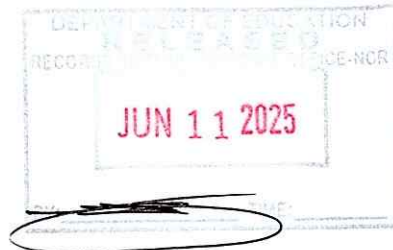




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



May 19, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 489, s. 2025

To: Schools Division Superintendents
SGOD & CID Chiefs
Division Sports Officers
RO Division Chiefs, Section and Unit Heads
All Others Concerned

CONDUCT OF THE 2025 PALARONG PAMBANSA

1. Pursuant to the attached DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2025, dated May 9, 2025 titled *Conduct of the 2025 Palarong Pambansa*, the Schools Divisions are hereby informed of the conduct of the 2025 Palarong Pambansa on May 24 to June 2, 2025, in Ilocos Norte Province with the theme "Nagkaisang Kapuluan". This year's annual national scholastic multi-sport competition shall be hosted by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte together with the DepEd Region 1 (Ilocos Region) Office and the Schools Division Office of Ilocos Norte.
2. Attached is the copy of the said Memorandum and its enclosures, for reference.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JOCELYN DR ANDAYA

Regional Director, NCR
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Assistant Secretary for Operations

Encl.:
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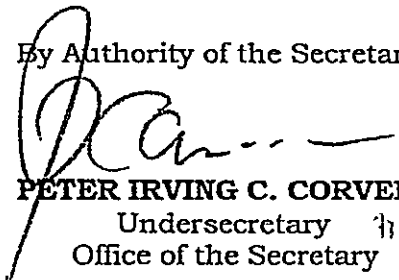
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4. For more information, you may contact the ***Palarong Pambansa Secretariat*** through email at palorong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph or telephone number (02) 8687-4146.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



By Authority of the Secretary:


PETER IRVING C. CORVERA
Undersecretary
Office of the Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 020, s. 2024

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations
PALARONG PAMBANSA SECRETARIAT

2025 PALARONG PAMBANSA GENERAL INFORMATION

The **65th edition of the Palarong Pambansa**, with the theme "*Nagkakaisang Kapuluan*", is scheduled from May 24 to May 31, 2025, and shall be hosted by the local government unit (LGU) of Ilocos Norte Province together with the DepEd-Region I (Ilocos Region) Office and the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Ilocos Norte.

Schedule of Activities

Event/Activity	Date	Venue
Arrival of Delegation	May 20, 2025	Ilocos Norte
Registration/Simultaneous Orientation of Technical Officials & National Technical Committee Members		TBA
Refresher Course	May 21-22, 2025	TBA
Solidarity Meeting	May 23, 2025	TBA
Opening Ceremony	May 24, 2025	Ferdinand E. Marcos Memorial Stadium
<i>Palaro ng Lahi</i>	May 25, 2025	TBA
Exhibition Sports		
Competition Proper	May 26-30, 2025	Playing Venues
Closing Program	May 31, 2025	Paoay Church
Departure of Delegation	June 01-02, 2025	

All regional delegations are advised to arrive in Ilocos Norte **not earlier than May 20, 2025**. Further, the regional delegations are enjoined to attend the **Closing Program** on **May 31, 2025**.

Sports to Compete

- The official regular sports in the elementary and secondary level, as provided in Section 27 of Rule VI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 10588 otherwise known as the *Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, shall remain to be played in this edition of the *Palarong Pambansa*, as follows:

Regular Sports			
Archery	Basketball (3x3)	Futsal	Table Tennis
Arnis	Billiards	Gymnastics (AER, MAG, WAG, RG)	Taekwondo

Athletics	Boxing	Pencak Silat	Tennis
Badminton	Chess	Sepak Takraw	Volleyball
Baseball	Dancesport	Softball	Wrestling
Basketball (5x5)	Football	Swimming	Wushu

2. **Pencak Silat** and **Pole Vault-Secondary Girls** (Athletics) will be featured as regular sports; **Weightlifting** as demonstration sport; and **Kickboxing, Football (Secondary Girls), and Futsal (Elementary Girls)** as exhibition sports in this year's *Palarong Pambansa*.
3. There shall be separate events for learner-athletes with special needs such as **Para-Athletics, Para-Swimming, Bocce, and Goalball**. Medals shall be awarded to the winners of the said special games.
4. The ***Palaro ng Lahi/Larong Pinoy*** will also be featured in the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa* to promote the Philippine Games, as well as preserve and appreciate the cultural heritage of Filipino indigenous people among our learners.
5. All regions are requested to actively participate in the *Palaro ng Lahi/Larong Pinoy* and Exhibition Sports by sending representatives from their respective delegations.

Screening & Accreditation

6. The National Screening and Accreditation Committee (NSAC) for this year's *Palarong Pambansa* is hereby constituted by the *Palarong Pambansa* Board to conduct the screening and accreditation of athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, and chaperones submitted by the participating regional delegations, pursuant to OUOPS Memorandum entitled *Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes in the Division, Regional, and National Level for the 2025 Palarong Pambansa*. All other issuances inconsistent with the aforementioned guidelines are hereby rescinded.

