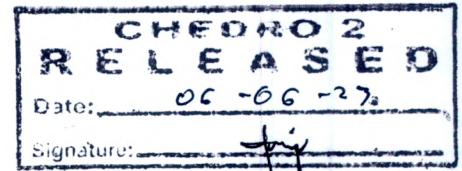




Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Region 02



CHED REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No.143, series of 2023

For : ALL PRESIDENT/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN REGION 2

Subject : "IMPLEMENTING RULES AND GUIDELINES (IRG) AND REGISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ROTC GAMES 2023"

Date : June 5, 2023

Attached is a copy of the Memorandum from **ATTY. CINDERELIA FILIPINA S. BENITEZ-JARO, Executive Director IV**, Commission on Higher Education, regarding the **"Implementing Rules and Guidelines and the Registration of the Philippine ROTC Games 2023"**.

Hence, all **Sports Directors/Coordinators of HEIs with ROTC Programs Activated and Affiliated Unit** are requested to refer to the links for the registration and submission of the eligible student-athlete requirements of your respective delegation.

PRG 2023 Registration Requirements: https://bit.ly/PRG2023_Requirement
PRG2023 Registration: https://bit.ly/PRG_ROT_C_GAMES2023
PRG 2023 Registration: <https://forms.gle/6Vx33NrwrptwnfGR6>

For further inquiries on the matter, you may contact **Mr. Briane Jechrichi B. Acluba**, CHED Sports Coordinator through mobile number at 0917-312-9918.

For immediate compliance of the participating eligible HEIs.

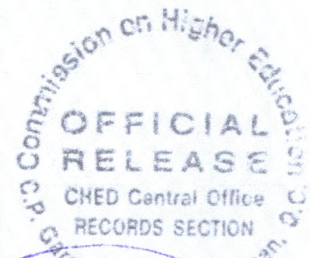

ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO
OIC-DIRECTOR IV

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
No. 378, series of 2023



TO : ALL CHED REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, HEI PRESIDENTS REGIONAL SPORTS COORDINATORS AND HEI ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING RULES AND GUIDELINES (IRG) AND REGISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ROTC GAMES 2023

DATE : 08 MAY 2023

In preparation for the upcoming staging of the Philippine ROTC Games 2023 (PRG), carrying the theme *"Tibay at Galing Ating Pagyamanin, ROTC Games Ating Suportahan"*, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is hereby issuing the Implementing Rules and Guidelines (IRG) of the PRG 2023. The Philippine ROTC Games 2023 is a joint collaboration of CHED, the Department of National Defence (DND), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the main objective of which is to promote and strengthen the ROTC program in our country, and to provide ROTC Cadets with an avenue to further enhance their skills in their preferred sports.

In line with this, links are provided for the registration and submission of student-athlete requirements of your respective delegates. The requirements, as well as relevant templates, may be found in the requirements link, also provided herein. Kindly note that all submission must be made on or before 15 June, 2023.

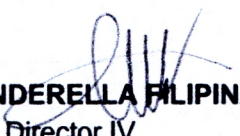
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PRG2023 Registration: https://bit.ly/PRG_ROT_CGAMES2023
PRG 2023 ID Registration: <https://forms.gle/6Vx33NwrptwnfGR6>

Also attached herewith, for your reference is the IRG for the Philippine ROTC Games 2023.

Further queries may be directed to CHED Sports through sports@ched.gov.ph. You

may also alternately direct your queries to your CHED Regional Office.

For your information and usual compliance.


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PHILIPPINE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS GAMES
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

DND Building, Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. ____, S. 2023

**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE
2023 PHILIPPINE ROTC GAMES**

DATE :

I. RATIONALE

The total development of a person requires that he/she is not only intellectually prepared but physically fit for his/her daily tasks. Sport is an essential tool in the foundation of human development and it supports the academic mission of educational institutions. (Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution).

On the other hand, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is a program institutionalized under Sections 38 and 39 of Republic Act No. 7077, series of 1991 or the "Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act" designed to provide military training to tertiary level students in order to motivate, train, organize and mobilize them for national defense preparedness.

Thus, it is imperative to introduce a national competition in the ROTC program to spark further nationalism, competitiveness, camaraderie, and solidarity among the ROTC units across the country. [PLDC]

II. LEGAL MANDATE

The 2023 Philippine ROTC Games is spearheaded by the Office of Senator Francis N. Tolentino. Hence, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of National Defense (DND) through the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) were provided with their respective budgets in the General Appropriations Act of 2023 or RA No. 11936.

Thus, on 23 December 2022, the said agencies entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) wherein the specific duties and responsibilities of each participating agency were outlined.

The said MOA also provided the Game Components, Minimum Criteria of Game Participants and Mechanics, Schedule of Program Implementation, Organizing Committees as well as the Funding Requirements. [PLDC]

This 2023 Philippine ROTC Games fulfills the CHED's legal mandate. Article XIV, Sec. 19 of the 1987 Constitution states that "*The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry and that "All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors."*

The CHED, as the top governing agency at the tertiary level, is tasked and mandated to implement school sports development and league competitions among tertiary students. As such, CHED engages in collaboration and partnership with the Office of Senator Francis Tolentino, along with other participating government agencies, the DND, and the PSC, in order to organize the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games for the ROTC student cadets.

