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Department of Education



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**THE 2007 PALARONG PAMBANSA**

To:

Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Regional Directors  
Schools Division / City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary Schools

1. The 2007 Palarong Pambansa will be held on 22-28 April 2007 in Koronadal City, and it will be hosted by the City of Koronadal, co-hosted by the DepED Regional Office XII and the Schools Division of Koronadal City, and supported by all Schools Divisions of Region XII.
2. The attached Palarong Pambansa Technical Guidelines, crafted after extensive discussions and consultations with the school sports experts and leaders in the field, and duly approved by the Paloro Board, shall hereby govern the conduct of the Paloro and lower meets.
3. Technical management as well as all financial/administrative and operational matters relative to the preparation, hosting and conduct of the Palarong Pambansa shall be directly under the Office of Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani, with the Task Force on School Sports (TFSS) providing the secretariat, staff and operational works.
4. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

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As stated

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## **THE PALARONG PAMBANSA PROGRAM**

### **I. Description of the Palarong Pambansa Program**

1. The Palarong Pambansa Program is an annual multi-level national scholastic athletic competition conducted by the Department of Education and participated in by the elementary and secondary pupils/students both from public and private schools.
2. It starts with the school intramurals followed by the district, division, regional athletic meets and culminates in the national game known as PALARONG PAMBANSA.
3. It is the laboratory of all learned/acquired knowledge, skills, attitude in the Physical Education curriculum.
4. It is an avenue that provides in-school youth opportunities to improve their physical, moral, intellectual and social well-being.
5. It serves as a means to promote education, health, development and peace.

### **II. Objectives of the Palarong Pambansa Program**

The objectives of the Palarong Pambansa Program are;

1. to promote Physical Education and sports as an integral part of the Basic Education Curriculum and as an affirmation to the schools' commitment to the full development of the great potentials of the youth to become responsible and globally competitive citizens of our society;
2. to instill and imbibe among the pupils/students the spirit of discipline, teamwork, excellence, fair play, solidarity, sportsmanship, and other values inherent in sports to build a Strong Republic;
3. to widen the base for talent identification, selection, recruitment, training and exposure of elementary and secondary pupils/students.
4. to provide a data base for a valid and universal basis to further improve the school sports development program; and
5. to serve as a feeder to the national sports associations (NSA) for further training for international competitions.

### III. The Palarong Pambansa Board

Chairman	:	Secretary Jesli A. Lapus
Vice-Chairman	:	Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani
Members	:	Undersecretary Franklin C. Sunga Undersecretary Manaros B. Boransing Undersecretary Teodosio C. Sangil, Jr. Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes Undersecretary Vilma L. Labrador Assistant Secretary Lilia Z. Roces Regional Directors Education Secretary, ARMM Head of the Host LGU
Technical Consultant	:	Chairman, Philippine Sports Commission
Secretariat	:	Task Force on School Sports

1. The Palarong Pambansa Board shall formulate policies and guidelines that shall govern the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa and other related school sports activities, approve budget allocations for the Palaro, decide on the host of the Palaro, and to directly supervise the preparation and conduct of the Palaro.
2. The DepEd Regional Offices shall organize their Regional Athletics Associations (RAAs) using the same organizational pattern, including the Local Government Units (LGUs) in their regions. The RAAs shall supervise the division meets, and organize the regional delegation for the Palarong Pambansa.
3. The Host Palaro Executive Committee shall be organized and it shall be in charge of the hosting of the Palaro. It will be composed of the Head of the host LGU as the Chairman, the DepEd Regional Director as Co-Chairman and the host Schools Division Superintendent as the Executive Secretary. Members shall be the Chairmen of the Working Committees who will be designated by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

#### **IV. The Hosting of the Palarong Pambansa**

The hosting of the Palarong Pambansa is determined by bidding and guided by the principle of rotation. The rotation follows the "Visayas-Luzon-Mindanao-Luzon" cycle. The purpose is to have modern sports complexes and facilities in all regions and to promote the socio-economic-cultural characteristics of provinces and cities through school sports.

