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NEGROS ISLAND REGION

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 128, s. 2026

**DISSEMINATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE  
APPRAISAL, SCREENING, OCULAR INSPECTION, AND INTERVIEW OF  
ATHLETES FOR NIRAAM 2026**

TO: OIC- Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In preparation for the Negros Island Regional Athletic Association Meet (NIRAAM) 2026 and pursuant to existing DepEd policies, this office authorizes the conduct and the implementation of the approved **Terms of Reference (TOR) -Annex "A"** governing the appraisal, screening, ocular inspection, and interview of athletes on February 16-27, 2026.
2. All designated members of the Regional Screening and Accreditation Committee (RSAC) -Annex "B" and other authorized personnel are hereby directed to attend and perform their respective functions in accordance with the timelines, venues, and procedures prescribed in the TOR.
3. Services rendered beyond regular office hours, including weekends and holidays, shall be eligible for Compensatory Time-Off (CTO), subject to compliance with applicable Civil Service Commission (CSC) rules and the submission of required supporting documents.
4. The school heads of RSAC members of the shall ensure the continuity of office operations notwithstanding their participation.
5. Transportation services for the conduct of the ocular visit and interview on February 20 and 23-25, 2026 shall be provided through the identified SDO DepEd vans, as stipulated in the TOR. The participants shall assemble at SDO Canlaon City at 8:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026.



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6. Expenses incidental to the conduct of the activity shall be chargeable against the Local MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. The Division Screening and Accreditation Committee (DSAC) Chairperson may coordinate directly with Atty. Jasper Tadeo I. Tuala, Co-Chairperson of the Regional Screening and Accreditation Committee, for matters requiring clarification or coordination.
8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director





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**TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONDITIONS**

**Conduct of Appraisal, Screening, Ocular Inspection, and  
Interview of Athletes for NIRAAM 2026**

This Terms of Reference is issued in accordance with Republic Act No. 10588; DepEd Order No. 43, s. 2016; and the Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes in the Division, Regional and Palarong Pambansa, including provisions governing the National, Regional, and Division Screening and Accreditation Committees (NSAC, RSAC, DSAC).

The appraisal, screening, ocular inspection, and interview of athletes for NIRAAM 2026 shall strictly conform to the eligibility rules, representation rules, age limits, residency requirements, documentary requirements, disqualification grounds, non-discrimination clause, and due process mechanisms provided under the Palarong Pambansa NSAC Guidelines.

**I. TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES**

Submission of Complete Documentary Requirements	February 16, 2026 (Monday) Venue: Bacolod City
Conduct of Appraisal and Screening	February 17–19, 2026  February 21, 2026  Venue: Bacolod City
Submission of Compliance, Ocular Visit, and Interview	<b>February 20, 2026</b> AM: Silay PM: Bacolod <i>Transportation:</i> <i>SDO Silay Van</i> <i>SDO Bacolod Van</i>



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	<p>February 23–27, 2026</p> <p><b>Feb. 23-</b> AM: Canlaon PM: Guihulngan <i>Transportation:</i> <i>SDO Canlaon Van</i> <i>SDO Bais Van</i></p> <p><b>Feb. 24-</b> AM: Bais PM: Tanjay <i>Transportation:</i> <i>SDO Canlaon Van</i> <i>SDO Bais Van</i></p> <p><b>Feb. 25-</b> AM: Bayawan PM: Kabankalan <i>Transportation:</i> <i>SDO Tanjay Van</i> <i>SDO Bayawan Van</i></p> <p><b>Feb. 26-</b> AM: NegOcc PM: Siquijor Venue: Billeting School, Bacolod City <i>Transportation:</i> <i>RO Transportation Committee</i></p> <p><b>Feb. 27-</b> PM: NegOr and Dumaguete Venue: Billeting School, Bacolod City <i>Transportation:</i> <i>RO Transportation Committee</i></p>
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## **II. Methodology / Activity Flow**

- 1. Document Submission and Receiving:** Endorsed documents from Delegating Team shall be officially received and logged.



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2. **Appraisal and Screening:** RSAC members shall review documents for completeness, authenticity, and eligibility. Findings and deficiencies shall be documented.
3. **Issuance of Compliance Notices:** Applicants with deficiencies shall be formally notified through their respective SDOs.
4. **Compliance Validation, Ocular Visit, and Interview:** Compliance documents shall be reviewed. Ocular visits and interviews shall be conducted at the respective billeting quarters.
5. **Final Deliberation and Recommendation:** RSAC shall deliberate and recommend qualified participants for accreditation.

### **III. CONDUCT, STANDARDS, AND DUE PROCESS**

Host delegation-*to be screened* shall provide the venue, food (**AM:** *Breakfast, AM Snacks and Lunch*; **PM:** *PM Snacks, Dinner and Accommodation*) of the screening team.

Screening Committees shall verify eligibility, conduct interviews and ocular inspections, and submit accurate reports consistent with NSAC standards.

All screening activities shall observe fairness, transparency, confidentiality, and non-discrimination. Disqualification, protests, appeals, replacements, and sanctions shall be governed by the Palarong Pambansa NSAC Guidelines.

### **IV. ADOPTION OF THE PALARONG PAMBANSA NSAC GUIDELINES**

For purposes of uniformity, legality, and strict compliance, the following provisions of the **Palarong Pambansa NSAC Guidelines** are hereby **expressly adopted and incorporated by reference** and shall govern the conduct of appraisal, screening, ocular inspection, and interview of athletes for **NIRAAM 2026**:

1. **Eligibility Requirements** – Athletes must be Filipino citizens, duly enrolled learners, and must comply with age, academic,



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residency, and participation requirements prescribed under the NSAC Guidelines.

2. **Age Cut-Off Requirements** – Elementary athletes must be born on or after **January 1, 2013**, while secondary athletes must be born on or after **January 1, 2008**, subject to the annual adjustments for succeeding Palarong Pambansa cycles.
3. **Transfer and Residency Rules** – Transferee-athletes shall comply with the **one (1) academic year residency requirement** for individual events. Participation in team events shall be governed by the Home Region Representation Rule.
4. **Documentary Requirements** – Mandatory submission of PSA/NSO Birth Certificate, SF-10 (Form 137), Certificate of Enrollment and Attendance, medical and dental certificates, parental consent, PasSport, and other documents required under the NSAC Guidelines.
5. **Grounds for Disqualification** – (1) Over-age athletes, (2) academically ineligible athletes, (3) those found to have falsified or misrepresented documents, (4) failed to physically appear during screening, or (5) otherwise disqualified under NSAC rules shall be removed from eligibility, subject to due process.
6. **Protests and Appeals** – Protests on eligibility shall be filed in writing within the prescribed period in accordance with established procedures.
7. **Non-Discrimination Policy** – No athlete shall be denied participation on account of sex, gender identity or expression, religion, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic status, or locality, provided all eligibility requirements are satisfied.
8. **Sanctions** – Sanctions for violations of eligibility rules, including forfeiture of games, suspension, disqualification, and administrative or criminal liability, shall be imposed in accordance with the Guidelines and existing laws.

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