In addition, under the CMO No. 55, series of 2006, the CHED is responsible for "*Identifying, support and develop potential centers of excellence in program areas needed for the development of world-class scholarship, nation-building, and national development*" as well as "*Performing such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and the continued enhancement, growth and development of higher education.*" and "*to include sports as its priority*".

Likewise, pursuant to RA No. 9163 or the "National Service Training Program (NSTP) Act of 2001", it is the duty of the State to "*promote civic consciousness among the youth and shall develop their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.*" The DND, along with the major services of the AFP, is tasked to oversee and implement the ROTC Program.

On the other hand, one of the declared objectives of the PSC is to "encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in amateur sports promotion and development" (Section 6(b), RA No. 6487). Further, in Section 7, the PSC shall have the following functions: plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports promotion and development for the country, including among others...public and private schools, government corporations and entities, the local governments, the Armed Forces of the Philippines..."

Finally, Section 6(g) RA 6847 states that PSC "shall develop rules and regulations including rules to delineate and define areas of responsibilities of all sectors involved in sports promotion and development respecting the individual set-up, priorities, structure and competence of the different government and private institutions."

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 2023 Philippine ROTC Games will be one of the high-level school-based competitions at the tertiary level intended for students enrolled in the ROTC program and will be an annual national activity, guided by the minimum safety requirements and guidelines of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games Executive Organizing Committee (EOC) and the highest standards of international rules through the guidance of the PSC, consistent with IATF health protocols. It will promote the resurgence of holding sports activities and uphold the reopening of sports into the new normal.

In addition, this national event will strengthen and promote sports education and instill value formation and character building into the lives of students who participate in multiple tournaments, competitions, and even training sessions and practices during the post-pandemic.

Further, this national event recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building, thus through participation in multiple tournaments/competitions, training and practice sessions, this shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being and consequently aids to inculcate in the youth the value of patriotism and nationalism and encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The project intends to showcase seven (7) sports that will be conducted as face-to-face tournaments. It will be conducted in close coordination and collaboration with the respective National Sports Associations (NSAs) and it will adhere to the DOH, IATF, and LGU health protocols, based on CHED Memorandum No. 02, series of 2022 on Return to Collegiate Athletic Competition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IV. PURPOSE

The Philippine ROTC Games (PRG) primary purpose is to provide an opportunity for ROTC cadets to participate and compete in the NSAs sporting events thereby giving them hope of possibly competing in the Olympic Games. The PRG also aims to provide the following:

- 1) To highlight sports development
- 2) To discover new talents
- 3) To promote the ROTC

Specifically, the aforementioned activity will encourage the development of sports programs, promote physical education, foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence, and to train young athletes for international competitions, as well as realize a common objective of developing grassroots sports programs for the youth.

V. OBJECTIVES

The DND, CHED, and the PSC will hold a nationwide competition for public and private HEIs in all 16 regions of the country offering the ROTC Program. Through the ROTC Games, the students enrolled in the ROTC Program will be equipped with the skills necessary to become Reservists. The PRG aims to instill camaraderie and trust among its teammates through the team sports, and improve tactical and combat skills, physique and endurance through the individual sports which are crucial to Reservists. Likewise, the PRG will instill in our tertiary ROTC students the importance of physical activity, sports, and wellness. More importantly, this will restore, reinforce, and sustain the health and total well-being of the students.

VI. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Memorandum Circular shall apply to all public and private HEIs offering the ROTC Program and with activated/affiliated ROTC Units, participating in the athletics games during the conduct of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.

VII. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)** - refers to the government agency created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7722 or the "Higher Education Act of 1994".
- B. **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** - refers to all CHED-registered public and private institutions of higher education.
- C. **Host Local Government Unit (LGU)** - refers to a local government unit (municipality, city, or province) that will provide essential assistance, including but not limited to security and logistics, over the course of the National Tertiary Games.
- D. **Host State Universities and Colleges (SUC)** - refer to state universities and colleges that will assist the Commission in the facilitation of the smooth and thorough implementation of the procedures necessary for the conduct of the National Tertiary Games.
- E. **Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF)** - refers to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, a task force organized by the executive of the Philippines government to respond to affairs concerning emerging infectious diseases in the country.
- F. **International Federation (IF)** - refers to the international non-governmental organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as administering one or more sports at the world level.
- G. **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** - is the governing body of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and of the worldwide "Olympic Movement", composed of all entities and individuals involved in the Olympic Games.
- H. **National Sports Associations (NSAs)** - refers to the national governing bodies of sports, accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee.
- I. **Philippine Olympic Committee (POC)** - refers to the National Olympic Committee of the Philippines.
- J. **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)** - refers to the governmental regulatory national agency attached to the Office of the President created by Republic Act No. 6847 to serve as the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines.
- K. **Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)** - is a program institutionalized under Sections 38 and 39 of Republic Act No. 7077, series of 1991 of the "Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act" designed to provide military training to tertiary level students in order to motivate, train, organize and mobilize them for national defense preparedness.
- L. **ROTC Unit** - refers to the subunit of a Reserve Command that implements the ROTC program.
 - **Activated ROTC Unit** - a unit organized by the Reserve Commands in agreement with the Administrators of the SUCs, LUCs, HEIs and TVIs upon the approval of the CSAFP and Secretary of the National Defense who have satisfied the necessary requirements for the implementation of the ROTC program
 - **Affiliated ROTC Unit** - a unit organized by the Reserve Commands in agreement with the Administrators of the SUCs, LUCs, HEIs and TVIs who lack the necessary requirements but are merged with the Activated ROTC unit to implement the ROTC program in their educational institution.
- M. **Student-Athlete** - refers to a student currently enrolled in any school who is a member of any of the school's athletic teams or programs and who represents or has intentions of representing the school in an inter-school athletic program or competition. The student-athlete must be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time curricular program and

