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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
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**1994 PALARONG PAMBANSA INTEGRATED NATIONAL  
INTERSCHOLASTIC GAMES AND PRELIMINARY MEETS**

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

1. **Statement of Policy.** It is the declared policy of DECS that every year a national scholastic athletic competition known as the Palarong Pambansa will be held, during which student athletes (with the exception of those who have already participated in the Olympic Games, the Asian Games, and the South East Asian Games as officials members of Philippine teams) from all levels and types of educational institutions, whether public or private, will be encouraged to participate, in order to have a valid and universal basis for determining interscholastic national champions in such sports events as may be agreed upon. Furthermore, the venue for the national games will be rotated on an equitable basis between Luzon, Visayas, Luzon, Mindanao, in that order, before starting once again with Luzon, since there are more regions in the Luzon group than Visayas or Mindanao.

2. **Division of Competition.** In compliance with the above-mentioned DECS sports policy, and unlike the Palaro games in the preceeding years, there will be three (3) divisions participating in Palarong Pambansa 1994, namely the elementary, secondary and the tertiary divisions wherein athletes from the public and private schools, colleges and universities, state colleges and universities, and technical and vocational schools are integrated in their respective divisions. There will be official championships for each of the three levels, but no official overall champions.

3. **Palarong Pambansa in Cebu City.** The Palarong Pambansa 1994 will be held in Cebu City from Sunday, February 20 to Sunday, February 27. DECS Regional Office VII, in cooperation with the Cebu City government, other local government units and the private sectors in the region, shall be the host. The host region in coordination with the Cebu City government shall take care of the preparations of the different venues and sports facilities needed for the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa. As before, the Bureau of Physical Education and School Sports (BPSS) of DECS will be in charge of the technical management/game administration for all three levels.

4. **Coverage of sports events.** All secondary division sports events during the 1993 Palaro shall be played in the secondary and tertiary divisions of the 1994 Palaro.

5. Additional sports events at the tertiary level may be included upon recommendation of Tertiary Sub-Committee before October 31, 1993, with the following criteria for the selection and inclusion of such sports events:

5.1 A complete team representing a region for each sports event in the Palarong Pambansa shall have been selected on the basis of the regional meet in which the sports event was included at the tertiary level.

5.2 Available facilities and equipment and venue of the sports event at the regional and national levels, and trained and qualified coaches and officiating officials to ensure the health and safety of the student participants.

5.3 Funds are available for the conduct of the additional sports events.

6. **Governance of the Palarong Pambansa.** The governance of the Palarong Pambansa shall be vested in a Board composed of the fifteen DECS Regional Directors, and chaired by the DECS Secretary.

7. **Special Governing Structure for the Tertiary Level.** The national operational governance of tertiary level shall be lodged in a National Tertiary Subcommittee composed of fifteen (15) representatives selected one apiece from the fifteen regional tertiary committees as defined below, with the Chairman selected from among themselves. The basic functions of the National Tertiary Sub-Committee shall include the determination of the approved tertiary sports events and appropriate rules to govern the conduct of the various tertiary competitions.

At the level of the region, however, the DECS Regional Director shall organize a regional tertiary committee, the membership of which should be flexible enough to permit representation by the athletic associations of private schools, the state schools, and the DECS-supervised schools in the region. The regional representative to the National Tertiary Subcommittee shall be selected from among the members of the regional tertiary committee. The regional athletic associations may include member schools of supra-regional leagues, such as SCUAA and PRISAA. The Regional Director shall take such steps promptly as would enable the formation of the National Tertiary Subcommittee within the deadlines above-given.

8. **Preliminary Meets.** The organization of teams and the process of selection shall start during school intramurals. Interscholastic competitions at lower than divisional levels may be conducted in the district/area level so as to reduce the size of delegations for the division level meets. The schedule of meets at the different levels are as follows:


Team Organization/Selection Process	June-August
Provincial/City Meets	September-October
Regional Meets	November-January
Palarong Pambansa	February

Cultural contests and other sports events not in the approved lists of sports events for the National Palarong Pambansa may be held or included up to regional level only.

9. **Rules of Competition and Other Regulations.** The 1994 Palarong Pambansa Manual which contain the rules and general guidelines shall govern the conduct of the games, and shall be issued separately. All rules and regulations which are not amended or rescinded by this DECS Order shall still be in effect.

10. **Effectivity.** This Order is effective immediately, and any previous DECS issuance which may be inconsistent with this Order is hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

11. For compliance.

  
ARMAND V. FABELLA  
Secretary

References: DECS Order: No. 5, s. 1993

DECS Memorandum: No. 43, s. 1992

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