



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

July 6, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **828** s. 2026

**UPDATES ON THE 51<sup>ST</sup> DEPED REGION VIII FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Office Functional Division Chiefs  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 798, s. 2026, dated June 29, 2026, titled 51st DepEd Region VIII Founding Anniversary, this Office, through the Human Resource Development Division (HRDD), informs all concerned that the commemoration of the Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Office VIII's 51st Founding Anniversary on July 9-10, 2026 shall be held at the RNEAP Hall 1, DepEd Regional Office VIII Compound, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.
2. Attached are the lists of Officiating Officials for Basketball, Volleyball, & Pickleball, allocation of participants for the Schools Division Offices, Schedule of Activities, and tournament format.
3. The upcoming events and tournaments will include Basketball (Boys), Volleyball (Girls), Pickleball (Mixed Doubles), and Laro ng Lahi. Four clusters will be competing, as detailed in the table below.

Cluster Number	SDO/Office
1	Baybay City, Maasin City, and Southern Leyte
2	Northern Samar, Calbayog City, Eastern Samar, and Borongan City
3	Catbalogan City, Samar, Tacloban City, and DepEd Regional Office VIII
4	Leyte, Ormoc City, and Biliran

4. Each cluster competing in Basketball, Volleyball, and Laro ng Lahi shall be composed of a maximum of 16 non-teaching or related teaching personnel who are still in service (including the coach). Eligible players may be either regular/permanent employees and/or contract of service workers who have rendered at least one year of service in their respective SDOs/Offices as of July 9, 2026. For Pickleball, each cluster shall be represented by one pair composed of one male and one female participant, together with a coach. Teams may be organized through friendly matches or any other suitable selection process mutually agreed upon by each cluster. The table below specifies the required cluster composition and venue for each event category.

Event	Male	Female	Total Number of Players per Cluster (including the Coach)	Venue
1. Basketball	15		16	DepEd RO VIII Gym, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
2. Volleyball		15	16	SDO Leyte Court, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
3. Laro ng Lahi	8	7	16	DepEd RO VIII Gym, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
4. Pickleball	1	1	3	DepEd RO VIII Gym, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

5. The events will take place on July 9-10, 2026, at the designated venues and must be completed by the morning of July 10, 2026. The schedule of games is reflected in the table below.

<b>A. Basketball, Volleyball, and Pickleball</b>		
Single Elimination Format		
First Round (July 9, 2026)		Final Round (July 10, 2026)
Game 1: 1 vs 2	Game 2: 3 vs 4	<b>Battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b> Loser of Game 1 vs Loser of Game 2  <b>Championship:</b> Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2
<b>B. Laro ng Lahi – July 9, 2026</b>		

6. All clusters shall provide the Officiating Officials with a copy of their players' appointment paper as proof of their eligibility. The 'No Appointment Paper, No Play' policy shall be strictly enforced.

7. Prizes will be given as stipulated below, charged against local funds/MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Winners will also be given a trophy/certificate of recognition.

Event	Prize (in pesos)
Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, and Laro ng Lahi	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize: 8,000 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize: 6,000 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize: 4,000 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize: 2,000

8. In the exigency of the service during the preparation and conduct of the activity, the members of the Technical Working Committees/Program Management Team/Production Team shall be entitled to compensatory overtime credits/service credits for the services rendered beyond office hours and during weekends and holidays, subject to existing guidelines.

9. Travelling, meals, and other expenses of players/participants and officiating officials/TWG shall be charged against their respective local funds/MOOE, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

10. All other provisions in the abovementioned Memorandum, consistent with this issuance, shall remain in force and in effect.

11. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Regional Director 

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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**LIST OF BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, & PICKLEBALL  
OFFICIATING OFFICIALS  
(JULY 9-10, 2026)**

**Basketball:**

1. **Bryan Colilihan** – School Head, SDO Leyte
2. **Recres Sevillano** – School Head, SDO Leyte
3. **Ruel Miralles** – School Head, SDO Leyte
4. **Randy Ellaso** – School Head, SDO Leyte
5. **Ariel Raganit** – School Head, SDO Leyte
6. **Edmund Arguilles** – School Head, SDO Leyte
7. **Gil Diaz** – School Head, SDO Leyte
8. **Socrates Marmita** – School Head, SDO Leyte
9. **John Evangelista** – School Head, SDO Leyte

**Volleyball:**

1. **Ofelia Alcober** – PSDS, SDO Leyte
2. **Ariel Tiston** – School Head, SDO Leyte
3. **Ogie Gatela** – School Head, SDO Leyte
4. **Leo Bejan Macasusi** – School Head, SDO Leyte
5. **Limwel Chequillo** – School Head, SDO Leyte
6. **Andrew Gerilla** – School Head, SDO Leyte

**Pickleball:**

1. **Freddie B. Timon** – EPS, SDO Maasin City
2. **Atty. Darrel Tibre** – SEPS, SDO Catbalogan City
3. **Atty. Aivan Lloyd Calonia** – Legal Officer, SDO Maasin City
4. **Hannah Rose Cuaderno** – PDO II, DepEd Regional Office VIII
5. **Marishtel A. Dalosa** – EPS II, SDO Eastern Samar
6. **Zyra Ultra** – Engineer, SDO Northern Samar

Enclosure to Regional Memorandum No. 1828, s. 2026**ALLOCATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES**

<b>Schools Division Office</b>	<b>SDS, ASDS, CID Chief, SGOD Chief, &amp; 1 Driver</b>
Baybay City	5
Biliran	5
Borongan City	5
Calbayog City	5
Catbalogan City	5
Eastern Samar	4
Leyte	6
Maasin City	5
Northern Samar	6
Ormoc City	5
Samar	5
Southern Leyte	4
Tacloban City	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

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**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Date
<p><b>1. Day 1</b></p> <p>8:00 am – 9:00 am  SPORTS OPENING  *Preliminaries  *Message  *Declaration of the Sports Events</p> <p>9:00 am – 4:00 pm  * Games (Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, &amp; Laro ng Lahi)</p> <p>4:00 pm – 9:00 pm  *FELLOWSHIP NIGHT  *Preliminaries  *Message from RD  *Socials</p>	<p>July 9, 2026</p>
<p><b>2. Day 2</b></p> <p>8:00 am – 12:00 noon  * Continuation of Games (Basketball, Volleyball, &amp; Pickleball)</p> <p>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  *Mass  *Message  *Awarding of Prizes  *Raffle Draw</p>	<p>July 10, 2026</p>

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**TOURNAMENT FORMAT  
(BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND PICKLEBALL)**

Note:

1. Teams will compete in a single elimination format.
2. In the first round, teams are paired randomly, and the winners advance to the final match to determine the champion. The losing teams from the first round will compete for third place.

**Round 1:**

<b>Game 1</b>	<b>Game 2</b>
1 vs 2	3 vs 4

**Battle for Third Place:** Loser of Game 1 vs Loser of Game 2

**Championship:** Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2