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Department of Education

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**2014 PHILIPPINE YOUTH GAMES-BATANG PINOY
AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES**

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

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 44 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 the lead agencies 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. In this connection, the **2014 Philippine Youth Games (PYGs)-Batang Pinoy and the Philippine National Games** will be held by cluster on the following dates and venues:

Cluster	Date	Venue
Visayas Qualifying Leg	August 19-23, 2014	Aklan Province of Capiz
Mindanao Qualifying Leg	September 9-12, 2014	Cagayan de Oro (CDO)/ Pagadian City
Luzon Qualifying Leg	October 21-25, 2014	Cavite City
National Finals	November 18-22, 2014	Cebu City

2. The Philippine Youth Games-Batang Pinoy and the Philippine National Games aim 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 schools division offices shall extend its support to the successful staging of the 2014 PYGs-Batang Pinoy and the Philippine National Games.

4. The guidelines on 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 officials are as follows:

- a. Expenses of the pupil/student-athletes and school coaches relative to their participation in the 2014 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy* and the Philippine National Games activities shall be shouldered by the local government units (LGUs), which they represent. No funds coming from the DepEd shall be used for the 2014 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 schools division 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 district or division athletic meets on deciding the events in which their athletes can compete;
- c. Physical Education and other public school 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 superintendent or head of office, shall serve as officiating officials in the 2014 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy* and the Philippine National Games. They will be allowed to serve on **official time only**;
- d. Make-up classes which shall be held after each cluster and the national championships for all participating pupil/student-athletes will be arranged accordingly by their respective class advisers and school principals;
- e. PSC shall allocate funds for the 2014 PYGs-*Batang Pinoy* and the Philippine National Games, 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. 142, s. 2013
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