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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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THE NATIONAL KIDDIES CHESS TOURNAMENT

To the: Bureau Directors  
Chiefs of Staff Services  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges  
and Universities

1. The Department of Education and Culture will conduct the 1975 National Kiddies Chess Tournament under the auspices of the Amateur Chess Association of the Philippines in collaboration with the Office of the President of the Philippines, Department of National Defense, Department of Tourism, Department of Local Government and Community Development, and Department of Public Information.

2. Chess is a game of pure skill played on a chessboard with the players moving alternately until the king of one is so attacked that he cannot escape. It is a game played since ancient times. It is also a game that stimulates the mind. This is the reason why the Government is encouraging the playing of chess, especially among the young.

3. It is expected that some 100,000 in-and-out-of-school children who have not yet 18 years old by January 6, 1975, will participate in the tournaments all over the country. It is requested that the enclosed form entitled "Application for Participation" be reproduced for accomplishment by school children who wish to take part in the tournaments.

4. The contest will cover a period from October 4 to December 20, 1975, conducted in four stages as follows:

- a. Oct. 4-25, 1975 - All schools start on the municipal level (and district level in the case of cities);
- b. Nov. 8-17, 1975 - The municipal/district winners will play on the provincial/city level;
- c. Nov. 22-30, 1975 - The provincial/city winners will play on the regional level; and
- d. Dec. 6-20, 1975 - The regional winners will play on the national level.

In all levels of this contest, except during the national level, games will be held in the mornings and afternoons of Saturdays and Sundays in order not to disrupt the schedules of the schools' staffs and the sponsoring schools' calendar. On December 9, 1975, there will be a welcome dinner and on December 20, 1975, there will be a dinner and awards ceremony. The time and venue of dinner will be announced later. Regional winners competing for a title will be excused from their classes.

5. Tournament officials of the municipal level will consist of the district's principal or the principal of the elementary school to be used as tournament site, as tournament director, with several staff teachers as assistant tournament directors. Tournament officials for each province/city will consist of the school superintendent or the assistant school superintendent as tournament director with the district supervisors as assistant tournament directors. The regional officials will be composed of the DRC regional directors or assistant regional directors as tournament directors with school superintendents or assistant superintendents as tournament directors.

6. Prizes in the form of scholarships, trophies, medals, plaques, crests sets, and class books will be awarded to all winners from the municipal to the national levels. In addition, travel and per diem allowances will be given to provincial, municipal, city, and regional champions. It is requested that fourteen (14) four-year high school scholarships for the regional winners be arranged through the help of the respective provincial governors of the winners. This Office will award one (1) four-year college scholarship for the national champion as well as one (1) two-year college scholarship for the runner-up and one (1) one-year college scholarship for the third-place. Certificates of recognition to all elementary schools participating in the tournaments will be awarded.

7. ✓ The logistical support will come from local officials through the Department of Local Government and Community Development while coordination will be done by the Philippine Constabulary.

8. In view of the laudable objectives of the tournaments, regional directors are requested to give these contests preferential attention. It is also requested that these contests be given the widest publicity to insure the participation of all elementary schools.

9. Enclosed are detailed instructions or guidelines for regional directors. Copies of the rules of these contests have been sent under separate cover through the facilities of the Philippine Constabulary.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incls.:  
As stated.

(Inclusion in Department Order No. 126, s. 1975)

**JUNIOR CHESS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**NATIONAL KIDDIES CHESS TOURNAMENT**

(October 4 to December 30, 1975)

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

If residing in the province, give name and address of nearest relative living in the Greater Manila Area \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

School (or Homeingy, if out of school) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of chaperone who will accompany you in case you participate in the regional or national tournament \_\_\_\_\_

of rank of school or club \_\_\_\_\_

Present grade in school \_\_\_\_\_

Cheess club membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Place, and Date of chess tournaments participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever joined a chess competition where cash prizes are awarded? If yes, state the amount you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further promise to follow all the rules and regulations of the tournament and to abide by the decisions of the tournament officials.

With my consent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

**NOTE:**

1. Only applicants who are not yet 13 years old by December 30, 1975 will be accepted.

2. Two (2) copies of applicant's latest picture, size 1" X 1" and xerox copy of birth or baptismal certificate or birth affidavit must be attached to this application form.

3. Submit this to the head or the public elementary school nearest your residence on or before October 1, 1975.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CHIEFS TOWN/NEAR DISTRICTS  
OF THE MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT LEVEE

1. Conduct a chess tournament in your respective schools to produce a school chess champion to participate in the city/provincial competition.

2. As a Tournament Director and for your assistance, appoint one leader to take charge of each barangay/district within your jurisdiction.

3. Receive from the LG Office of Commander the following materials:

- a. Poster
- b. Registration Form Sample
- c. Tournament Score Sheets Sample
- d. Tournament Rules, Regulations and Procedures
- e. Pairing Sheets

4. Install in a highly visible place in the most conspicuous place in your premises.

5. Reproduce registration forms and tournament score sheets.

6. Handle registration of out-of-school kids as well as public and private school children residing within your jurisdiction.

7. Get from heads of other public or private schools, if any, within your jurisdiction registration forms filed with them.

8. Postcard your tournament committee to get at least two candidates preferably one from each barangay/district within your jurisdiction.

9. Prior to receipt of tournament posters and materials, you are to do the following:

- a. Announce to all schools (both public and private schools) and out-of-school children within your jurisdiction the forthcoming chess eliminations starting on October 4, 1975, at 2:00 P.M., mentioning the prizes

as well as the deadline for registration which is October 1, 1974.

b. Insure that participants are advised to bring their own chess set and pencil.

c. Designate a well-ventilated and well-lit classroom for the tournament.

10. Conduct general briefing for all participants one day before the chess tournaments on the procedures, rules and regulations of the tournament. Training should also be made during this briefing.

11. Suggest the tournament using the baragay/korido participants adopting the simple round robin system if there are only eight or less participants. Use the level round robin system when there are more than eight participants.

12. After the tournament, submit a complete list of all participants showing their rankings and their corresponding scores to the following:

a. Provincial Commissioner, through officials

b. Principals or their leaders of public elementary school where the chess level of administration (provincial/city) will take place.

13. Forward to the IC Provincial Commission, through channels, all duly-completed registration forms filed by the applicants.

14. Hold a simple program after the flag-raising ceremony within three days after the tournament where prizes donated by the municipal mayors will be awarded in the presence of local officials.

15. Insure the participation of the champion in the next level of chess administration.







