual events in Athletics, including the relay events.

4. Only the coach, chaperon (in case of female teams only) and the exact number of the team shall be allowed to sit on the bench during the game. All others, except those involved in the actual conduct of the competitions, are not

allowed in the field or playing area. The Tournament Managers, with the assistance of the designated security personnel, shall be responsible for enforcing this regulation.

G. *Governing the Number of Technical and Officiating Officials*

1. In line with the policy of providing opportunities for CHED-affiliated personnel to acquire the skills and competencies necessary to develop and implement tertiary level sports programs, priority in the assignment of technical and officiating officials shall be given to the following: (a) those who have undergone training and accreditation under the recently-concluded "Project 16-16" seminar-workshop conducted at the PSC-PHILSPORTS last January 13-14, 1997; (b) CHED-affiliated personnel who were not in "Project 16-16" but possess national sports association (NSA) accreditation; (c) non-CHED personnel who have NSA accreditation; and (d) CHED personnel who have no sports accreditation but whose services are deemed necessary and are competent to perform certain functions in line with the technical requirements of the *CHED Palara*.

The utilization of qualified and competent technical and officiating officials based in the host city/province shall likewise be encouraged.

2. Tournament managers, who underwent training under Project 16-16, regardless of whether or not they obtained a Certificate of Achievement, will automatically be part of the pool of officiating officials. The HERO Sports Coordinators also of Project 16-16 will be part of the regional athletic delegations but not of the pool of officiating officials unless recruited to act as technical officials.

The number of officiating officials for each of the 17 sports are as follows:

Archery	----	18
Athletics	----	62
Badminton	----	21
Baseball	----	24
Basketball	----	31
Boxing	----	24

Chess -----	16
Football ----	25
Judo -----	26
Sepak Takraw --	39
Softball -----	41
Swimming ----	51
Table Tennis ----	23
Tackwondo -----	22
Tennis -----	29
Volleyball -----	26
Dancesport ----	7
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H. *Governing the Composition of Athletic Delegations*

As a general policy, and in consonance with the principle of providing maximum participation for tertiary level athletes to take part in the Palaro and provide them the experience to gain the benefits derived from joyful participation in well-organized sports activities, the number of athletes in the delegation shall be equal to that which is maximally allowed in each sports discipline. However, all tertiary level officials concerned should see to it that only those athletes who have undergone the proper and adequate training and preparation for their respective events, shall be part of the athletic delegation.

All HERO Directors shall observe the following composition of regional athletic delegations.

Head of Delegation (HERO Director)	1
Sports Manager	1
Medical Officer	1
Nurse	1
Finance Officer	1
Administrative/Other Officials	21

EVENTS	ATHLETES	COACHES	CHAPERON	TOTAL
Archery (Men)	3	1		4
(Women)	3	1	1	5
Athletics (Men)	34	2		36
(Women)	32	2	1	35
Badminton (Men)	4	1	1	6
(Women)	4	1	1	6
Baseball (Men)	14	1		15
Basketball (Men)	12	1		13
(Women)	12	1	1	14
Boxing (Men)	14	1		15
Chess (Men)	2	1		3
(Women)	2	1		3
Football (Men)	15	1		16
Judo (Men)	13	1		14
(Women)	13	1	1	15
Lawn Tennis (Men)	4	1		5
(Women)	4	1	1	6
Sepak Takraw (Men)	12	1		13
Softball (Men)	12	1		13
(Women)	12	1	1	14
Swimming (Men)	14	1		15
(Women)	14	1	1	16
Table Tennis (Men)	4	1		5
(Women)	4	1	1	6
Taekwondo (Men)	5	1		6
(Women)	5	1	1	7
Volleyball (Men)	12	1		13
(Women)	12	1	1	14

Dancesport - Two pairs, composed of two men and two women, plus one coach for a total of five per delegation

Miss Mutya Search- Two official candidates and an official chaperon for each candidate for a total of four per delegation

Note: Effective 1998 CHED Palare, standards will be prescribed for participation in athletics and swimming.

Summary:

Officials per region -	26	x	16 regions	= 416
Athletes per region -	294	x	16 regions	= 4,704
Mutya candidates per region-	2	x	16 regions	= 32
Coaches per regions	31	x	16 regions	= 496
Chaperons per region-	13	x	16 regions	= 208
TOTAL	366	x	16 regions	= 5,856

I. *Governing the Number of Events, Competition Format and other Supplementary Guidelines*

1. The competition format for the various sports events will be finalized and agreed upon during the technical meeting among team managers, coaches and the tournament managers of each of the 17 sports disciplines, to be held at least two (2) days before the opening of the *Palara*. Ground rules and other technical matters pertaining to the conduct of the different events will also be finalized in this meeting.