must be in good standing to be eligible to represent the school in an inter-school athletic program or competition.

- N. **Tertiary Coaches** - refers to persons qualified and registered to coach college student-athletes.

VIII. GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

- A. **Rule I – Sports Rule.** All sports administered by the PRG shall be based on the international technical rules and regulations by the International Federations as adopted and practiced by the NSA which shall conduct the management of the PRG tournament. Should CHED decide to modify such rules to protect the safety and security of tertiary-level students, such CHED modifications shall prevail. Technical guidelines on the conduct of the identified seven (7) sports shall be provided by the PSC separately.
- B. **Rule II - The 2023 Philippine ROTC Games Management and Administration.** The 2023 PRG shall be composed of the following committees:
- **Executive Organizing Committee (EOC)** - The EOC shall be composed of the following members with the Office of Senator Francis N Tolentino as the honorary chairman:
 - Department of National Defense
 - Commission on Higher Education
 - Philippine Sports Commission
 - Armed Forces of the Philippines
 - Philippine Olympic Committee
 - **National Secretariat** – This Committee shall monitor the conduct and implementation of the policies and guidelines of the 2023 PRG. The members are as follows:
 - **DND**– the head of the National Secretariat in charge of the overall implementation and monitoring of the 2023 PRG Policies and Guidelines reports to the EOC.
 - **CHED FOCAL**– responsible for overseeing and monitoring the implementation of 2023 PRG policies and guidelines, HEI concerns, and reports directly to the Chairperson of CHED for updates. Attends meetings of the National Secretariat to represent the agency for coordination.
 - **PSC FOCAL**– responsible for leading the conduct of the sports clinic and actual games and overseeing the game management officials of 2023 PRG both at the regional and national levels and reports directly to the PSC Chairman for updates. Attends meetings of the National Secretariat to represent the agency for coordination.
 - **MEMBERS**– assist and are responsible for the implementation of the 2023 PRG policies and guidelines and are composed of the following members. (Each office will have one seat.)

- DND
 - CHED
 - PSC
 - POC
 - AFP and its Major Services
- **Games Management Committee** – This Committee ensures that the 2023 PRG is successfully executed in accordance with this Memorandum. Any revision of the rules and regulations must be approved by the majority of the Games Management Committee in consultation with the NSA Consultants. The members of this committee are as follows:

- **CHED Sports Commissioners Responsibilities.**

- (a) Oversees and monitors the implementation of the policies and guidelines of the PRG during the actual games and sports clinic in preparation for the 2023 PRG; and,
- (b) CHED representative who is a member of the National Tertiary Games Consultative Council policy-making body and implementation of the developmental programs and related activities in CMO No. 8, series of 2022 or the “Guidelines on the Tertiary Sports Development Program”.

Qualifications. The CHED Sports Commissioner must be an expert in the sport s/he is assigned and shall be appointed by the CHED office of the Executive Director of Sports Development and Management Programs and is currently employed in an HEI.

B. Tournament Directors Responsibilities.

- (a) Organize and supervise assigned tournaments/sporting events of the 2023 PRG; (*ensure the smooth and successful implementation and conduct of the 2023 PRG*)
- (b) Ensure that technical officials and other manpower perform to their duties and responsibilities and that the conduct of games is executed at par with updated international standards; and
- (c) Ensure safe conduct of the games in accordance with minimum health standards and IATF protocols.

Qualifications.

- (a) Must be a certified technical official of the respective NSA; and
- (b) Extensive experience as tournament director in sport competitions in the respective NSA.

C. Technical Officials

Responsibilities.

- (a) Supervise the conduct of competition by enforcing the sport's rules and regulations and making judgments on rule violations, performance, time, and ranking.

Qualifications.

- (a) Must be a certified technical official of the respective NSA.

D. Tournament Auxiliary Personnel

Responsibilities.

- (a) Serve as the ground crew of the Games Management Committee;
- (b) Assist the Tournament Director during the event to ensure the smooth operation of the games; and,
- (c) Perform such other tasks as may be assigned to them by the Tournament Director.

Qualifications.

- (a) Vetted and appointed by the host LGU.

E. Student Volunteers

Responsibilities.

- (a) Assist the Games Management Committee during the event where they are assigned; and,
- (b) Perform such other tasks as may be assigned to them by the Tournament Director.

