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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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1998 CENTENNIAL CHED PALARONG PAMBANSA

TO : All CHED Central Office Directors
All HERO Directors
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads, Private Higher Education Institutions
Administrators, CHED-Supervised Institutions
Presidents, Regional Higher Education Sports Council
Consultants and Tournament Managers of the
'98 CHED Palaro

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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 of Executive Order No. 457, "Amending Executive Orders No. 63 and No. 64, series of 1993" and by virtue of a Resolution approved by the Commission en banc, the Commission hereby issues the following information and guidelines for the smooth, effective, efficient and successful conduct of the 1998 Centennial CHED Palarong Pambansa on April 19-26, 1998 in Bacolod City:

I. RATIONALE

President Fidel V. Ramos in his speech at the inauguration of PHILSPORTS on November 12, 1996 said:

"If we wish to succeed in being globally competitive, including winning in international athletic meets, we must promote our core values.

"I refer to such indispensable Filipino values such as patriotism, nationalism, self-discipline, teamwork, industry, camaraderie, sportsmanship and fairplay, respect for law and

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES

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

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However, in cases where certain technical expertise is required in the proper conduct of the *Palaro* 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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order and the rights of others, love of peace, and the desire for excellence.

"...appreciation and practice of (these) positive values, which sports help promote and enhance, should bring the nation to heights it has never reached before."

Our President, in the above excerpts of his speech, points out to us the potential of sports as a medium for positive value formation. Considering that sports is part of the curriculum of tertiary education, it behooves CHED to harness that potential for good, and utilize its national games as a vehicle for the promotion of such abovecited Filipino values. In doing so, CHED shall play a crucial role in the attainment of the goals and vision which we, as a people, have set to achieve in the coming millennium.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CHED PALARO

In consonance with the mandate that tertiary education should incorporate a wholistic approach in the development of the human being, and the principle that the tertiary education sports program shall be a vehicle for the inculcation of positive Filipino and universal human values, the objectives of the CHED Palaro are the following:

- 2.a To provide opportunities for tertiary-level education officials to conceptualize, develop, organize and implement programs of sports which will complement the other components of the curriculum aimed at developing higher levels of skill, understanding, appreciation and knowledge, positive attitudes and values designed to develop the full potential of tertiary level students;
- 2.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;
- 2.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 and management;

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- 2.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,
- 2.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.

3. CHED SPORTS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The tertiary level sports program shall be administered by the National Higher Education Sports Council (NHESC). The NHESC shall be headed by the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education and the CHED Oversight Commissioner for Office of Student Services (OSS) as co-chairman. The Director IV of the OSS-CHED shall act as Executive Secretary of the Council. The members of the council are the presidents of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), the Philippine Association of CHED-Supervised Higher Education Institutions (PACSI) and the Coordinating Council of Private Education Associations (COCOPEA). Ex-Officio Members are the Chairman of the PSC, President of the POC and the CHED Consultant on Sports.

The NHESC is empowered to form an Executive Committee chaired by the OSS-CHED Director IV and the Host Regional Higher Education Sports Council (RHESC) President as Co-Chairman. The NHESC EXECOM shall be responsible for implementing policies, guidelines, resolutions, decisions and orders handed to it by the NHESC for implementation, and with the special task of ensuring the successful staging of the various events of the CHED Palaro '98.

The Technical Committee shall be organized, chaired by the Host RHESC President with representatives from the national PRISAA, SCUAA, CHESSAA and a representative from CHED Central Office as members. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the overall games management of the CHED Palaro '98. Its powers and functions shall be determined by the NHESC.

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$$\frac{\text{total academic load}}{2} + 1 \text{ unit}$$

ROTC and WATC are not considered academic subjects.

- b.3 A graduating student may carry less than 12 academic units in the current semester provided that he/she is certified by the school registrar as a candidate for graduation.
- b.4 Technical/vocational athlete must be enrolled in a recognized technical/vocational course which is prescribed to be of not less than one (1) year to complete the requirements of the course.
- b.5 Graduate students enrolled in at least 6 academic units in each semester of the current school year are qualified to participate provided that they have not exceeded the maximum number of playing years..
- b.6 Participation in recently concluded regional level competition.
- b.7 An entering freshman, defined as a high school graduate who has not enrolled in a recognized tertiary institution, shall not be subject to the rule on residency. The rule on residency 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 Palaro.
- b.8 While the completion of college studies may be protracted and can extend beyond the period usually spent in completing a degree course, a tertiary level athlete is allowed to compete only in a maximum of five (5) national palaro beginning in school year 1991-1992.
- b.9 The following athletes are not allowed to participate in the *CHED Palaro*:
 - b.7.a Athletes who at one time or another has 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) as receiving allowance at any time during the period of the current school year 1997-1998. 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 1998 *CHED Palaro*;

b.7.c Over-aged high school athletes; and

b.7.d Athletes who were banned in previous *Palaro* and were not reinstated.