General Competition Guidelines

7. As a reiteration, this year's *Palarong Pambansa* shall adopt the **Modified Winner-Take-All policy** for all team sports (Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Football, Futsal, Sepak Takraw and Volleyball) and the **Qualifying Standards** for measurable sports such as Athletics, Swimming, and Archery.
8. In cases of **heavy rains, extreme heat**, or other natural occurrences that may affect the competition, the tournament directors, with the concurrence of the host-LGU, may recommend the suspension of the conduct of the games for a certain period, with the approval of the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretary General on adjustments in games schedule or change in playing venues, provided that the competitions must be finished within the given schedule.
9. Consistent with DepEd's existing policies and guidelines in resolving **protest on game technicalities** or any sports event and **protest on eligibility**, complaints should be in written form, with affidavits of witnesses and/or evidence to support the same. There shall be **no protest fee** to be collected from the protesting regional delegation.

Awards & Recognition

10. The **Olympic Medal System** shall be applied. The total number of gold, silver, and bronze medals to be contested in the different sports events is provided in Enclosure No. 6.
11. Medals awarded in the demonstration sports shall not be included in the medal count earned by the regional delegation.
12. The top 5 regional delegations shall be recognized based on the overall standings in the official medal tally. However, recognition will be bestowed, as well, to the top performing regional delegations in each sport played in the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*.
13. The top 5 SDOs/LGUs shall also be recognized based on their total medal haul in the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*.
14. The following may be given cash incentives, pursuant to Section 15 (b) of DepEd Order (DO) No. 43, s. 2016 entitled *Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 10588 or the Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations:
 - a. 2025 *Palarong Pambansa* medalists and new record holders in regular sports events including the top three winners in the special games; and
 - b. Technical officials and other personnel who served in the conduct of the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*.
15. **Cash incentives** may be supplemented from the proceeds of the solicitation from various sponsors and donors engaged in by the *Palarong Pambansa* Sponsorship Committee in line with its functions stipulated specifically in Section 16 (c) of DO 43, s. 2016.

National Technical Working Committees & Technical Officials

16. The 2025 *Palarong Pambansa* Organizational Structure containing the list of members of the *Palarong Pambansa* Board, National Executive Committee and Steering Committee, and the various national technical working committees is hereby provided under Enclosure No. 1. The list of the members of the various national technical working committees and technical officials of the different sports events shall be issued through a separate Memorandum.
17. All DepEd personnel who will serve in the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa* as accredited technical officials or members of the different national and local working committees shall be granted vacation leave credits pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 entitled *Revised Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*.
18. All technical officials must satisfy all the requirements provided in the enclosed Guidelines for the Selection of Technical Officials in the *Palarong Pambansa* (Enclosure No. 4).
19. The following documentary requirements shall be presented by the selected technical officials upon registration:
 - a. Authority to Travel documents;

- i. **For DepEd employees** – approved travel authority duly signed by their respective heads of office;
 - ii. **For National Sports Association (NSA) members** – official letter from the Association President or Secretary General (or any duly authorized NSA official) authorizing their participation;
 - iii. **For those coming from Host Local Government Unit (LGU)** – letter of endorsement from the Local Chief Executive, City/Provincial Administrator, or authorized official in charge of 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*; and
 - iv. **For Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) employees** – official Travel Order from the PSC Executive Director.
- b. Two (2) recent 2" x 2" ID pictures;
 - c. **Medical certificate** issued by a government physician certifying that he/she is physically fit and able to serve during the *Palarong Pambansa*; and
 - d. **Full Disclosure Form** (Annex A to Enclosure No. 4).
20. Failure to submit all abovementioned documents shall be a ground for denial of registration.
21. All members of various technical working committees may be given additional subsidies – on top of the allowable expenses to be given – as may be authorized, charged against the Physical Fitness and School Sports (PFSS) Funds, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
22. Transportation expenses of all members of the various national technical working committees and technical officials from their respective stations/offices to Ilocos Norte Province and back shall be charged against the Physical Fitness and School Sports (PFSS) Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. They shall also be provided with a meal allowance during their actual official stay. All members of various technical working committees and technical officials **must use the most economical and austere means of transportation.**

Guidelines on the Safety and Welfare of Regional Delegations

23. All regions shall provide personal accident insurance coverage to all the members of its delegation, which will cover the period from departure to arrival at the respective stations.
24. All regions shall adhere to the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 40, s. 2012 (DepEd Child Protection Policy). Therefore, all regional delegation officials shall be accountable for the protection, welfare, and safety of their learner-athletes. In addition, each of the DepEd regional offices shall provide medical insurance coverage for its respective members of the delegation.
25. In compliance with DO 13, s. 2017 entitled *Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices*, all regional delegations shall promote healthy eating habits by making available healthy and nutritious food and beverages during the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*.

26. The **No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Gambling Policy** of this Department shall be strictly observed for the duration of the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa*. Violators shall be dealt with accordingly.
27. The **Clean As You Go (CLAYGo)** principle must be strictly followed by all participants in the 2025 *Palarong Pambansa* to ensure a clean, hygienic, safe, and organized environment (billeting schools, playing venues, workplace, etc.). The use of reusable materials such as tumblers, eating utensils, among others is also highly encouraged.
28. The regional directors/heads of the regional delegations are enjoined to lodge and stay with their respective delegates in the assigned billeting school/s.

Consent, Waiver, Indemnity and Release on the Use of Images and Video Recordings

29. By participating in *Palarong Pambansa*, all athletes, coaches, officials, and attendees acknowledge and grant DepEd the right to use, display, exhibit, reproduce, distribute, and create derivative works from these materials in any media now known or developed in the future.
30. To formalize this acknowledgment, all participants are required to sign the waiver enclosed in this Memorandum (Enclosure No. 8), granting DepEd the necessary permissions for the use of images and recordings taken during the event.

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