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CHILDREN'S AND BOYS' BASEBALL

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational Schools Superintendents/Administrators

1. Effective immediately, the Little League Baseball will be replaced by the Children's Baseball for elementary school boys 9 to 13 years old. Boys' Baseball will be played by secondary school boys 14 to 18 years old.
2. As an exception to the revised policy on sports and athletics, the Children's Baseball will be played in the provincial meet up to the Palarong Pambansa. The Boys' Baseball will likewise be played from the provincial meet up to the Palarong Pambansa. A player in the Children's Baseball is allowed to play within a period of three (3) years only while the Boys' Baseball player may be allowed to play for a maximum of four (4) years.
3. The ground rules enumerated in the inclosure to this MEC Order regarding the promotion of children's and boys' baseball shall be strictly followed.
4. Previous rules and regulations issued by this Office that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby rescinded.
5. Immediate dissemination of this MEC Order is desired.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. CORPUZ
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

References:

MEC Orders: Nos. 30 and 43, s. 1980

Allotment: 1-2--(D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

AMENDMENT	Course of Study, ELEMENTARY
ATHLETICS	" " " , SECONDARY
	SCHOOLS

I. Eligibility Rules

1. A player in Children's Baseball shall be enrolled in the elementary school and regularly attending classes where he is enrolled passing all his subjects. He must be not less than 9 years old at the start of the tournament and must be more than 13 years old as of the date of every Palarong Pambansa.
- a. A player must have played in the unit, provincial and regional meets of the province or region he is representing.
3. No player in Children's Baseball shall be allowed to participate in this sports for more than 3 years. This limitation commences this year.
4. Boys' Baseball player will play not more than 4 years.
5. A transferee must establish a residence of one (1) year before he can play again.

II. Grounds and Equipment

1. Distance of pitcher's plate 48 feet
2. Use of helmets for batters, runners, and child base coacher is mandatory
3. Distance from base to base 70 feet
4. Spikes with metal cleats will not be allowed. Spikes with rubber cleats is highly recommended
5. Wood or metal bats should be one piece and should be not more than 33" in length
6. It is mandatory for catchers to use mask, chest protectors, catcher's mitt and leg guards at all times during the game, except when his team is on bat.

III. Pitching Rules

1. Rest period for pitchers should be 24 hours after his previous pitching task. In case of "force majeure" the required 24 hours rest period of pitchers in Children's Baseball shall not be followed.
2. Pitchers will be allowed the maximum of seven (7) innings for one particular pitching task.

IV. Tournament Rules

1. Double eliminations -
5 innings for elimination games
7 innings for placement games only
2. One adult base coach will be allowed
3. Major league baseball rules shall be applied with exception of the designated hitter rule (DH).