##### **1. Criteria for the Selection of Venue for the Palarong Pambansa**

The Palarong Pambansa Board shall select the venue of the next Palarong Pambansa based on the following general criteria:

- 1.1 The sports facilities to be used must be of international standards, and that these are well-secured but accessible to the general public.
- 1.2 The billeting areas for the athletic delegations and technical officials are adequate and conveniently located, with adequate rooms, comfort rooms, washing, kitchen and dining areas, and other basic requirements.
- 1.3 The sports facilities and billeting areas must have adequate supply of water and uninterrupted electric power.
- 1.4 There must be available basic services such as medical/dental, transportation and communication.
- 1.5 The peace and order situation in the locality must be excellent and conducive to the holding of a national activity.
- 1.6 The host local government must be capable and willing to shoulder expenses necessary for the hosting of the Palarong Pambansa, including construction and renovation of sports facilities, billeting and other infrastructural requirements.
- 1.7 All socio-economic-political groups, government and non-government agencies in the region must manifest uncompromising unity in ensuring the successful staging of the Palarong Pambansa.

##### **2. The Selection and Awarding of the host LGU/RO/DO**

- 2.1 The Office of the Secretary shall invite bidders for the hosting of the Palarong Pambansa.

- 2.2 The Task Force on School Sports (TFSS) shall conduct an evaluation of the offers of the bidding LGUs/ROs/Dos based on the criteria on the selection of the host LGU/region.
- 2.3 The Palaro Board shall review the evaluation report and come up with a collective preferred host.
- 2.4 The Palaro Board shall convene the Executive Committee to be chaired by the Head of the host local government and co-chaired by the DepED Regional Director of the host region, with the host Schools Division Superintendent as the Executive Secretary.
- 2.5 In case there are no bidders, the DepED Secretary, upon consultation with the Regional Directors, shall identify a host regional office.

### **3. Responsibilities of the Host LGU/RO/DO**

#### **3.1 LGU**

- Ensure the availability of all technical facilities, billeting quarters, playing venues, transportation and other amenities;
- Ensure the availability of technical equipment, materials and supplies, which shall be according to the specifications prescribed by the Technical Management and Games Administration Committee;
- Promote and sustain the socio-economic and cultural development of province/city;
- Ensure peace and order; and
- Source funds from other government and non-government agencies.

#### **3.2 Regional/Division Office**

- Implement all policies and guidelines;
- Regional Athletic Association headed by the Regional Director shall organize the different working committees; and
- Perform other functions/tasks duly assigned by the Palaro Board.

#### **4. Minimum Requirements for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

- Stage for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Lights and Sounds System
- Parade of Athletes and Athletic Delegations
- Presence of DepED and National/Local Government Officials, invited guests, visitors
- Simple field demonstration/presentation

#### **5. Minimum Requirements for:**

##### **5.1 Billeting Areas**

- There must be at least one room for every 15 delegation members or a minimum of 40 classrooms for every delegations.
- There must be one comfort room (T & B) for every 25 delegation members.
- There must be non-stop, clean and adequate water supply and uninterrupted electric power.
- There must be available and spacious washing areas and clean lavatories with good drainage system.
- There must be clean, well-ventilated and spacious dining/kitchen area.

##### **5.2 Playing venues and other facilities**

- Standard playing areas/venues for all sports events.
- Accessible to transportation and communication.
- Complete standard equipment for the different sports events
- Availability of grandstands and bleachers.

#### **6. Other Guidelines**

- 6.1 If there is a clear indication that the venue will not be ready on the date of the Palarong Pambansa, the Secretary has the option to reset it at a later date.
- 6.2 The DepED shall be consulted on the technical aspects of the construction of the facilities for the different sports events.
- 6.3 After the Palaro, the DepED shall provide assistance in the formulation of the sports program to ensure the maximum utilization of the sports facilities.

## V. Sports Events in the Palarong Pambansa

### A. Elementary

Event	Category	
	Boys	Girls
Athletics	✓	✓
Badminton	✓	✓
Baseball	✓	
Basketball	✓	
Chess	✓	✓
Football	✓	
Gymnastics: MAG WAG RG	✓	✓ ✓
Sipa Takraw	✓	
Softball		✓
Swimming	✓	✓
Table Tennis	✓	✓
Taekwondo	✓	✓
Tennis	✓	✓
Volleyball	✓	✓

### B. Secondary

Event	Category	
	Boys	Girls
Archery	✓	✓
Arnis	✓	
Athletics	✓	✓
Badminton	✓	✓
Baseball	✓	
Basketball	✓	
Boxing	✓	
Chess	✓	✓
Football	✓	
Gymnastics: MAG WAG RG	✓	✓ ✓
Sepak Takraw	✓	
Softball		✓
Swimming	✓	✓
Table Tennis	✓	✓
Taekwondo	✓	✓
Tennis	✓	✓
Volleyball	✓	✓



## **VI. Rules and Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes of the Palarong Pambansa**

### **A. National Screening and Accreditation Committee (NSAC)**

#### **1. Composition**

The National Screening and Accreditation Committee shall consist of five members from the DepEd Central Office chosen by the Secretary (3 from Legal Division, 1 physician 1 dentist), and seventeen (17) regional representatives from the different regions. Its decision shall be approved by the majority of the members of the National Screening Committee.