Qualifications.

- (a) Must be a bona fide tertiary student in an HEI in the province or region where the event is held.

F. Games Secretariat

Responsibilities.

- (a) Coordinate with other government agencies and stakeholders for the preparation of the ROTC Games;
- (b) Facilitate implementation of policies and guidelines of the competition;
- (c) Assist in the management of actual games and other activities related to the event;

- (d) Monitor the conduct of the games and prepare observations, recommendations in the report.

Qualifications

- (a) Must have extensive experience in the management of sports competitions

- **Management Working Committee** – Responsibilities and composition are as follows:
 - Screening (CHED, PSC, Host SUC)
 - Finance (National Secretariat)
 - Arbitrary Council (National Secretariat)
 - Awards (CHED, PSC, DND, Host SUC)
 - Marketing & Promotions (Host LGUs and National Secretariat)
 - Public Relations Officers (National Secretariat Private Service Providers)
 - Program Committee (Opening and Closing Ceremonies) (National Secretariat CHED, Host SUC, Host LGU)
 - Medical (Host LGU and Host SUC)
 - Logistics (3 PSC, Host SUC, Host LGU)
 - Venue (Host LGU, CHED, SUC, PSC)
 - Hospitality (Accommodation & Tour) (Host LGU and Host SUC)
 - Food and Drinks during games (PSC, DND, Host SUC and Host LGU)
 - Documentation (National Secretariat, Host SUC, Host LGU)
 - Security, Safety, and Risk Management Committee (Host LGUs)
 - Media/Public Affairs (PSC)

C. Rule III – Health Protocols

The 2023 PRG shall strictly comply with the provisions of CMO No. 2, s. 2022, otherwise known as "Guidelines for the Return to Collegiate Athletic Competitions (RCAC) during COVID-19".

D. Rule IV – Hosting of the 2023 Philippine ROTC GAMES

- The Host of the 2023 PRG (PRG Host) will be identified by the National Secretariat, through the CHED, and will be selected through a transparent and competitive process and shall be approved by the ROTC Games EOC.
- The 2023 PRG, which shall be composed of a Host LGU and Host SUC, shall be responsible for the establishment of a Local Organizing Committee for the purpose of the organization of the 2023 PRG in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular.
- Immediately upon the selection of the 2023 PRG Host, the EOC shall sign a MOA with the selected Host. Upon its establishment, the Host LGU and SUC shall adhere to and become a party to this agreement which shall be referred to as the PRG MOA. The 2023 PRG MOA shall determine the responsibilities of the 2023 PRG LGU Host and SUC Host concerning the organization, financing, and staging of the 2023 PRG as well as the contribution of the 2023 PRG Board to the success

of the 2023 PRG. The 2023 PRG EOC shall have no financial responsibility in respect of the organization, financing and staging of the 2023 PRG other than the contribution determined in the 2023 PRG MOA unless otherwise agreed in writing.

- The creation of any subsidiary or other affiliated corporate entity, or the entry into any partnership, joint venture, or other legal structure by the 2023 PRG Host, Host LGU, Host SUC, and/or the PRG EOC for the purpose of the performance of any of their obligations, or the exercise of any of their rights under the 2023 PRG MOA, shall be allowed, provided that the 2023 PRG EOC written approval is secured first.

E. Rule V – Qualification of Competition

1. To participate in the 2023 PRG, a student-athlete must comply with the 2023 PRG Official Rules, including any condition of participation established by the CHED, as well as the rules of their respective sporting event.
2. Regional Legs shall be held for each of the seven (7) sports. All regional qualifying legs shall be conducted in compliance with the PRG Regional Qualifying Leg Guidelines to be set by the 2023 PRG Executive Board.
 - a. For Individual/Team Sports, the first placers shall represent the region in the National Round of the 2023 PRG. If the first placer is unable to compete, they shall be replaced by the next ranking individual or team.
 - b. For the Sport of Athletics, the first and second placers will represent the region. If any or both of them are unable to compete, they shall be replaced by the next-ranking individual or team.

F. Rule VI – Individual Eligibility

Students in HEIs are qualified to participate in the 2023 PRG and its qualifying rounds, provided they are:

- Filipino citizens;
- Able to participate during the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games as nominated and selected by their respective HEIs;
- Between 18 to 25 years of age on the day of the qualifying and national rounds;
- Duly-enrolled in the ROTC during the school year in the HEI they represent, under the following conditions:
 - (1) Any professional athletes certified by GAB and national team members certified by PSC and/or NSA at any point in time cannot participate;
 - (2) Undergraduate level students must be enrolled in any baccalaureate degree course or technical vocational course with least twelve (12) academic units for semestral and trimestral terms and nine (9) academic units for quarterly terms, and must have passed at least

- sixty (60%) percent of their previous academic loads including PE. Classes must be taken for credit. Audit or no credit subjects shall not be considered part of the 12-unit or 9-unit requirement;
- (3) A certification from the HEI registrar attesting to this fact shall be submitted to the Secretariat upon registration for participation;
 - (4) Students with incomplete grades must have passed the course and received a grade certified by the HEI registrar at least five (5) days before the regional qualifying rounds;
 - (5) Varsity students are allowed to compete provided they meet the above-mentioned conditions and are not part of any professional sports team or national sports association.
 - (6) Students who are currently enrolled in a different HEI for their ROTC program should provide the required documentary requirements in order to join the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games; and,
 - (7) Certificate from their branch of service where they are cross-enrolled.
- Fully-vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to the regional qualifying round in which the athlete will be competing.

