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CONDUCT OF THE 2026 REGIONAL ACCREDITATION AND REFRESHER COURSE FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In line with the continuing efforts of the Department of Education Regional Office I to strengthen the implementation of the Regional Sports Program and ensure competent, qualified, and standardized technical officiating across the Region, this Office shall conduct the **2026 Regional Accreditation and Refresher Course for Technical Officials** on **October 17-18, 2026.**

2. The Opening Program and plenary sessions shall be held at the **Pangasinan Development and Training Center II, Lingayen, Pangasinan.**

3. The activity aims to:

a. establish a pool of qualified and accredited Technical Officials in every Schools Division Office (SDO);
b. enhance the competencies of Technical Officials in the proper application and interpretation of rules governing the different sports events;
c. promote uniform standards in technical officiating in Division and Regional Athletic Meets; and
d. establish a Regional Registry of Accredited Technical Officials who may be considered for deployment in future DepEd-sanctioned sports competitions.

4. The accreditation shall cover thirty-five (35) sports events and shall be conducted through a two-day training and assessment program.

5. For the accreditation of Technical Officials, each Schools Division Office shall nominate one (1) participant per sports event. The nominee shall preferably be an experienced or previously accredited Technical Official who may undergo updating, upgrading, or revalidation of competencies, or a qualified prospective Technical Official who possesses the competence, interest, and potential to serve as a Regional Technical Official. The Division Sports Officer (DSO) and Division Sports Activities Coordinator (DSAC) of each participating division shall likewise be included in the activity as members of the Technical Working Group (TWG).

Allocation of Participants per SDO

Sports Event	Technical Officials
1. Archery	1
2. Arnis	1
3. Athletics - Jump	1
4. Athletics - Throws	1
5. Athletics - Track	1
6. Badminton	1
7. Baseball	1
8. Basketball	1
9. Billiards	1
10. Boxing	1
11. Chess	1
12. Dancesport	1
13. Demo to Regular Sports – Karatedo	1
14. Demo to Regular Sports – Kick Boxing	1
15. Demo to Regular Sports – Soft Tennis	1
16. Futsal	1
17. Football	1
18. Gymnastics – AERO	1
19. Gymnastics – MAG	1
20. Gymnastics – RG	1
21. Gymnastics – WAG	1
22. Para Games – Intellectual Disability	1
23. Para Games – Orthopedically Handicapped	1
24. Para Games – Visually Impaired	1
25. Pencak Silat	1
26. Sepak Takraw	1
27. Softball	1
28. Swimming	1
29. Table Tennis	1
30. Taekwondo	1
31. Tennis	1
32. Volleyball	1
33. Weightlifting	1
34. Wrestling	1
35. Wushu	1
TWG	
1. DSO	1

2. DSAC	1
Total per SDO	**37**

6. The identified participants shall preferably be personnel who are presently involved in sports officiating and who may subsequently serve in Division, Regional, and other DepEd-sanctioned athletic competitions.

7. The Host Division shall:

a. identify and arrange appropriate venues for the two-day training and assessment;
b. coordinate with the SDOs regarding participants and logistical requirements;
c. assist in the preparation of training rooms, equipment, and facilities appropriate for the different sports/events;
d. coordinate with the Regional Office regarding the requirements of resource speakers, facilitators, and the Technical Working Group;
e. manage the funds downloaded for the conduct of the accreditation; and
f. ensure the proper utilization and liquidation of funds pursuant to existing government accounting, budgeting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.

8. The corresponding funds for the implementation of the activity shall be downloaded by the Regional Office to the designated Host Division. The funds shall cover authorized expenses for participants, resource speakers, members of the Technical Working Group, certificates, supplies, training materials, and other necessary expenses related to the conduct of the accreditation, subject to existing government rules and regulations.

9. The activity shall be funded from the 2026 Palarong Pambansa Budget Savings, subject to the availability of funds and applicable budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.

10. Resource speakers and facilitators shall be selected from qualified technical experts and/or duly recognized or accredited officials from the respective sports associations or National Sports Associations (NSAs), as may be appropriate.

11. The first meal to be provided shall be breakfast on Day 1, while the last meal shall be the PM snack on Day 2.

12. The Regional Sports Program Team shall ensure that the conduct of the accreditation includes appropriate technical lectures, rules updating, workshops, practical demonstrations, assessments, and other requirements necessary to determine the competency of participants for accreditation.

The accreditation assessment shall consist of a Written Examination equivalent to forty percent (40%) and a Practical Assessment equivalent to sixty percent (60%) of the participant's final rating.

13. Participants who successfully meet the prescribed accreditation requirements shall be included in the Regional Pool/Registry of Accredited Technical Officials, which shall serve as a reference in the selection and deployment of Technical Officials for the Regional Athletic Association (R1AA) Meet and other DepEd-sanctioned sports competitions.

Accredited Technical Officials who pass the prescribed assessment shall be given priority for deployment in the R1AA Meet, subject to applicable qualifications and requirements. Should additional Technical Officials be required, experienced Technical Officials with the endorsement of their respective Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) may be considered.

14. Since the activity is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, participants, resource speakers, and members of the Technical Working Group may be granted Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) for services rendered during the weekend, subject to the applicable provisions of DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 and existing rules and regulations.

15. Travel and other incidental expenses of participants, when applicable and authorized, shall be charged against local funds or other available sources of funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

16. The members of the Technical Working Group (TWG), Division Sports Officers (DSOs), Division Sports Activities Coordinators (DSACs), and Resource Speakers may report to their respective assigned venues after lunch on October 16, 2026, to undertake the necessary preparations, coordination, and setting up of training rooms, equipment, materials, and other requirements for the conduct of the seminar.

17. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

For the Regional Director:

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Encl.: As stated
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