#### **2. Qualification of Regional Representative**

2.1 Shall be a Chairman or Co-Chair of the Screening Committee during the regional palaro.

#### **3. Duties and Functions of Screening Committee**

3.1 Evaluate/verify the authenticity of the athletes/coaches/chaperons documents submitted before and during personal interview.

3.2 Accredit qualified athletes/coaches/chaperons.

3.3 Issue list of qualified athletes and coaches and Palaro Identification Cards.

3.4 Consider replacement for disqualified athletes during the period of screening only.

3.5 Formulate ground rules not covered by the guidelines on eligibility before the start of the screening, approved and duly signed by the members of the NSAC.

3.6 Re-check with the Tournament Managers athletes being fielded through the photo gallery.

3.7 Issue athlete's photo gallery to Tournament Managers.

3.8 Investigate and render final decision(s) on cases of protests/complaints on eligibility and inform the Tournament Manager regarding the decision(s) made.

3.9 Submit all updated records of athletes to Task Force on School Sports for centralized file and safekeeping.

### **B. Rules on Participation**

#### **1. Participants**

Participants in the Palarong Pambansa are elementary and secondary pupil/student athletes from the public and private schools who have participated in the lower meets.

## 2. Eligibility of Athletes

- 2.1 Must be a Filipino citizen.
- 2.2 Must be enrolled in a recognized school at the beginning of the current school year.
- 2.3 Must have attended/finished the curriculum year.
- 2.4 Should have participated in the preliminary meets.
- 2.5 Cut-off date for the age of elementary athletes is January 1, 1994 and the cut-off date for secondary athletes is January 1, 1989. Thereafter, add one (1) year to the cut-off date for the succeeding year.
- 2.6 Pupil/student athletes who transferred from one region to another are allowed to participate, provided their transfer was done at the beginning of the school year. Transferee from one division to another within the region is allowed to participate, provided, they have participated in the lower meets.
- 2.7 Elementary athletes shall play in the elementary division, and secondary athletes shall play in the secondary division. However, Grade 7 pupils of private schools who are born before January 1, 1994 are allowed to play in the secondary division.

## 3. Disqualifications:

- 3.1 Over-aged athletes.
- 3.2 Athletes with failing grades in more than two (2) core subjects in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period.
- 3.3 Athletes who are members of the National Team, national training pool and development pool receiving monthly stipend/allowances from the PSC.
- 3.4 Failure to submit the required documents/failure to submit one's self for personal interview on the specified time.
- 3.5 Penalized with suspension or ban during the previous Palaro.

## 4. Eligibility of Coaches:

- 4.1 Coaches must be school or DepEd personnel.
- 4.2 Documents :
  - Certificate of employment (Certified xerox copy of the original appointment duly notarized)
  - Form 212 with 3 pieces ID pictures

## 5. Required Documents:

- 5.1 Original and photo copy of Birth Certificate issued by National Statistics Office (NSO). Late registration may be

accepted provided the same was issued one (1) year prior to current Palarong Pambansa.

- 5.2 Form 137, original, duly signed by coach/teacher-adviser/registrar/principal/Division PESS Supervisor and certified correct by the Schools Division Superintendent (signature over printed name).
- 5.3 Medical certificate signed by a physician that athlete is physically fit and within the age limit required with a validity of six (6) months from date of issue.
- 5.4 Athlete's Record signed by athlete, coach, and PESS Division Supervisor.
- 5.5 Parent's/guardian's consent.
- 5.6 Certification of Enrolment duly signed by School Head, PESS Division Supervisor and Schools Division Superintendent.
- 5.7 Four (4) identical 2 x 2 ID pictures with name tag with grade/year level for Form 137, Athlete's Record, gallery and ID.
- 5.8 List of athletes indicating the date of birth, division school and name of coach duly signed by the Regional Director. A diskette containing the names of the athletes is likewise required.
- 5.9 Affidavit by the coach attesting the authenticity/validity of the documents submitted.

