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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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STAGING OF THE BENGUET PROVINCIAL ATHLETIC MEET SY 2026-2027

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to **Republic Act No. 10588**, otherwise known as the *Palarong Pambansa Act of 2013*, which mandates the conduct of sports development programs and competitions at all levels of the education system, and in accordance with Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution directing the State to promote physical education and encourage organized sports to foster discipline, teamwork, and excellence, this office reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of sports programs in schools.

2. In line with this mandate, the Department of Education – Schools Division of Benguet, in partnership with the Provincial Local Government Unit of Benguet, shall conduct the Benguet Provincial Athletic Meet (BPAM) for School Year 2026-2027 on December 7-10, 2026, to be held at the Benguet Sports Complex (Main Venue), Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet, with the theme: **"Stronger Together: Sports for Discipline, Respect, and Excellence"**.

3. The official participants to this athletic meet shall be the qualified athletes, coaches, trainers, chaperones, technical officials, and members of the different district delegations.

4. The following activities and schedules shall be observed:

DATES/TIME	ACTIVITIES
Oct. 9, 2026	Division Management, Tournament Directors and District Sports Coordinators Planning Meeting
Nov. 16-19, 2026	District SAC screening of athletes' documents
Nov. 20, 2026	Deadline of Submission of complete athletic documents to DSAC
Nov. 24- 28, 2026	Screening of athletes' documents and Accreditation to select districts

Dec. 5, 2026	Ground Preparation
Dec 4-6,2026	Screening/Accreditation of athletes (continuation)
December 5, 2026	Billeting Area set-up by the different delegations
Dec. 6, 2026	A.M.: Arrival of Delegations P.M.: SOLIDARITY MEETING, 1:00 PM, Benguet National High School/Benguet Sports Complex
Dec. 7	Parade: 7:00 A.M. Assembly along the Wangal- Motor pool road (Near DepED CAR and SDO- Benguet) 7:30 A.M. Start of parade
Dec. 7-10	Competition Proper, Awarding of Medals, Closing Program

5. The following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

a. Medical Check-up. All athletes and coaches shall undergo medical examination, which shall be scheduled by appointment with Dr. Mikee Decaran, DepEd Medical Officer.

b. Additional Sports Events. The following sports are included in this year's Provincial Meet: A. Approved Palarong Pambansa Events: Kickboxing (Elementary and Secondary), Karate (Elementary and Secondary), Soft Tennis (Secondary only); B. Demo Sports/Exhibition: Darts (Secondary Boys and Girls), Muay Thai (Elementary and Secondary Boys and Girls), Sepak Takraw Jr. (Elementary Girls), Pickleball (Elementary and Secondary Boys and Girls), Modified Bocce, and Para Table Tennis. Medals earned from the Demo/exhibition sports shall be excluded from the overall medal tally. Meanwhile, medal standings for Para Games shall be tallied separately.

c. Billeting Arrangements. Delegations shall be assigned to billeting schools proportionate to the capacity of each host school.

d. Tournament Directors. Tournament Directors shall serve as the lead officials for venue preparation, ramification of games, and coordination for the borrowing or securing of sports equipment. The list of Tournament Directors and officiating officials are provided in the link: ***https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15dldm-Orsgs8HcJscmGHH83E_pg3j6JxNcrRaOGvisg/edit?usp=sharing***

e. Submission of Results and Uniform Sizes. Tournament Directors and winning coaches shall conduct selection of athletes and submit the certified official list of winning athletes right after the end of their tournament. They shall also submit uniform sizes of all selected, athletes, coaches, trainers, and chaperons.

f. Delegation Flags. Each delegation is required to bring and display their official flag during the Opening Program and during the 5-day competition proper. To ensure uniformity, the size of the flags should be 5 feet by 3 feet. It shall contain the name of delegation, its moniker, and with the deped and LGU logo.

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g. Environment-Friendly Practices. The use of plastic bottles is strictly prohibited, and cooking with wood is not allowed in all billeting schools.

h. Special Award. As an incentive to delegation that demonstrate exemplary adherence to cleanliness, safety, environmental responsibility, discipline, and efficient management **(Best in Billeting Area Management)** shall be conferred.

i. **Insurance.** Group insurance for athletes is highly recommended.

j. **Utilities.** Water expenses incurred by delegations at the billeting schools shall be shouldered by the delegations, while electricity expenses shall be charged to the MOOE of the host school.

k. **Academic Considerations for Athletes.** In recognition of the dedication and sacrifices of student-athletes representing their schools, barangays, and municipalities, all schools are enjoined to ensure that no athlete receives a decreased grade due to missed classes while participating in the official sports activities. Schools shall provide remediation, make-up classes, and other alternative learning activities to support athlete-learners.

6. A finalization of delegation and evaluation meeting shall be scheduled at a later date to be attended by the winning coaches and tournament directors.

7. This Memorandum shall serve as the **Authority to Travel on Official Business** for all DepEd personnel involved in the preparation, preliminary activities, and actual conduct of the BPAM as members of the TWG, Officiating officials, Support Staff, and other related designations. As such, **all districts are advised to submit their certified list of their delegations to SGOD – SDO Benguet for documentation.**

8. For inquiries and clarifications, you may contact **Mr. Marcelino S. Baldo**, Division Sports Officer, at **0960-6138723**.

9. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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