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REQUEST FOR THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION DESK COMMITTEE FOR THE 2025 ATHLETICS MEET

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. OUOPS-2025-11-00521¹, this Office through the Field Technical Assistance Division, requests for the reconstitution of the aforementioned subject.
2. This aims to:
 - a. Conduct consultation and coordination with the LRPD, appropriate school governance level, and concerned stakeholders to ensure the safety and protection of participating learners;
 - b. Conduct psychological first aid;
 - c. Provide immediate response to reported LRP incidents;
 - d. Provide 4Rs of child protection (recognize, record, report, and refer);
 - e. Conduct pre-orientation on the code of conduct for coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, including their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the protection of our learner-athletes; and
 - f. Provide report to the regional office, Schools Division Office, and LRPD on the LRP incidents handled.
3. Please refer to the attached DepEd Memorandum for the composition of the LRP Desk Committee per governance level.
4. Moreover, the Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Person shall ensure the establishment of the LRP Help Desk during the athletics meet in different levels and more specifically during the conduct of the 2025 Regional Athletic Association Meet. The guidelines and other details for the monitoring of LRP Helpdesk during the 2025 Regional Athletic Association Meet will be announced on a separate issuance.

¹ Reconstitution of the Learner Rights and Protection Desk in the preparation for the 2025 athletics meet

5. For further details, please contact the Chief of the Field Technical Assistance Division, Mr. Michael Girard R. Alba, via email at michael.alba@deped.gov.ph, or Ms. Rochelle May M. Nisola, via email at rochellemay.nisola@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.



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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
MINISTER, BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
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SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Assistant Secretary, Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **RECONSTITUTION OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION DESK IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2025 ATHLETICS MEET**

DATE : January 22, 2025

In preparation for the upcoming Regional, Division, and Athletic Meet for 2025, the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) requests the reconstitution of the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Desks in the regions and divisions, as well as the strengthening of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) in schools who shall automatically convene as the LRP Desk officers in the schools.

To recall, the LRP Desk was first established during the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* in Marikina City. The pioneer program proved to be a success as all participants from the regions – learner-athlete, trainers, coaches, chaperones, and parents; including the different sectors of the community were mobilized to ensure the protection of our learner-athletes from all forms of abuse, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of exploitation

In the following year, the LRPD strengthened the operationalization of the LRP Desk through its integration into the different sporting activities i.e. regional, division, and school meet including other off-campus activities such as the National Festival of Talents (NFOT) and National Schools Press Conference (NSPC).

Accordingly, our LRP Desk officers were able to provide immediate intervention to our learner-participants including psychological first-aid (PFA) and referral as needed. Additionally, our LRP Desk officers conduct regular “*Kamustahan Sessions*” and other recreational activities for the health and wellness of our learner-participants.

For this year, the LRPD requests the reconstitution of the LRP Desks in the different governance levels, specifically to:

- a. conduct consultation and coordination with the LRPD, appropriate school governance level, and concerned stakeholders to ensure the safety and protection of participating learners;
- b. conduct psychological first-aid;
- c. provide immediate response to reported LRP incidents;
- d. provide the 4Rs of child protection (recognize, record, report, and refer);
- e. conduct pre-orientation on the code of conduct for coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, including their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the protection of our learner-athletes; and
- f. provide report to the Regional Office, Division Office, and LRPD on the LRP incidents handled.

As a reminder, the LRP Desk shall cover all grade levels, and shall be composed of:

A. For the Region/Division level:

- a. Chairperson – Regional or Division Permanent focal person
- b. Vice-Chairperson - Regional or Division Alternate focal person or Registered Guidance Counselor as may be designated by the Chairperson
- c. Members – composed of DepEd personnel who has undergone LRP Specialization Course

B. School level:

- a. Chairperson – School Head
- b. Vice-Chairperson - Guidance Counselor/Guidance Designate
- c. Members – composed of teachers and members of the CPC

Moreover, the CPCs in schools are requested to convene as LRP Desk for their respective schools ensuring the safety of our learners in their billeting quarters and playing venues.

The LRP Desk is expected to have close coordination with the local government unit in their locality, including other relevant agencies for referral purposes. Additionally, the LRP Desk should have a dedicated helpline number, indicating the LRP Desk Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson's contact number and the Learners Telesafe Contact Center Helpline Number (LTCCH) in all activity venues and billeting quarters.

For reference, this Office issued Learner-Athlete Safeguarding Guidelines for the 2024 *Palarong Pambansa*, which includes the enforcement of prevention and intervention mechanisms, duties and responsibilities of the coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, and the learner-athletes. The same Safeguarding Guidelines may be used for this year's Athletic meet.

To ensure compliance thereof, the Division and Regional LRP focal personnel shall monitor the strict implementation and creation of the LRP Desks. All reported

learner-athlete concerns and the intervention and/or actions taken shall be reported immediately to the Learners Telesafe Contact Center Helpline.

For details, inquiries, and clarification, you may reach the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) at lrpo@deped.gov.ph or contact 8638-1782.

For immediate dissemination.

Thank you very much.