C. *Governing the Health and Welfare of Athletes*

1. Athletes who get sick and ill during the period of the *Palaro* shall be allowed to participate only upon certification of an official government physician that they are fit to compete.
2. Because of the cost involved in the conduct of gender tests for female athletes, there shall be no prescription which requires a gender test to be applied to all female athletes. However, an exception to this rule shall be made on a case-to-case basis, when a perceived need for such a test is deemed necessary by the Screening Committee in consultation with the Medical Committee, and such as a test/tests should only be conducted by qualified medical experts designated by the concerned national sports association or the Philippine Sports Commission. Provided further, that, in case the result of the gender test/tests cannot be obtained immediately to warrant the disqualification of an athlete, the said athlete shall be allowed to participate; however, her subsequent participation in the *CHED Palaro* will be subject to the final result of the gender test conducted earlier.

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 Palaro*.

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3. There are laws and regulations governing the possession and use of prohibited drugs. These laws and regulations shall be observed within all areas utilized in the CHED Palaro. Furthermore, any obvious sign of drunkenness/intoxication exhibited by any member of an athletic team while a game is in progress will be a cause for the banning of that team member from the playing area. The prerogative to enforce this rule is given to the Tournament Manager. The name and affiliation of the guilty person will be submitted to the Chairman of the National Higher Education Sports Council (NHESC) for appropriate action.

D. *Governing the Screening of Athletes and Sports Officials*

1. The Screening Committee will be composed of the following:
 - a. Not more than three (3) from CHED Central, one of whom will act as Chairman.
 - b. One (1) host RHESC representative as co-chairman; 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 Screening Committee are as follows:
 - a. Requires the confirmation of events to be participated in by all 16 regional athletic delegations on April 1, 1998.
 - b. Requires the submission of necessary documents and pictures to the Host Region Secretariat on April 5, 1998 or at least two weeks prior to the opening of the games, including, but not limited to, the following -

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- 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 corresponding 2" x 2" sized photos on white background;

- CSC Form 212 or Personal Data Sheet of coaches and trainers, accompanied with corresponding 2" x 2" sized photos, on white background, with signature over printed name at the back;

- c. 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 Palaro;
- d. Exercises its prerogative to accredit or disqualify any athlete, by a majority vote of the members;
- e. 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
- f. 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 may be filed in writing by the coach, endorsed by the CHED Regional Director, anytime at the duration of the Palaro. Protests must be addressed to the Chairman of the Jury of Appeals. The Jury of Appeals shall render its decision before the start of the next day's scheduled games in the sport concerned so as not to disrupt the schedule. 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 ensure 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 behaviors 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 Palaro. 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 sportevent 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 Chairman of the NHESC Executive Committee.
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 Chairman of the NHESC Executive Committee. 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, assistance coach or trainer, delegation head or team manager and the exact number of athletes 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 concluded "Project 16-16" seminar-workshop conducted at the PSC-PHILSPORTS last January 13-14, 1997 and November 5 - 9, 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. Thus, the ratio of NSA officials to the local officials shall be 50-50 or 40-60 whenever possible.

2. The number of officiating officials for each of the 16 sports are as follows:

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

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|--------------|-------|-----|
| Football | ----- | 25 |
| Judo | ----- | 26 |
| Sepak Takraw | ----- | 39 |
| Softball | ----- | 41 |
| Swimming | ----- | 51 |
| Table Tennis | ----- | 23 |
| Taekwondo | ----- | 22 |
| Tennis | ----- | 29 |
| Volleyball | ----- | 26 |
| | ----- | 480 |

As agreed upon in the Palaro Board meetings, athletics, swimming, boxing, taekwondo, and judo shall have common officiating officials with the DECS.

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 composed of the following:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Head of Delegation (HERO Director) | 1 |
| Sports Manager | 1 |
| Medical Officer | 1 |
| Nurse | 1 |
| Finance Officer | 1 |
| Administrative/Other Officials | 10 |
| | ----- |
| | 15 |

| | | | | | TRAINERS | | TOTAL | |
|-----------|----|----|---|---|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | MEN | WOMEN | MEN | WOMEN |
| Archery | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 5 |
| Athletics | 18 | 18 | 2 | 2 | | | 20 | 20 |
| Badminton | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 5 |
| Baseball | 14 | | 1 | | 1 | | 16 | |

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|--------------|----|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| Basketball | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 14 |
| Boxing | 8 | | 1 | | | | 9 | |
| Chess | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 4 |
| Football | 15 | | 1 | | 1 | | 17 | |
| Judo | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | | | 9 | 9 |
| Lawn Tennis | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 5 |
| Sepak Takraw | 12 | | 1 | | | | 13 | |
| Softball | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 14 |
| Swimming | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 | | | 11 | 11 |
| Table Tennis | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 5 |
| Taekwondo | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | 6 | 6 |
| Volleyball | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 14 |
| Miss Mutya | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 97 | | | | | | |

Summary:

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|----------------------------|------------|---|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Officials per region | 15 | x | 16 regions | = | 240 |
| Athletes per region | 242 | x | 16 regions | = | 3,872 |
| Mutya candidate per region | 1 | x | 16 regions | = | 16 |
| Coaches per regions | 30 | x | 16 regions | = | 480 |
| Trainers per region | 8 | x | 16 regions | = | 128 |
| Chaperon per region | 1 | x | 16 regions | = | 16 |
| TOTAL | 297 | x | 16 regions | = | 4,752 |

In line with the economy measures adopted by the government as provided in Administrative Order No. 372, all HERO Directors shall bring potential winners only and limit the number of athletes to a maximum of 243.

