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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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OCULAR INSPECTION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) OF NEGROS ISLAND REGION (NIR) IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Bacolod City,
Bago City, and Bayawan City
RO ESSD, CLMD, and QAD Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. In preparation for the upcoming 2026 Palarong Pambansa, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division, shall conduct an Ocular Inspection of the identified venues and facilities. The inspection shall be conducted by the identified members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of this region on **March 21-25, 2026 at Agusan Del Sur**.
2. The activity aims to assess the readiness and suitability of sports venues, billeting schools, availability of food supplies compliance with procurement requirements and other support facilities to ensure the smooth conduct of activities related to the said national sporting event.
3. Below is the List of Technical Working Group (TWG) :

Name of Committee	Name of Personnel/Designation	Station
Management Committee	Ma. Lira Cynthia B. Quejada Chief Education Supervisor	ESSD, Regional Office
Mess/Food Services Committee	Dr. Luisito Divinagracia Education Program Supervisor	QAD, Regional Office
Wellness Space Committee	Persee James R. Baybay Nurse In-Charge	SDO Bayawan City
Physical Setup Committee	Rosanna G. Villanueva Principal III	Paglaum Vill. ES, SDO Bacolod City
	Wenceslao S. Norazo Master Teacher I	RTNHS, SDO Bago City
Billeting Committee	Engr. Reb Joshua P. Liobet Engineer III (Designate)	ESSD, Regional Office
Transportation Committee	Dr. Nonito T. Guanzon Education Program Supervisor (Designate)	CLMD, Regional Office



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Safety, DRRM, and Emergency Management Committee	Engr. Marlon B. Bungcasan PDO-II (Designate)	ESSD, Regional Office
Purchasing	Maricar E. Domicillo Education program Supervisor	QAD, Regional Office
ICT/Technical Support Committee	Nathaniel E. Lajot OIC- Information Technology Officer I	ICT, Regional Office
Medical Services and Emergency Care Committee	Dr. Mark Jason Mendoza Medical Officer IV (Designate)	ESSD, Regional Office

- The expenses relative to the conduct of the activity shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Reference: As stated

Incl: None

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

ATTENDANCE
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MLCBQ/ESSD-RM/Ocular Inspection/Palarong Pambansa
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MEMORANDUM

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**TO : REGIONAL/BUREAU DIRECTORS
 MINISTER OF BASIC HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL
 EDUCATION, BARMM
 SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
 REGIONAL SPORTS OFFICERS
 TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
 TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
 PALARONG PAMBANSA SECRETARIAT
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
*Undersecretary for Governance and Operations
 Secretary General, Palarong Pambansa*

**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF VARIOUS CONFERENCES RELATIVE TO THE
 STAGING OF THE 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA**

DATE : 19 February 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall conduct the **66th edition of the Palarong Pambansa** from May 24 to May 31, 2026 in Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur (PGAS).

To ensure the successful staging of the annual scholastic multi-sport competition-both for the 2026 edition and future staging-this office, through the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, shall facilitate the conduct of a series of pre and post *Palarong Pambansa* conferences as follows:

Activity	Date	Venue
Organizational Planning and Technical Conference	March 23-25, 2026	Agusan del Sur
Final Technical Conference	April 2026	Agusan del Sur
Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference	August 2026	To be Determined



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The **Organizational Planning and Technical Conference** and the **Final Technical Conference** shall serve as venues to discuss key matters essential to the successful hosting of the 2026 *Palarong Pambansa*. These include, but are not limited to, the overall preparations of the host-LGU; the readiness of playing venues and billeting schools; the terms of reference of both national and local working committees; sport-specific technical guidelines; and policies and procedures governing the conduct of the competition.

On the other hand, the **Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference** aims to assess and evaluate the overall conduct of the 2026 *Palarong Pambansa*. Further, this activity seeks to identify best practices and innovations worth replicating, determine areas that require improvement or enhancement; and generate recommendations or suggestions that will contribute to the successful staging of the future editions of the *Palarong Pambansa*.

The participants to these conferences are the regional directors/assistant regional directors, regional sports officers (RSOs), 2026 *Palarong Pambansa* tournament directors, national and local technical working committee chairpersons, personnel for the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and personnel from other offices necessary in the conduct of said activities to be identified by this office. Kindly refer to the enclosed **List of Participants** for easy reference.

Participants are expected to arrive at and depart from the venue on the date stated above, except for those attending the Final Technical Conference and the Post 2026 *Palarong Pambansa* Conference, for which the final schedules will be announced separately. The schedule of the first and last meals per activity is provided below;

Activity	First Meal	Last Meal
Organizational Planning and Technical Conference	March 22, 2026 (Dinner)	March 25, 2026 (Lunch)
Final Technical Conference	TBA	TBA
Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference	TBA	TBA

The regional directors/schools division superintendents are enjoined to authorize the participation of their respective concerned personnel, as their presence is vital to the successful attainment of the objectives of the aforementioned conferences.