G. Rule VII – Screening and Documentary Requirements

The EOC shall determine the deadline for submission of documentary requirements for all athletes, teams, and HEIs participating in the 2023 PRG, which shall be no later than two (2) months prior to the Regional Leg. HEIs shall be required to submit the complete set of requirements for all of its athletes and teams. In no instance shall individual athletes or teams submit their requirements directly to the Secretariat. Failure to submit complete documentary requirements shall result in the automatic disqualification of the athlete, team, or HEI, as the case may be. The application packet¹ shall contain the following:

- a. Official entry form (per student-athlete, team, and HEI);
- b. Medical certificate with attached 2x2 ID most recent photo (per student-athlete);
- c. Original PSA birth certificate (per student-athlete);
- d. School registration forms (per student-athlete, for the current and immediately preceding academic term);
- e. Photocopy of school ID (per student-athlete);
- f. Signed Consent to Participate and Waiver of Liability Form (per student-athlete);
- g. Complete team photo, including coaches and the HEI registrar
 - The names of all persons appearing in the photo must be written at the back of the photo in the order they appear (i.e., Front Row, L-R, and so on) and signed by the HEI registrar;
- h. Photocopy of health and the accident insurance policy covering participation in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games (per student-athlete); and,
- i. Photocopy of COVID-19 vaccination card (per student-athlete).

¹ See Annex C for the Official Forms

H. Rule VIII – Anti-Doping Policy

1. Anti-doping rule violation - means one or more of the following:

- the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in a student-athletes bodily specimen;
 - use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method;
 - refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit sample collection after notification as authorized in applicable anti-doping rules or otherwise evading sample collection;
 - violation of applicable requirements regarding student-athlete availability for out-of-competition testing, including failure to provide required whereabouts information and missed tests which are declared based on reasonable rules;
 - tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of doping control;
 - possession of prohibited substances or methods;
 - trafficking in any prohibited substance or prohibited method; and
 - administration or attempted administration of a prohibited substance or prohibited method to any student-athlete, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted violation.
- The EOC under the guidance of Philippine National Anti-Doping Organization (PHINADO) shall determine the manner of testing, consistent with the International Standards for Testing and Investigations.
 - The commission of any anti-doping rule violation shall result in the immediate disqualification of the student-athlete, without prejudice to any other sanctions and/or penalties under the law or other applicable regulations.

I. Rule IX – Protests and Penalties

1. All protests at any event shall be endorsed by the Tournament Directors and technical officials to the arbitrary council. A ₱5,000 protest fee for individual, dual, and team sports shall be required before the protest will be entertained. The protest should be lodged by the coach/sports director within 30 minutes immediately after the game.
2. Subject of Protest. The following matters may be the subject of a protest:
 - a. Student-Athlete Eligibility - A protest may be made during the solidarity meeting. Any team or individual protesting the eligibility of a student-athlete must furnish proof that the student-athlete in question is ineligible. In the event of an obvious violation of eligibility rules, a protest may be granted. To ensure honest competition, protests of alleged eligibility violations should be made prior to games rather than waiting to determine the outcome of a particular contest.
 - b. Rule Interpretation - A student-athlete, team captain, or coach can lodge a protest on an official's rule interpretation, but must do so at the time of the incident. If a protest is going to be lodged, the student-athlete, team captain, or coach must verbally inform the official/s and the Tournament Director of their protest. The official/s will stop play and decide with the Tournament Director the correct ruling before resuming play.
 - c. Judgment Decisions - Sports officials' judgment calls cannot be protested in the absence of evidence.

3. The protester may elevate unresolved disputes to the EOC. A ₱20,000 protest fee shall be required for the protest to be entertained.
4. The protest fee will be refunded to the protestant in case the ruling is decided in their favor.
5. Ineligibility shall result in the immediate disqualification of the student-athlete, without prejudice to any other sanctions and/or penalties under the law or other applicable regulations. HEIs found guilty of falsifying student documents or resorting to misrepresentation shall be sanctioned and penalized in accordance with CHED regulations, without prejudice to any other sanctions and/or penalties under the law or other applicable regulations. Games already won by teams found to have fielded ineligible student-athletes shall be forfeited in favor of the opposing team.

