Regional Memorandum
No. 226 s. 2024

SUBMISSION OF THE LIST OF MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION HELP DESK DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEET

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum OUOPS-2024-05-00946 ¹, dated February 05, 2023, and Regional Memorandum No. 93, s. 2024 ², dated February 08, 2024, this Office through the Field Technical Assistance Division requests for the submission of the list of members from the Schools Division Offices to be assigned to their respective Division LRP Help Desk during the conduct of RAAM on April 7-13, 2024.

2. This aims to reiterate DepEd’s zero-tolerance policy for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse and emphasizes the importance of operationalizing the Learner Rights and Protection Desk, specifically in the Schools through the Child Protection Committees where playing venues and billeting quarters will be situated.

3. Moreover, to ensure the establishment of the Learner Rights and Protection Help Desk, the Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Person and a Registered Guidance Counselor shall be part of the members of the team.

4. Submission of the list of members is on or before April 5, 2024. The identified members shall attend the virtual preparatory meeting on April 3, 2024, 2:00 pm via zoom. The meeting link is https://bit.ly/4aCbP79

¹ Establishment of the Learner Rights and Protection Help Desk and Implementation of Learner Rights and Protection Guidelines in the conduct of Sports Events
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5. Travel and other related expenses of the members shall be charged against their local funds, subject to the existing auditing rules and regulations.

6. For further details, you may contact the Chief of the Field Technical Assistance Division and Regional Learner Rights and Protection Focal, Mr. Michael Girard R. Alba at 09178882831 or via email at michael.alba@deped.gov.ph or Ms. Rochelle May M. Nisola via email at rochellmay.nisola@deped.gov.ph.

7. Immediate compliance and dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM
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TO : Regional Directors
     Minister of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education,
     BARMM
     Schools Division Superintendents
     ESDD Chiefs
     Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
     School Heads
     All Other Concerned

FROM : Atty. Rebeca A. Escobedo
       Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : Establishment of the Learner Rights and Protection Desk and Implementation of Learner Rights and Protection Guidelines in the Conduct of Sports Events

DATE : February 5, 2024

This has reference to the conduct of preliminary competitions leading to the 64th Palarong Pambansa, such as intramurals, division, and regional meets, in compliance with OASOPS Memorandum dated January 16, 2024, titled "General Information on the Conduct of the 2024 Palarong Pambansa Lower Meets." this Office through the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) issues this Guidelines for the strict implementation of the DepEd Child Protection Policy in all sports events and playing venues, guaranteeing special protection to our learner-athletes and establishment of the Learner Rights and Protection Desk.

During the 63rd Palarong Pambansa, this Office has issued OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-07-3976 dated April 13, 2023, establishing the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) National and Regional Steering Committee, aimed at addressing the issues and concerns of our learner-athletes reported before, during, and after the 2023 Palarong Pambansa. Relatedly, this Office commends the Regional LRP Desks who have conducted numerous activities for our learner-athletes, including the conduct of psychological first-aid, recreational activities, and counseling sessions for our learners.

For this year, this Office once again reiterates DepEd's zero-tolerance policy for any act of learner abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse, and emphasizes the importance of operationalizing the Learner Rights and Protection Desk (LRPD), specifically in the schools through the Child...
Protection Committees (CPC) or the Learner Rights and Protection Committees (LRPC) where playing venues and billeting quarters will be situated.

The Learner Rights and Protection Desk shall cover all grade levels, and be composed of the Chairperson, preferably the school head, Co-Chairperson, preferably the Guidance Counselor, and Members to be composed of teachers and members of the CPC/LRPC. The LRPD is expected to have close coordination with the local government unit in their locality, including like-minded agencies for easy referral. The LRPD must have a dedicated helpline number or post the Learners Contact Center Helpline Number in a conspicuous place in all playing venues and billeting quarters.

Moreover, the LRPO with the assistance of the Schools Division Office of Marikina City has crafted the Learner Athletes Safeguarding Guidelines, which may serve as guidance in the protocols for handling reported learner-athlete concerns, especially in the aspect of enforcing preventive and protective mechanisms. The Safeguarding Guidelines also include the different duties and responsibilities of the coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, and the learner-athletes themselves. Faithful compliance with these Safeguarding Guidelines shall ensure a safe space and positive experience for all delegates, especially for all our learner-athletes. Enclosed is a copy of the Safeguarding Guidelines and reporting template, for reference and dissemination.

The Regional and Division Learner Rights and Protection focal personnel shall monitor the strict implementation and creation of the LRP Desks within their locality. All reported learner-athlete concerns and the actions immediately taken thereafter shall be reported immediately to the Learners Contact Center Helpline.

For queries and clarifications, kindly contact the Learner Rights and Protection Office at (02) 8638-1872 or lrpo@deped.gov.ph

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

Thank you.
Regional Memorandum
No. 93 s. 2024

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION DESK AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF SPORTS EVENTS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. OUOPS-2024-05-00946¹, this Office, through the Field Technical Assistance Division, reiterates the establishment of the Learner Rights and Protection Desk and the Implementation of Learner Rights and Protection Guidelines in the Conduct of Sports Events.

2. This aims to reiterate DepEd’s zero-tolerance policy for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse and emphasizes the importance of operationalizing the Learner Rights and Protection Desk, specifically in the schools through the Child Protection Committees or the Learner Rights and Protection Committees where playing venues and billeting quarters will be situated.

3. The Division Learner Rights and Protection focal person shall monitor the strict implementation and creation of the Learner Rights and Protection Desk within their locality and is also requested to submit a narrative report through email at fta.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph. All reported learner-athlete concerns and the actions immediately taken thereafter shall be reported to the Learner TeleSafe Contact Center Helpline.

4. The LRPO, with the assistance of the Schools Division Office of Marikina City, has crafted the Learner Athletes Safeguarding Guidelines, which may serve as guidance in the protocols for handling reported learner-athlete concerns, especially in the aspect of enforcing preventive and protective

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