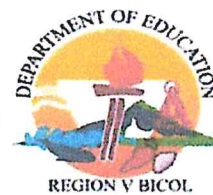




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2017 PALARONG BICOL

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**TO : Schools Division Superintendents
Regional School Sports Officer (RSSO) and Staff
Division School Sports Officers (DSSOs)
Rgnl. Assn. of School Sports Events and Activities Enthusiasts (RASSEAE)
All Others Concerned**

1. The 2017 Palarong Bicol will be held on February 5-10, 2017 at Albay Sports and Tourism Complex (ASTC), Bicol University, Legazpi City. This year's Palaro will be hosted by the City Government of Legazpi and DepEd-Division of Legazpi City.
2. The objectives of the Palarong Bicol are to:
 - a. Promote Physical Education and School Sports as an integral part of the curriculum and as an affirmation of the school's commitment to the development of the full potential of the youth to become responsible and globally competitive citizens of the society;
 - b. Instill among the pupils/students the spirit of discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, excellence, fair play, solidarity, and care for the environment and other values inherent in sports; and
 - c. Develop among the participants the genuine love for sports and promote the "One Child, One Sport Policy".
3. The Calendar of Activities for 2017 Palarong Bicol is shown as follows:

Date/Time	Activities	Venue
January 9, 2017 / 1:00 PM	First Technical Conference of TMA, DSSOs, Event Coordinators and Tournament Managers / Visitation of Playing Venues and Billeting Quarters	Legazpi City DO Conference Hall
January 23, 2017	Deadline for the submission of Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones' Credentials	DepEd RO V
January 23-27, 2017	Screening of Credentials of Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones	DepEd RO V
January 30, 2017	Last day of Replacement of Athletes / Coaches / Chaperones	DepEd RO V

February 1, 2017	Second Technical Conference of TMA, DSSOs, Event Coordinators and Tournament Managers / Visitation of Playing Venues and Billeting Quarters	Legazpi City DO Conference Hall
February 1-4, 2017	Interview and Accreditation of Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones	Ibalong Centrum for Recreation (ICR)
February 3, 2017 / 5:00 AM	Fun Run and Tree Planting	Assembly Area: Vel Amor Subd., Legazpi City
February 3-4, 2017	Refresher Course	Ibalong Centrum for Recreation (ICR)
February 4, 2017	Drawing of Lots by Sports Events with TMs and Coaches	Ibalong Centrum for Recreation (ICR)
February 5, 2017 / 8:00 AM	Solidarity Meeting	Ibalong Centrum for Recreation (ICR)
February 5, 2017 / 2:00 PM	Parade / Opening Program	Albay Sports and Tourism Complex (ASTC)
February 5-10, 2017	Actual Games 2017 Palarong Bicol	Albay Sports and Tourism Complex (ASTC) and other playing venues
3rd week of February 2017	Selection of Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones for the Palarong Pambansa	DepEd RO V

4. The Division Screening and Accreditation Committee (DSAC) and Coaches shall be held responsible for any problem in the eligibility of their athletes. They are therefore advised to be extra careful in screening the documents. "No NSO Issued Birth certificate, No Play Policy" will be strictly imposed. The cut-off year of birth for elementary is 2004 and for secondary athletes is 1999.
5. The technical guidelines in the 2016 Palarong Pambansa with some amendments will be observed. The same regular sports events in the last year's Palarong Pambansa will be played. For boxing-secondary level, all the requirements to ensure safety of the boxers shall be considered before they will be allowed to play. All Meet Officials must be competent enough in officiating especially in the combative sports.
6. A Designated Event Coordinator per sports discipline shall be coming from the Host Division. The Tournament Managers (TM) in each event shall be selected by the Technical Management and Administration (TMA). The list of recommended Officiating Officials in each event will be submitted by the TMs and TMA subject to the approval of the Schools Division Superintendents for him/her to allow Officials who possess the good attitude, work ethics, skills and expertise in their chosen sports disciplines.
7. Medal System shall be applied for this year's Palarong Bicol pursuant to Palarong Pambansa Guidelines.
8. The Four (4) Demo Sports namely: Billiard, Futsal, Wushu, and Wrestling will be played as Regular Sports. There will be a separate medal tally for twenty one (21) Regular Sports and the Special Games.

9. All Divisions are enjoined to send their delegations comprising of the best athletes and coaches identified from their provincial/city meets.
10. All athletes, coaches, chaperones, officiating officials and delegation officials must bring with them their beddings and other things for personal needs.
11. All divisions must adhere to the provisions of **DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012** entitled **DepEd Child Protection Policy**. As such, all division delegation officials shall be held responsible for the protection, welfare and safety of their pupil/student-athletes. In addition, each SDOs shall provide medical insurance for its respective delegation.
12. The provisions of **Regional Memorandum No. 66, s. 2011** regarding the grades of pupil/students-athletes to be retained or be given additional points must be strictly observed.
13. The implementation of Clean and Green Palaro per **DepEd Memorandum No. 97, s. 2011** in their respective delegation quarters will be strictly followed.
14. Consistent with existing policies and guidelines in resolving protest on game technicalities of any sports event and protest on eligibility, complaints should be in written form, duly signed by the coach and noted by Head of the Delegation. A complaint shall be accompanied by an Affidavit of Witnesses and/or evidence to support the same and shall be filed before the start of the second game of the concerned team.
15. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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