#### C. Screening of Athletes

1. Receive and examine all athletes' documents submitted one week before the start of the Palarong Pambansa.
2. Interview athletes based on the documents submitted. It shall start on specified scheduled date and shall end on the day before the opening of the Palarong Pambansa.
3. Refer immediately to the medical/dental team for further medical and dental examination on doubtful findings regarding age and physical appearance of the athletes. The findings of the National Screening Medical Team shall be binding and legal.
4. Write down all findings/comments/notes on the front cover of the folder of the concerned athlete/team properly signed by the interviewer.
5. Convene all members of the NSAC for deliberation and accreditation of athletes.
6. Issue list of accredited athletes/coaches/chaperons Palaro Identification Card before the opening of the Palarong Pambansa.
7. Provide the Tournament Manager athletes' photo gallery and lists of accredited athletes/coaches for purposes of checking the identity of athletes/coaches before the start of the game.

#### D. Protests on Eligibility

1. Protest shall be in writing and duly signed by the Coach and noted by the Head of the Delegation or his or her official representative and shall be filed before the start of the second game of the concerned team with the Chair of the NSAC. Protests filed by other person shall be automatically dismissed without prejudice of refiling the same upon compliance of the abovementioned requirements. Provided however, that even if the protest does not comply with said requirements, the NSAC may MOTU PROPIO investigate and resolve the protest if there is an obvious truth on the merits of the allegation.
2. Protest shall be accompanied by affidavit, witnesses and/or evidences to support thereof.
3. The protest shall be acted immediately by the NSAC upon receipt thereof. Decision of the NSAC shall be appealable only to the Secretary of Education.
4. The protestant shall have the burden of proof and shall provide necessary evidences (documentary/testimonials), otherwise the protest will be dismissed "MOTU PROPIO."
5. Cases of misrepresentation, impersonation, and violations of similar nature, may still be filed even during and after the Palarong Pambansa.

#### E. Sanctions

1. Any violation of the rules on eligibility is punishable by lifetime ban from participating in school sports competitions without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative and criminal charges against erring officials and athletes.
2. When a violation on eligibility rules is proven in team competitions, the games in which the individual has taken part shall be declared forfeited in favor of the opposing team. The individual performance, in case of individual events, shall be nullified.

## Proposed Sports Events for 2007 Palarong Pambansa

<b>LIST OF SPORTS EVENTS, NUMBER OF ATHLETES, COACHES AND CHAPERONS</b>					
<b>Elementary Division</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Athletes</b>	<b>No. of Officials</b>		<b>Total</b>
			<b>Coaches</b>	<b>Chaperons</b>	<b>Per Team</b>
<b>1. Athletics</b>	B	12	2	0	14
	G	12	2	1	15
<b>2. Badminton</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>3. Baseball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
<b>4. Basketball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
<b>5. Chess</b>	B	2	1	0	3
	G	2	1	1	4
<b>7. Football</b>	B	15	1	0	16
<b>8. Gymnastics Artistic</b>	B	3	1	0	4
	G	3	1	1	9
<b>Rhythmic</b>	G	3	1		
<b>9. Sipa Takraw</b>	B	4	1	0	5
<b>10. Softball</b>	G	12	1	1	14
<b>11. Swimming</b>	B	10	1	0	11
	G	10	1	1	12
<b>12. Table Tennis</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>13. Taekwondo</b>	B	6	1	0	7
	G	6	1	1	8
<b>14. Tennis</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>15. Volleyball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
	G	12	1	1	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>208</b>

<b>LIST OF SPORTS EVENTS, NUMBER OF ATHLETES, COACHES AND CHAPERONS</b>					
<b>Secondary Division</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Athletes</b>	<b>No. of Officials</b>		<b>Total Per Team</b>
			<b>Coach</b>	<b>Chaperons</b>	
<b>1. Archery</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>2. Arnis</b>	B	5	1	0	6
<b>3. Athletics</b>	B	15	2	0	17
	G	15	2	1	18
<b>4. Badminton</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>5. Baseball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
<b>6. Basketball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
<b>7. Boxing</b>	B	5	1	0	6
<b>8. Chess</b>	B	2	1	0	3
	G	2	1	1	4
<b>9. Football</b>	B	15	1	0	16
<b>10. Gymnastics</b>	B	3	1	0	4
	G	3	1	1	9
	Rhythmic	G	3		
<b>11. SepakTakraw</b>	B	12	1	0	13
<b>12. Softball</b>	G	12	1	1	14
<b>13. Swimming</b>	B	10	1	0	11
	G	10	1	1	12
<b>14. Table Tennis</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>15. Taekwondo</b>	B	6	1	0	7
	G	6	1	1	8
<b>16. Tennis</b>	B	4	1	0	5
	G	4	1	1	6
<b>17. Volleyball</b>	B	12	1	0	13
	G	12	1	1	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>204</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>245</b>

