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Department of Education

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**AMENDING THE AGE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF ATHLETES
 IN THE PALARONG PAMBANSA IN LIGHT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
 OF REPUBLIC ACT (RA) NO. 10533 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
 THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013**

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

1. Pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) Section 6 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10588 otherwise known as the *Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, and in anticipation of the full implementation of RA No. 10533, otherwise known as the *Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*, the following are the Rules for Participation in the Division, Regional meets and *Palarong Pambansa 2016*, specifically on the *Participants and Eligibility of Athletes*:

Rules on Participation

1. Participants

1.1. Participants in the *Palarong Pambansa* shall be elementary and secondary athletes from public and private schools who participated in the lower meets (Division and Regional). Secondary level athletes shall refer to athletes coming from Junior High Schools or Senior High Schools (SHSs).

1.1.1. Secondary level athletes from SHSs shall refer to all Grades 11 or 12 students from DepEd SHS, private SHS, private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) offering SHS, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) offering SHS, and other institutions authorized to offer SHS pursuant to existing DepEd Orders, rules regulations.

2. Eligibility of Athletes

To be eligible as participant in the *Palarong Pambansa*, an athlete must be:

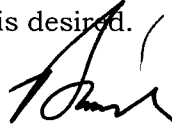
2.1. A Filipino Citizen;

- 2.2. Enrolled in a recognized school (schools with recognition/permit to operate) at the beginning of the current school year and have attended and/or completed the curriculum year;
- 2.3. Should have participated in the preliminary meets (Division and Regional);
- 2.4. For elementary athlete, he or she should have been born in 2003 or after; and for secondary athletes, he or she should have been born in 1998 or after. Thereafter, add one year to the cut-off date for the succeeding year;
- 2.5. Pupil/student-athletes who transferred from one region to another are allowed to participate, provided their transfer was done at the beginning of the school year. Transferees from one division to another within the region are allowed to participate, provided they have participated in the lower meets; and
- 2.6. As a general rule, elementary athletes shall play in the elementary division and secondary athletes shall play in the secondary division. However, elementary level athletes who have been declared overage in the elementary level may be allowed to play in the secondary level.

2. Parents of pupils/students who have any question, query, or clarification relative to these guidelines shall have 30 days from the date of its issuance to file the same with the Office of the Secretary, Department of Education (DepEd). Failure to file the same within the period herein provided shall constitute a waiver on their part and any question, query, or clarification shall not be entertained except on meritorious grounds.

3. All other Orders, Memoranda, and other related issuances inconsistent with this are deemed amended accordingly effective immediately.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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 Secretary

References: DepEd Memorandum No.: 99, s. 2013
 DepEd Memorandum Nos.: 40 and 49, s. 2014

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