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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL
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SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : **GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2024**
PALARONG PAMBANSA LOWER MEETS

DATE : 16 January 2024

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 **64th edition of the Palarong Pambansa** in Cebu City this year.

The conduct of all competitions leading to and including the national *Palarong Pambansa* such as the intramurals, division, and regional meets shall adopt the provisions set in the **Implementing Guidelines on the Modified Competition Format for the 2023 Palarong Pambansa** as enclosed in DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 005, s. 2023 entitled *Conduct of the 2023 Palarong Pambansa*.

This year's *Palarong Pambansa* shall continue to adopt the **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.

On the other hand, the *Palarong Pambansa* competition format shall no longer feature the **Pre-National Qualifying Meet** (PNQM) and shall be reverted to the

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previous Pre-COVID 19 pandemic set-up (from the school competitions, division meet, regional meet, to the national *Palarong Pambansa*).

As a reiteration, all schools are encouraged to organize their respective sports clubs featuring mandatory and/or sports where their school excel at, in support to the Department's thrust of promoting the holistic development of learners through the proposed institutionalization of sports clubs in all public schools nationwide.

However, all qualified learner-athletes – may they be part of the school sports clubs or not – shall be allowed to compete in the *Palarong Pambansa* provided that they meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Rule V, Sections 19, 20, and 21 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10588 otherwise known as the *Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, and the Guidelines on the Eligibility of Athletes (and its corresponding Amendments) set by the National, Regional, and Division Screening and Accreditation Committee of the *Palarong Pambansa* (DM Nos. 005, s. 2023 [Encl. 2] and 035, s. 2023 [Encl. 7])

Further, as a clarification, the *clustering of small schools* stated in Section II.A (School Level Competitions), Item No. 3 of the Implementing Guidelines refers to the *conduct of the competitions at the school level*, specifically inter-sports club competitions as clearly specified in the provision.

A DepEd Memorandum containing the **technical guidelines per sports, revised set of qualifying standards** (time, distance, and points) for measurable sports, and all other relevant information on the conduct of the 2024 *Palarong Pambansa* shall be issued on a later date.

For more information and clarification, you may contact the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat at telephone number (02) 8687-4146 or through email address palarong_pambansa@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.