**COMPOSITION OF A REGIONAL DELEGATION**

<b>Summary</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Total</b>
Athletes	172	204	376
Coaches	26	30	56
Chaperons	10	11	21
Delegation Officials			7
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>460</b>

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POINTS SYSTEM

EVENT	INDIVIDUAL/SINGLES						DOUBLES/MIXED						RELAY						TEAM						GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS																	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th						
Individual Games																																										
ARCHERY	7	5	4	3	2	1																															15	10	7	4	3	2
ATHLETICS	7	5	4	3	2	1							14	10	8	6	4	2																			30	20	10	5	3	2
GYMNASTICS	7	5	4	3	2	1													10	8	6	3	2	1													10	7	5	3	2	1
SWIMMING	7	5	4	3	2	1							14	10	8	6	4	2													30	20	10	5	3	2						
Racket Sports																																										
BADMINTON	7	3	1				7	3	1										14	6	2										15	10	7	4	3	2						
TABLE TENNIS	7	3	1										10	8	6	3	2	1							15	10	7	4	3	2												
TENNIS	7	3	1				7	5	4	3	2	1							14	6	2				15	10	7	4	3	2												
Ball Games																																										
BASEBALL																															25	15	10	5	3	2						
BASKETBALL																															25	15	10	5	3	2						
FOOTBALL																															25	15	10	5	3	2						
SOFTBALL																															25	15	10	5	3	2						
VOLLEYBALL																															25	15	10	5	3	2						
Board Game																																										
CHESS																															15	10	7	4	3	2						
Sepak Takraw, SIPA																																										
SEPAK TAKRAW																			10	8	6	3	2	1	14	10	8	6	4	2	25	15	10	5	3	2						
SIPA																															15	10	7	4	3	2						
Combat Sports																																										
BOXING	7	3	1																												15	10	7	4	3	2						
TAEKWONDO	7	3	1																												15	10	7	4	3	2						
NEW EVENT																																										
EVENT	LABANAN						SOLO BASTON						ANYO / SPARRING						DOUBLE BASTON						TEAM						GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS											
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th						
ARNIS	7	3	1				7	5	4	3	2	1	7	5	4	3	2	1	10	8	6	3	2	1	15	10	7	4	3	2	15	10	7	4	3	2						



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POINTS SYSTEM

EVENT	INDIVIDUAL/SINGLES						DOUBLES/MIXED						RELAY						TEAM						GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th		
ARCHERY	7	5	4	3	2	1																			15	10	7	4	3	2		
ATHLETICS	7	5	4	3	2	1							14	10	8	6	4	2							30	20	10	5	3	2		
BADMINTON	7	5	3	1			7	3	1										14	6	2				15	10	7	4	3	2		
BASEBALL																									25	15	10	5	3	2		
BASKETBALL																									25	15	10	5	3	2		
BOXING	7	3	1																						15	10	7	4	3	2		
CHESS																									15	10	7	4	3	2		
FOOTBALL																									25	15	10	5	3	2		
GYMNASTICS	7	5	4	3	2	1																			10	7	5	3	2	1		
SEPAK TAKRAW													INTER-REGU	10	8	6	3	2	1	INTER-TEAM	14	10	8	6	4	2	25	15	10	5	3	2
SIPA																									15	10	7	4	3	2		
SOFTBALL																									25	15	10	5	3	2		
SWIMMING	7	5	4	3	2	1							14	10	8	6	4	2							30	20	10	5	3	2		
TABLE TENNIS	7	3	1																10	8	6	3	2	1	15	10	7	4	3	2		
TAEKWONDO	7	3	1																						15	10	7	4	3	2		
TENNIS	7	3	1																14	6	2				15	10	7	4	3	2		
VOLLEYBALL																									25	15	10	5	3	2		

NEW EVENT

EVENT	LABANAN						SOLO BASTON						DOBLE BASTON						TEAM						GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
ARNIS	7	3	1				7	5	4	3	2	1	7	5	4	3	2	1	10	8	6	3	2	1	15	10	7	4	3	2

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