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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
MECS ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

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

1. Effective the school year 1982-83, the following regulations shall be observed in the conduct of MECS athletic competitions:

a. Children's Baseball and Boys' Baseball

The age requirements shall be as follows: children's baseball - 13 years old and below; boys' baseball - 18 years old and below. For children's baseball, no player shall be older than 13 years and for boys' baseball, 18 years as of March 30 in the school year in which the competition is held. (Players must not have reached their 13th or 18th birthday on March 30th.)

b. Weightlifting

Weightlifting shall be for secondary school athletes only. The age requirements shall be 18 years old and below and no weightlifter shall be older than 18 years as of March 30 in the school year in which the competition is held. The qualifying standards and body weights of participants in this event shall strictly conform to paragraph 1-c of Department Order No. 52, s. 1977. (Weightlifters must not have reached their 18th birthday on March 30th.)

c. Athletics (Track and Field)

(1) The number of entries allowable per individual event at any level of competition shall be as follows: for provincial/city or regional meet, the best 3 competitors from each participating contingent; for the Palarong Pambansa where highest quality performance is expected, the

best 2 from each participating region shall be entered. More competitors may be included if their record of performance is within the national or Palaro standard. For the relays only one team from each contingent or competing unit shall participate.

- (2) At any level of competition, the number of gold medals won by each contingent or competing unit shall be the basis for deciding the champion, runner-up, third place, and so on, in athletics.

d. Gymnastics and Sepaktakraw

Gymnastics and Sepaktakraw shall be regular competition games.

e. Football

- (1) The International Rules in Football (FIFA) shall be strictly followed in all MECS football tournaments.
- (2) Football shall be limited to secondary school players, 18 years old and below. No player shall be older than 18 years as of March 30 in the school year in which the competition is held. (Players must not have reached their 18th birthday on March 30th.)

f. General Championships

General championship in MECS athletic meets shall be observed. However, the basis of declaring the general champion, runner-up and third place shall be on the number of gold medals won to conform with existing international practices. In this scheme, an athletic contingent can be the over-all champion provided it emerges champion in the majority of the 19 sports events currently promoted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. The general champion will be awarded with a plaque, the runner-up and the third place will be awarded pennants. When two delegations win an equal number of gold medals, the silver medal wins will determine the over-all champion; if a tie persists, the bronze medal wins will be considered.

In team championships the champion team members including the coach will receive one (1) gold medal each; the second place team members including the coach will be given one silver medal each; and the third place team members including the coach shall be given one bronze medal each.

g. Participation of Gintong Alay

MECS athletes currently under training with Gintong Alay shall continue to participate as regular athletes in all MECS sponsored athletic meets provided they meet existing MECS guidelines and shall represent their original schools.

2. All regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended or rescinded, as the case may be.

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Minister

References:

Department Order: (No. 52, s. 1977)
MEC Order: No. 45, s. 1980
MEC Memorandum: No. 303, s. 1979

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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