



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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**2013 PHILIPPINE YOUTH GAMES – BATANG PINOY**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 44 from the Office of the President dated December 2, 1998 entitled *Declaring the Philippine Youth Games-Batang Pinoy as the National Sports Development Program for Children*. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) being co-chairmen of the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Program (PFSDP) shall assist the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) in planning, information dissemination, coordination, monitoring and actual implementation of the program. The **2013 Philippine Youth Games (PYGs)-Batang Pinoy** shall be held by cluster on the following dates and venues:

Cluster	Date	Venue
Mindanao Qualifying Leg	August 27-31, 2013	Tagum City Davao del Norte
Visayas Qualifying Leg	September 24-28, 2013	Maasin City Southern Leyte
Luzon Qualifying Leg	October 15-19, 2013	Iba, Zambales
National Finals	November 19-23, 2013	Zamboanga City

2. The PYGs aim is to address the country's need for a comprehensive grassroots program centered on values formation inherent in the practice of sports and play such as patriotism, nationalism, self-discipline, respect for law and order, hard work, team work, camaraderie, sportsmanship and fair play. Thus, these games eliminate the child's chances of becoming a juvenile delinquent.

3. The DepEd through its regional and division offices shall extend its support to the successful staging of the 2013 PYGs-Batang Pinoy.

4. The guidelines for the participation of public school elementary pupils and secondary students as athletes, and the involvement of school officials and personnel, teachers, as well as coaches and officiating are as follows:

- a. Expenses of the pupil/student-athletes and school coaches relative to their participation in the 2013 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy* activities shall be shouldered by the local government units (LGUs) which they represent. No funds coming from the DepEd shall be used for the 2013 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy*. There shall be no fund raising activity by field officials, public school administrators or teachers for the same purpose;
- b. The LGUs shall coordinate with the division/city schools physical education and school sports (PESS) supervisors regarding the identification, recruitment and participation of the pupil/student-athletes, and the designation of coaches. It is desired that they be guided by the performance standards set in their last/previous district/division athletic meets on deciding the events in which their athletes can compete;
- c. Physical Education and other DepEd teachers and non-teaching employees selected by the National Sports Associations (NSAs), as confirmed by the PSC and approved by DepEd, through their respective schools division/city superintendent or head of office, shall serve as officiating officials in the 2013 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy*. They will be allowed to serve on **official time only**;
- d. Make-up classes shall be held after each cluster and the national championships for all participating pupil/student-athletes will be arranged accordingly by their respective advisers and principals;
- e. PSC shall allocate funds for the 2013 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy*, which shall include, but not limited to food, accommodations, honoraria and transportation expenses of all DepEd technical officials to and from the host city; and
- f. Public school premises shall not be used as sports competition venues, billeting areas, and other related purposes; unless otherwise approved by DepEd through the Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 155, s. 2012  
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