1. Archery: Individual and Team competition for men and women.

2. Athletics: Competition for men and women. The events and maximum number of entries are:

	<u>Men:</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
100 meter dash	x	2	x	2
200 meter dash	x	2	x	2
400 meter dash	x	2	x	2
800 meter run	x	2	x	2
1500 meter run	x	2	x	2
3000 meter run	-	-	x	2
5000 meter run	x	2	x	2
10000 meter run	x	2	x	2
100 meter hurdles	-	-	x	2
110 meter hurdles	x	2	-	-
400 meter hurdles	x	2	x	2
3000 meter steeple chase	x	2	-	-
21-k half marathon	x	2	x	2
4x100 meter relay	x	one team	x	one team
4x400 meter relay	x	one team	x	one team
5000 meter walk	-	-	x	2
10000 meter walk	x	2	-	-
Long Jump	x	2	x	2
Triple Jump	x	2	x	2
High Jump	x	2	x	2
Pole Vault	x	2	x	2

Shot Put	x	2	x	2
Discus Throw	x	2	x	2
Javelin Throw	x	2	x	2
Hammer Throw	x	2	x	2
Decathlon	x	2	-	-
Hepathlon	-	-	x	2

3. Badminton: Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and team competition for men and women.
4. Baseball: Team competition for men
5. Basketball: Team competition for men and women
6. Boxing: Individual and team competition for men

Weight Categories:	39 kgs.—	Vacuum weight
	42 kgs.—	Paperweight
	45 kgs.—	Pinweight
	48 kgs.—	Lightflyweight
	51 kgs.—	Flyweight
	54 kgs.—	Bantamweight
	57 kgs.—	Featherweight
	60 kgs.—	Lightweight
	63.5 kgs.—	Lightwelterweight
	67 kgs.—	Welterweight
	71 kgs.—	Lightmiddleweight
	75 kgs.—	Middleweight
	81 kgs.—	Lightheavyweight
	91 kgs.—	Heavyweight
	above 91 kgs	Superheavyweight

Note: A lone boxer entered in a particular weight category who will not fight a bout because of the absence of an opponent will not win a medal. However, his team will be credited the corresponding first place points counted towards the determination of the team championship.

7. Chess: Individual and team competition for men and women
8. Football: Team competition for men.
9. Judo: Individual and team competition for men and women

Half lightweight	65 kgs.	52 kgs.
Lightweight	71 kgs.	56 kgs.
Half middleweight	73 kgs.	61 kgs.
Middleweight	86 kgs.	66 kgs.
Half heavyweight	95 kgs.	72 kgs.
Heavyweight	over 95 kgs.	over 72 kgs.
Openweight	open	open

Note: It should be noted that a Judo team may consist of eight (8) individual judokas and another five (5) for the team competition, or a total of 13 judokas per delegation. However, those who compete for individual titles cannot take part in the team competition except to serve as substitute for injured players, provided that the injured player is certified to as unable to compete further by the Palau Medical Officer.

10. Sepak Takraw: Team competition: regu and inter-regu for men

11. Softball: Team competition for men and women

12. Swimming: Individual and team competition for men and women, with the following events:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Men:</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>	<u>Women:</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
50 meter free style	x	2	x	2
100 meter free style	x	2	x	2
200 meter free style	x	2	x	2
400 meter free style	x	2	x	2
500 meter free style	-	-	x	2
1500 meter free style	x	2	-	-
50 meter breast stroke	x	2	x	2
100 meter breast stroke	x	2	x	2
200 meter breast stroke	x	2	x	2
50 meter back stroke	x	2	x	2
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50 meter butterfly stroke	x	2	x	2
100 meter butterfly stroke	x	2	x	2
200 meter butterfly stroke	x	2	x	2
200 individual medley	x	2	x	2
400 individual medley	x	2	x	2

4 x 50 meter free style relay	x	one team	x	one team
4 x 100 meter free style relay	x	one team	x	one team
4 x 200 meter free style relay	x	one team	-	-
4 x 50 meter medley relay	x	one team	x	one team
4 x 100 meter medley relay	x	one team	x	one team

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17. Dancesport: Pair competition. Two couples per region- one couple to dance the Standard Modern Ballroom and the other the Latin American at a maximum of two (2) minutes per dance.

J. *Governing Awards*

As a matter of policy, and in accordance with the Olympic ideal that winning a particular sport event is a championship in itself, there will be no declaration of a general championship in the 1997 CHED Palaro. Championship trophies will be awarded to the winning teams in each of the 16 sports competed in. In addition, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the winning teams, or pair as the case may be. There will be no tallying of the grand total of medals won by each region in all the 17 sports events competed in. Team championships will be determined on the basis of prescribed international rules and regulations for each sport discipline duly subscribed to by team managers and coaches during the final meeting held prior to the opening of the *CHED Palaro* and subject to the approval of the Secretary General of the Technical Secretariat.

V. GUIDING SPIRIT FOR THE CHED PALARO

The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II had declared the Year 1997 as the "Year of Love and Reconciliation." Sports can serve as a potent medium to promote

theme of the year if each and every participant in the CHED Palaro will mber and take to heart the meaning of these words of a famous athlete:

"Opponents in sports are not enemies . . . If anything, athletic opponents are brothers in a universal sense. They compete in contests to express something about men in the face of challenge . . . opponents reflect ultimately a cooperation in the form of competition. Even the words "compete" and "contest" imply a togetherness rather than separateness. Compete literally means to "seek together," and contest, to "bear witness together!"

the 1997 CHED Palaro be an occasion for all of us to be together in dship, solidarity, brotherhood and peace!

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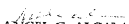
All previous issuances and/or any parts thereof which are contrary to and/or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, revoked, superceded and/or amended accordingly.

EFFECTIVITY

These guidelines shall take effect beginning the *1997 CHED Palarong Pambansa*

City, Philippines, February 27, 1997

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