J. Rule X - Other Violations

- Teams that withdraw, walk out, or refuse to play shall forfeit the game in favor of the opponent.
- To impose disciplinary measures, any students, coaches, HEIs or delegation officials who demonstrate highly unsportsmanlike conduct and/or deliberately employ dirty tactics or fouls in the course of any games or events such as but not limited to the following:
 - **aggressive, threatening or disrespectful action;**
 - **bench-clearing brawl;**
 - **shouting foul/obscene language and gesture;**
 - **cat calling;**
 - **sexual innuendos;** and,
 - **others similar to the foregoing**
- Any student, coach, HEI, or delegation official who fails to properly conduct themselves during any of the events may be temporarily or permanently suspended or banned from participation in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.
- Voluntary Withdrawal of HEIs. Depending on the reasons and timing of the withdrawal, HEIs voluntarily withdrawing from the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games may be subjected to a penalty not greater than ₱5,000 per student-athlete that will not be competing as a result of the withdrawal, in addition to such other penalties as may be determined by the EOC (i.e., temporary or permanent disqualification from participation).
- Non-attendance of registered coaches in the Solidarity Meeting will lose their right to protest the rules as discussed during the said meeting.

K. Rule XI – Awards and Recognition

- All winners in individual, dual, and team sports shall be awarded with medals as follows:
 - Gold for 1st place
 - Silver for 2nd place
 - Bronze for 3rd place
- The Most Outstanding Team Award is given to the overall champion of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.

- All competing student-athletes in the provincial and regional qualifying rounds, and the National Rounds shall receive a Certificate of Participation in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.
- The Awards Committee shall be responsible for providing medals and trophies to the winners of each event.
- The committee shall be composed of members from all parties in this MOA, with the following tasks:
 - Designing, procurement and delivery of medals and trophies (DND)
 - Awarding ceremony manpower (DND)
 - Awarding ceremony guidelines per IF protocol (PSC)
 - Special awards (CHED, DND)

L. Rule XII - Participating Sports

No.	Sports	Men	Women	Event
1	Athletics	8	8	Individual, Team
2	Arnis	3	3	Individual, Team
3	Basketball	4	-	Team
4	Boxing	3	3	Individual
5	Esports	14		Mixed Team
6	Kickboxing	3	3	Individual
7	Volleyball	-	12	Team
	TOTAL	35	29	64

M. Rule XIII – Selection and Qualifying Round

1. Regional Leg

- a. Regional qualifying rounds will be open to all HEIs Teams. HEIs may select their teams through their sports coordinator.
- b. The PSC shall be primarily in charge with the game management before and during the conduct of the games.
- c. Participation in the games is FREE OF CHARGE. No entry/participation/membership fees shall be collected.
- d. Transportation, meals, and other incidental expenses shall be shouldered by the participating HEIs.
- e. Billeting will be identified by the DND through the assistance of CHED and host LGUs.
- f. Participants shall be classified under categories prescribed by the NSAs per their respective Technical Guidelines.
- g. All participants will be representing their respective provinces and HEIs under their Branch of Services.

2. National

- a. Winners from regional leg games will advance to the 2023 National ROTC Games to represent the three major island clusters and NCR and respective **Branch of Service**.
- b. The PSC shall be primarily in charge with the game management before and during the conduct of the games.
- c. Participation in the games is **FREE OF CHARGE**. No entry/participation/membership fees shall be collected.
- d. Transportation, meals, and other incidental expenses shall be shouldered by the participating HEIs.
- e. Participants shall be classified under categories prescribed by the NSAs per their respective Technical Guidelines.
- f. Billeting will be identified by the DND through the assistance of CHED and host LGU.

N. Rule XIV – Data Privacy

- All collection and processing of personal information shall be conducted in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.
- The CHED, the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games Executive Organizing Committee, Host LGU, Host SUC, and all personnel acting under the authority granted to them to pursue the objectives of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games shall be bound to protect the rights of all data subjects who consent to the collection and processing of their personal information, for the sole purpose of participation in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.
- Any modification in the processing of personal information shall require the written consent of the data subject.
- In no case shall personal information be shared for marketing or advertising purposes unless specifically and unequivocally consented to in writing by the data subject.

IX. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Commission on Higher Education

- Monitor and oversee the implementation of the issued Implementing Rules and Guidelines (IRG) of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Identify and recommend qualified 2023 Philippine ROTC Games Host SUCs;
- Supervise and oversee the Host SUCs in the conduct of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies;
- Recommend and inspect facilities and venues for the conduct of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Address complaints forwarded by the CHED Regional Offices;
- Inspect and monitor HEI premises where the competitions are being held to ensure the safety of all participants;
- Appoint the CHED Sports Commissioners for the ground monitoring and overseeing during the conduct of actual games of 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Conduct orientation among the athletic Sports Directors and commandants for proper information dissemination on the policies and guidelines of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games; and,

- Assist in the recruitment of student-athletes and the promotion and participation of HEIs in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games.

B. CHED Regional Offices

- Identify the members of the management working committee in the regional level;
- Assist in identifying the HOST SUC and LGU for the Sports Clinic and Regional Games;
- Assist in the monitoring of the implementation of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Assist in the conduct of onsite inspection of the facilities and venues for the conduct of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games qualifying rounds and national rounds, if applicable;
- Oversee the Host SUCs in the conduct of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies;
- Assist in handling concerns submitted by the HEIs; and,
- Assist the Central Office in the regional orientation for Athletic Director and Campus Commandant in charge and ROTC student-athlete recruits.

C. Higher Education Institutions shall:

- Submit the documentary requirements for participation in the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Coordinate with the CHED throughout the duration of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Transportation, meals, and other incidental expenses shall be shouldered by the participating HEIs;
- Assign a focal person to attend all coordination meetings; and,
- Adhere to all the rules and regulations of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games set forth by CHED, consistent with this Implementing Rules and Guidelines.

