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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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**DECS MEMORANDUM**  
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**SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau/Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Directors for Services/Centers and Heads of Units
1. Sports and other physical fitness programs have been identified as one area where the UN Standards and Rule on Equalization of Opportunities and Full Participation of Persons with Disabilities can be operationalized. The Sports For All program provides excellent avenue for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in both developmental and competitive sports.
  2. In recognition of crucial role of sports and other games in facilitating the integration of persons with disabilities in school and in community. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the Philippine Sports Association of the Differently Abled (PHILSPADA) will undertake sports program that will provide PWDs to participate actively in sustainable spots.
  3. Through a comprehensive sports development program designed by PHILSPADA in consultation with the DECS, children and youth with visual impairment, hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, mental disabilities and general learning problems will increase opportunities to participate in sports, thus enhancing their excellence in this area.
  4. All schools with special education program, including those special children who are in the mainstreamed and/or inclusive program in the regular classes are strongly encouraged to participate in these activities.
  5. For information and compliance.

  
ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO  
Secretary

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None

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