Expenses such as food and accommodation of all participants, shall be charged against the downloaded fund, and travel expenses of the tournament directors, personnel of the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and other members of the management staff shall be charged against AC-26-PPS-PFSS-025 Funds, while travel expenses of the regional directors/assistant regional directors, RSOs, personnel from the PSC, and national and local technical working committee chairpersons shall be charged against their respective local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and clarifications, you may contact the **Palarong Pambansa Secretariat** through email address palorong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of the Memorandum is desired.

ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCE FOR THE 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA

March 22-25, 2026 • Province of Agusan Del Sur

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES	
<p>To ensure the successful staging of the annual scholastic multi-sport competition, the conference aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalize the organizational structure of both national and local technical working committees and determine the terms of reference for each functional committee; 2. Present updates on the preparation of the Province of Agusan Del Sur specifically playing venues and billeting schools; 3. Identify possible support mechanisms that will ensure safety, convenience and comfortability of regional delegations; 4. Discuss updates on tournament management and technical guidelines; and 5. Determine areas of concern of regional delegations and technical management team for possible recommendations/solutions. 	
PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES	
Day 0 (22 March)	<p>Arrival of Participants First Meal: Dinner Check In: 2:00 p.m.</p>
Day 1 (23 March)	<p><u>Preliminaries:</u> Registration of Participants & Checking in</p>
08:00 a.m	
09:30 a.m	<p><u>Opening Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conference overview ▪ Introduction of RAAs and their Monickers ▪ Messages ▪ Prelude: AGUSAN DEL SUR 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA
12:00 noon	<p><u>Lunch Break</u></p>
	<p><u>Program Proper</u></p> <p>Session 1: Hosting Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2026 Palarong Pambansa updates ▪ Playing Venues and Billeting Schools ▪ Opening/Closing Ceremonies ▪ Side Events including Welcome Dinner, Governor's Night, etc. ▪ Marketing Plan ▪ Communication Plan ▪ Health, Safety and Welfare Plan ▪ Traffic Management and Security Plan

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival and Registration Procedures ▪ Protocols and VIPs ▪ Officials Webpage, Social Media and ICT related concerns
Day 2 (24 March)	<p>Session 2: Regional Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival and Registration Procedures, including ID design ▪ General Orientation ▪ Eligibility Guidelines ▪ School Policy/Arrangement and Focals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advance party, water, Electricity, Connectivity, Medical Facility, Mess hall, Construction and Improvement, etc)</i>
08:00 a.m	
12:00 noon	Lunch Break
01:00 p.m	<p>Session 3: Ocular Inspection</p> <p>All participants shall take part in the ocular inspection of playing venues and billeting schools, and identify areas for improvement.</p>
03:30 p.m	<p>Presentation of findings and recommendation with the host and determine timelines of compliance in time for the competition.</p>
Day 3 (25 March)	<p>Session 4: Technical and Competition Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical Guidelines and Ground Rules ▪ Sports Equipment and Supplies ▪ Schedule of Activities per Sport ▪ Number of Technical Official and Qualifications ▪ Breakdown of Team Composition ▪ Etc.
08:00 a.m	
11:00 a.m	<p><u>Clearing House and Agreements</u> <u>Closing Program</u></p>

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**PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA
ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

PALARONG PAMBANSA BOARD		
NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Hon. Sonny M. Angara	DepEd Secretary/ Chairman of the Board
2	Hon. Juan Victor C. Remulla Jr. <i>(or his duly authorized representative)</i>	DILG Secretary
3	Patrick C. Gregorio	PSC Chairman
4	Atty. Peter Irving C. Corvera	DepEd Undersecretary
5	Malcolm S. Garma	DepEd Undersecretary
6	Mel John I. Verzosa	DepEd Undersecretary
7	Wilfredo E. Cabral	DepEd Undersecretary
8	Edson Byron K. Sy	DepEd Assistant Secretary (OIC-USEC)
9	Dr. Jocelyn Dr. Andaya	DepEd OIC-Assistant Secretary
10	Roger B. Masapol	DepEd Assistant Secretary

REGIONAL DIRECTORS		
NO.	NAME	REGION
11	Tolentino G. Aquino (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Ilocos
12	Benjamin D. Paragas (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Cagayan Valley
13	Ronnie S. Mallari (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Central Luzon
14	Alberto T. Escobarte (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CALABARZON
15	Nicolas T. Capulong (or his Asst. Regional Director)	MIMAROPA
16	Gilbert T. Sadsad (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Bicol
17	Ramir B. Uytico (or his Asst. Regional Director)	NIR
18	Cristito A. Eco (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Western Visayas
19	Salustiano T. Jimenez (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Central Visayas
20	Ronelo Al K. Firmo (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Eastern Visayas
21	Ruth L. Fuentes (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Zamboanga Peninsula
22	Arturo B. Bayocot (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Northern Mindanao
23	Allan G. Farnazo (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Davao
24	Carlito D. Ricafort (or his Asst. Regional Director)	SOCCKSARGEN