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

- The competition format for the various sports events will be finalized and agreed upon during the technical meeting among team managers, coaches and tournament managers of each of the 16 sports disciplines, to be held at least two (2) days before the opening of the *Palaro*. Ground rules and other technical matters pertaining to the conduct of the different events will also be finalized in this meeting.

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

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

| | MEN | NO. OF ENTRIES | WOMEN | NO. OF ENTRIES |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-------|----------------|
| 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 |
| 1,500 meter run | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 3,000 meter run | - | - | x | 2 |
| 5,000 meter run | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 10,000 meter run | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 100 meter hurdles | - | - | x | 2 |
| 110 meter hurdles | x | 2 | - | - |
| 400 meter hurdles | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 3,000 meter steeple chase | x | 2 | - | - |
| 21-k half marathon | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 4 x 100 meter relay | x | one team | x | one team |
| 4 x 400 meter relay | x | one team | x | one team |
| 5,000 meter walk | - | - | x | 2 |
| 10,000 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 | - | - |
| Heptathlon | - | - | x | 2 |

3. Badminton: Singles, 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.----- | Lighthavyweight |
| 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

| Weight Categories | Men | Women |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Extra lightweight | 60 kgs. | 48 kgs. |
| Half lightweight | 65 kgs. | 52 kgs. |
| Lightweight | 71 kgs. | 56 kgs. |
| Half middleweight | 78 kgs. | 61 kgs. |
| Middleweight | 86 kgs. | 66 kgs. |
| Half heavyweight | 95 kgs. | 72 kgs. |
| Heavyweight | over 95 kgs. | over 72 kgs. |
| Openweight | open | open |

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:

| EVENTS | MEN | NO. OF ENTRIES | WOMEN | NO. OF ENTRIES |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------|----------------|
| 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 |
| 800 meter free style | - | - | x | 2 |
| 1500 meter free style | x | 2 | - | - |
| 100 meter breast stroke | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 200 meter breast stroke | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 100 meter back stroke | x | 2 | x | 2 |
| 200 meter back 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 100 meter free style relay | x | one team | x | one team |
| 4 x 200 meter free style relay | x | one team | - | - |
| 4 x 100 meter medley relay | x | one team | x | one team |

13. Table Tennis: Individual, doubles and team competition for men and women
14. Tennis: Individual, doubles and team competition for men and women
15. Taekwondo: Individual and team competition for men and women
16. Volleyball: Team competition for men and women

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 1998 CHED Palaro. Championship trophies will be awarded to the winning teams in each of the 16 sports competed in. In addition, medals will be awarded to the winning teams, or pair as the case(s) may be based on core team membership. There will be no tallying of the grand total of medals won by each region in all the 16 sports events competed in.

1998 PALARONG PAMBANSA CORE MEDAL SYSTEM

| EVENTS | MEN | WOMEN | MEN | WOMEN | TOTAL |
|------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1. Archery | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 2. Athletics | 23 | 23 | | | 46 |
| 3. Badminton | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 4. Baseball | 9 | | | | 9 |
| 5. Basketball | 5 | 5 | | | 10 |
| 6. Boxing | 8 | | | | 8 |
| 7. Chess | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 8. Football | 11 | | | | 11 |
| 9. Judo | 8 | 8 | | | 16 |
| 10. Lawn Tennis | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 11. Sepak Takraw | 9 | | | | 9 |
| 12. Softball | 9 | 9 | | | 18 |
| 13. Swimming | 16 | 15 | | | 31 |
| 14. Table Tennis | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 15. Taekwondo | 5 | 5 | | | 10 |
| 16. Volleyball | 6 | 6 | | | 12 |
| TOTAL | 121 | 82 | 6 | 6 | 215 |

Note:

1. Team Sports - 1 medal x no. of core players
2. Individual/Dual Events - 1 medal per event (singles, doubles, team)
3. Swimming/Athletics 0 1 medal per event (including relays)

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 Chairman of the NHESC Execom.

5. GUIDING SPIRIT FOR THE CHED PALARO

The year 1998 has been declared as the Philippine Centennial "The Search for New Heroes." Sports can serve as a potent medium to promote this theme of the year if each and every participant in the CHED Palaro will remember 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!"

May the 1998 CHED Palaro be an occasion for all of us to be together in friendship, solidarity, brotherhood and peace!

6. REPEALING CLAUSE

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

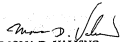
7. EFFECTIVITY


These guidelines shall be effective in the 1998 CHED Palarong Pambansa.

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Pasig City, Philippines, February 23, 1998


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