D. Host LGU shall:

- Be primarily responsible for organizing, staging, and financing the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games particularly the opening and closing parade, venues, and facilities needed for the seven (7) sports;
- Coordinate and partner with neighboring LGUs for additional venues, if necessary;
- Provide security, fire protection, and medical emergency support at all 2023 Philippine ROTC Games events held within its jurisdiction;
- Protect the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games logo, and the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games brand;
- Obtain formal guarantees from national and local government authorities that they will provide the necessary cooperation for the safety of all 2023 Philippine ROTC Games participants;
- Apply all 2023 Philippine ROTC Games rules and regulations, as well as national and local laws concerning security and public safety in all sports venues, including compliance with minimum health standards and IATF protocols;
- May enter into a contract with concessionaires or sponsors to generate funds to support and promote the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Provide billeting facilities for the 2023 PRG delegations; and,
- Coordinate with the **host SUC** who shall perform the following:
 - Be primarily responsible for coordination between and among the participating HEIs;
 - Assist the Secretariat in resolving protests regarding student-athlete eligibility, except when the student-athlete represents the Host SUC;

- Organize and host the Solidarity Meeting;
- Organize the opening and closing ceremonies with close coordination with CHED Central Office and the National Secretariat;
- Identify and make available additional venues for the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games as may be necessary;
- Identify and make available billeting for the student-athletes of the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games as may be necessary;
- Support the CHED, ROTC Organizing Committee, and the Host LGU in promoting the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games to students; and,
- Provide auxiliary support personnel during the opening and closing ceremony as well as during the conduct of games as needed.

E. Philippine Sports Commission shall:

- Provide technical assistance, guidance, and technical expertise in line with the amateur sports regulations and rules of games;
- Provide technical officials, resource experts, and personnel during the actual conduct of the games;
- Coordinate with NSA for the game rules of the identified seven (7) sports;
- Provide the National Secretariat with a focal person and member representative who shall attend and participate in all meetings related to the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games;
- Provide technical guidelines for the conduct of the identified seven (7) sports;
- In charge of the overall running and monitoring of the actual sports competition of 7 identified sports from the regional to national level and;
- In charge of all necessary logistics that will be incurred during the actual conduct of games.

F. Department of National Defense shall:

Perform the following through and with the AFP:

- a. Through the AFP's reserve units and in coordination with HEIs and their respective sports directors, conduct the selection of ROTC athletes as participants;
- b. Coordinate with PSC as to the conduct of games and management;
- c. Assist CHED and PSC in identifying games venues in coordination with the LGU;
- d. Provide hotel accommodation and transportation to the 2023 Philippine ROTC Games VIPs and senior officials;
- e. Provide the Medals of the winners that includes designing and procurement;
- f. Provide complimentary transportation and security for all delegations who will attend any of the events;
- g. Provide a focal person to the national secretariat to disseminate/cascade information; and,
- h. Provide auxiliary support personnels and marshals during the conduct of opening ceremony, games and awarding ceremony as needed.

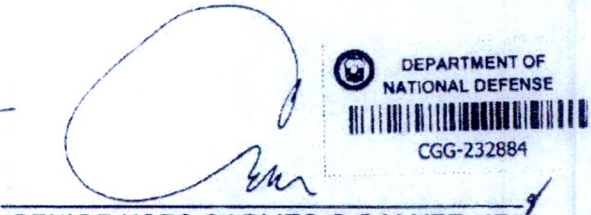
X. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular are hereby amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

XI. SEPARABILITY. In the event that any provision or part of this Memorandum Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, those provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and subsisting.


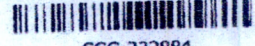
XII. **EFFECTIVITY.** These guidelines shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any National Newspaper of general circulation, with three (3) certified copies to be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the UP Law Center