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25	Maria Ines C. Asuncion (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CARAGA
26	Estela L. Cariño (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CAR
27	Jocelyn DR. Andaya (or his Asst. Regional Director)	NCR
28	Mohagher M. Iqbal	BARMM

REGIONAL SPORTS OFFICERS

NO.	NAME	REGION
29	Ryan E. Bantiding	Ilocos
30	ARD Florante Vergara	Cagayan Valley
31	Sammy P. Sampang	Central Luzon
32	Ramil Linete	CALABARZON
33	Esmeraldo G. Lalo	MIMAROPA
34	Francisco Dexter O. Sison	BICOL
35	Donald Genine	Western Visayas
36	Tomas Pastor	Central Visayas
37	Alilee Lagumbay	Eastern Visayas
38	Shoji Romarate	Zamboanga Peninsula
39	Ricardo G. Dragon	Northern Mindanao
40	Engr. Alim Maguindanao	Davao
41	Magdaleno C. Duhilag Jr.	SOCCSKSARGEN
42	Jumer Carlon	CARAGA
43	Edgar Madlaing	CAR
44	Nika Riddle	NCR
45	Thong Amino	BARMM

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION/SPORT
46	Mildred M. De Leon	Tournament Director for Archery
47	Amado Macayan	Tournament Director for Arnis
48	Ma. Jeanette Obiena	Tournament Director for athletics
49	Sergio Cabrera	Tournament Director for Badminton
50	Jessie Cecil Munar	Tournament Director for Baseball
51	Ediberto Abalos	Tournament Director for Basketball
52	Hermes C. Dela Cruz	Tournament Director for Billiards
53	Jonathan Oscar Jimenez	Tournament Director for Boxing
54	Reden Cruz	Tournament Director for Chess
55	Maria Donna D. Cosejo	Tournament Director for Dancesport
56	Rufino B. Arellano	Tournament Director for Football
57	Joel S. Barcelo	Tournament Director for Futsal
58	Annalou M. Carreon	Tournament Director for Aerobic Gymnastics
59	Celso M. Mayol Jr.	Tournament Director for Men's Artistic Gymnastics
60	Roselle Robledo	Tournament Director for Women's Gymnastics

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61	Kris Joy J. Leeping	Tournament Director for Rhythmic Gymnastics
62	Emmar Progelia	Tournament Director for Pencak Silat
63	Michael P. Bengco	Tournament Director for Sepak Takraw
64	Paulo M. Tabirara	Tournament Director for Softball
65	Leo Angelo A. Sanchez	Tournament Director for Swimming
66	Alfredo Alpil M. Camacho	Tournament Director for Table Tennis
67	Harny Tabuada	Tournament Director for Taekwondo
68	Apolinario Aldama	Tournament Director for Tennis
69	Arnel Hajan	Tournament Director for Volleyball
70	Roel Pacional	Tournament Director for Wrestling
71	Christopher Lensig	Tournament Director for Wushu
72	Joel Deriada	Tournament Director for Paragames
73	Hidilyn Diaz	Tournament Director for Weightlifting
74	Julius Irvin Hikaru Naranjo	Assistant Tournament Director for Weightlifting
75	Richard Luna	Technical Consultant

NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		
NO.	NAME	COMMITTEE
76	Chairperson	Technical Management & Administration
77	Technical Person	Technical Management & Administration
78	Chairperson	Finance
79	Co-Chairperson	Finance
80	Chairperson (Communication)	Communication and Marketing
81	Chairperson (Marketing)	Communication and Marketing
82	Co-Chairperson	Communication and Marketing
83	Chairperson	Games Results, Comm., & Documentation
84	Co-Chairperson	Games Results, Comm., & Documentation
85	Technical Person	Games Results, Comm., & Documentation
86	Technical Person	Games Results, Comm., & Documentation
87	Chairperson	Special Events
88	Co-Chairperson	Special Events
89	Chairperson	Protocols & VIP
90	Chairperson	Administrative Support & General Services
91	Head	▪ Awards & Ceremonies (Sub-Committee)
92	Head	▪ Medical (Sub-Committee)
93	Head	▪ Custodian of Supplies & Equipment
94	Chairperson	Jury of Appeals
95	Chairperson	Evaluation
96	Chairperson	Health, Safety, and welfare
97	Co-Chairperson	Health, Safety, and welfare
98	Co-Chairperson	Health, Safety, and welfare
99	Chairperson	Disciplinary
100	Chairperson	National Screening & Accreditation
101	NSAC member	National Screening & Accreditation
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NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	TOR
103	Marivic B. Tolitol	Officer-in-Charge	Over-all Mngt & Supervision
104	Lemuel C. Valles	Project Development Officer III	Focal/Technical Person
105	Efraim O. Daliwan	Technical Assistant II	Lead Facilitator
106	Ma. Angela C. Ruales	Technical Assistant I	Technical Support/Finance
107	Dea Pauline Villamor	Technical Assistant I	Documentation
108	Jason M. Mina	Administrative Support II	Admin support

2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA LOCAL WORKING COMMITTEES	
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