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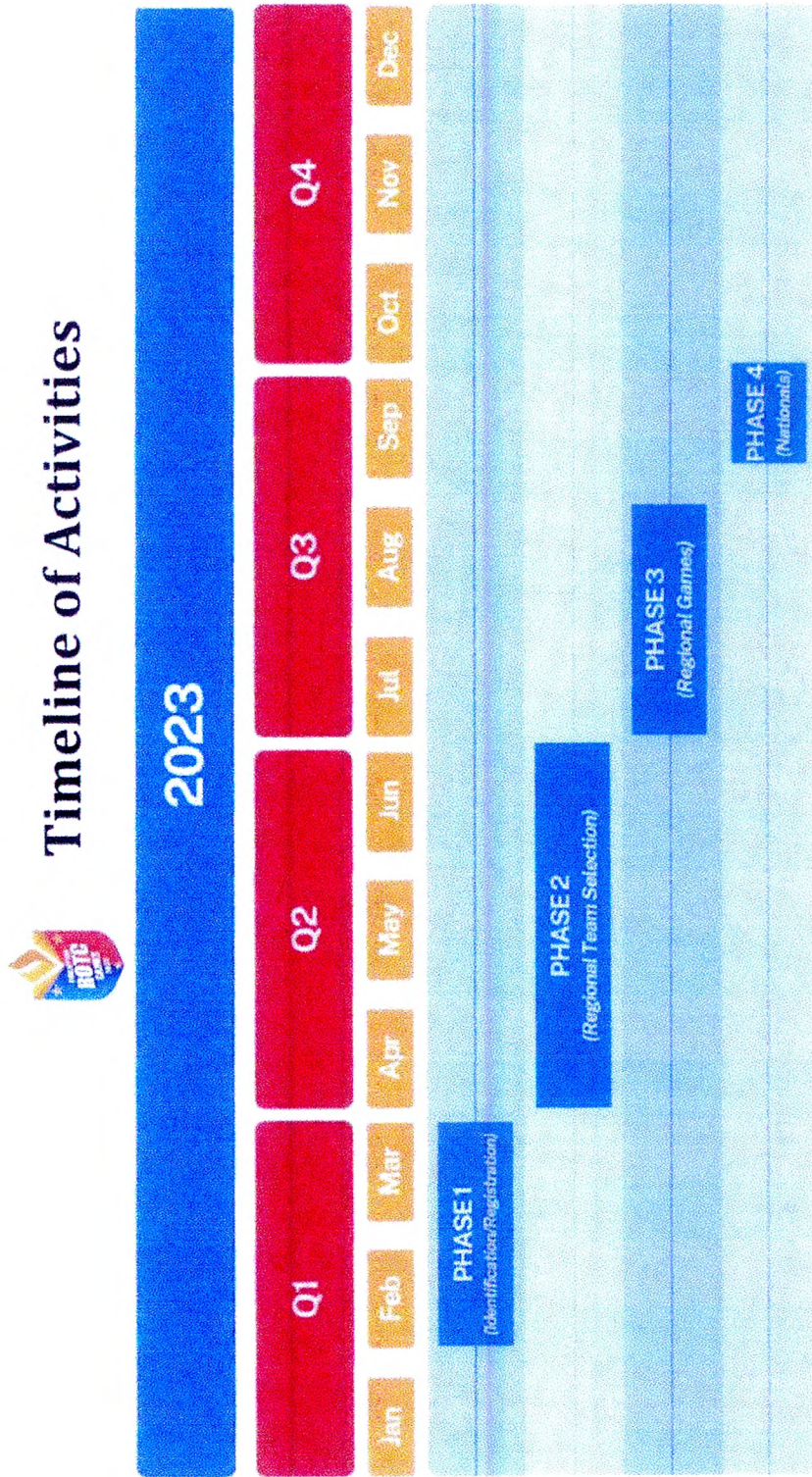


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Form 1 -
Registration Form

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I. PERSONAL DATA:

Sports Name: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____ Nationality: _____

Birth Place: _____ PhilHealth No. _____

Course: _____

School: _____

Address of School: _____

Home Address: _____

B. Athlete's Participation in Local/International Competition

Inclusive Dates	Sports Event	Athlete Meet	Remarks

(Use separate sheet if necessary)

Athlete's Signature

SCHOOL ID FRONT

SCHOOL ID BACK



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Date

CERTIFICATE OF ENROLMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that _____ is a bonifide
student of _____ this School Year _____

This certification is issued upon the request of the of the above mention for whatever legal
purpose it may serve him best

Given this _____ day of _____ at _____

School Registrar

(DT) Seal



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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

(Date)

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have personally examined _____
age _____ sex _____ born on _____ and have found that he/she is physically fit
to participate in the ROTC Games at the time of the examination.

Event: _____

Physical Examination

Date examined: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Blood Pressure: _____

Pulse: Resting: _____ Respiratory Rate: _____

Other _____

Physician/Medical Officer
(Signature over printed name)
License No. _____
PTR _____
License Expiry Date: _____



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VACCINE CARD

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PARENTAL CONSENT

I We hereby willingly and voluntarily give consent the participation of my/our son/daughter
in the ROTC Games.

I have considered the benefits that my son/daughter will derive from his/her participation in
this activity provided that due care and precaution will be observed to ensure the comfort and safety of
my son/daughter and that CHED employees and personnel may not be held responsible for any
unfavorable incident that may happen beyond their control.

Father Signature/Overprinted Name

Mother Signature/Overprinted Name

Signature of Guardian/Overprinted Name

Relationship with the Athlete

Verified by:

Student Affairs





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PSA (Birth Certificate Original)

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SCHOOL _____

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ID with Complete Name Coach	ID with Complete Name Asst. Coach	ID with Complete Name (Medical Personnel)	ID with Complete Name Team Captain	ID with Complete Name Player	ID with Complete Name Player	ID with Complete Name Player
Complete Name	Complete Name	Complete Name	Complete Name	Complete Name	Complete Name	Complete Name
Age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
Birthday	Birthday	Birthday	Birthday	Birthday	Birthday	Birthday
School	School	School	School	School	School	School
Jersey Number	Jersey Number	Jersey Number	Jersey Number	Jersey Number	Jersey Number	Jersey Number
Contact Number	Contact Number	Contact Number	Contact Number	Contact Number	Contact Number	Contact Number

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