



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION IV-A CALABARZON

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**Regional Memorandum**

**2026 REGIONAL ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIATING OFFICIALS (RATO)**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In support of the DepEd CALABARZON's thrust to further enhance the quality of the Regional Athletic Association Meet (RAAM), particularly in ensuring efficient management and the proper conduct of competitions for the sports featured in the annual scholastic multi-sport event<sup>1</sup>, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division, shall the conduct the 2026 Regional Accreditation of Technical Officials (RATO) on **February 19-21, 2026**. The venue shall be issued in a separate memorandum.
2. The following are the objectives of the activity:
  - a. Assess the knowledge and skills in technical officiating through the administration of written and practical examinations using mock scenarios and role-playing exercises to simulate real-life situations;
  - b. Evaluate current fitness status of participants as a basis for determining their qualification to officiate in school sports competitions;
  - c. Educate the participants about ethical considerations, professionalism, and the code of conduct they are expected to observe during the conduct of the competitions; and
  - d. Update and refresh participants' knowledge on the latest rule amendments, technological advancements, and best practices relevant to their respective sports.
3. Each participant per sport shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. **Must be 52 years old and below;**
  - b. **Must have served and officiated in the Regional Meet and City/Division Meet;**
  - c. **Must be physically fit to perform the physical fitness tests.**
4. Before the practicum and written examination, an online discussion on the rules and regulations for each event will be conducted by the respective event accreditors. Attendance is mandatory for all participants on **February 19, 2026** at **9:00 A.M onwards**.

<sup>1</sup> 2025 National Accreditation of Technical Officials dated September 29, 2025  
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5. For the written and practicum, all participants are expected to attend the scheduled sessions. They are required to wear the appropriate sports attire and bring the necessary sports equipment for the Accreditation practical sessions.
6. During registration, participants shall present their **approved travel authority** signed by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), **Medical Certificate** (physically fit), and **Replacement Letter, if applicable**, duly signed by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS). Failure to present the said requirements will be grounds for non-accommodation for the activity.
7. The participants in the 2026 RATO shall be classified based on the results of their **written** and **practical examinations** and **fitness tests**, and the corresponding levels of officiating, as follows:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>LEVEL OF OFFICIATING</b>
a. <b>Class A</b>	Regional Level
b. <b>Class B</b>	Division Level
c. <b>Class C</b>	District and Lowest Level (Zone, Cluster, Unit)

8. School heads concerned are highly requested to assign alternate teacher/s to handle the affected classes under DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance".
9. Moreover, teacher participants shall be entitled to service credits pursuant to the provisions set under DepEd Order No. 53. S 2003, entitled "Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credit to Teachers," and compensatory time off to Teaching-related attendees such as Head Teachers or School Heads.
10. Travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against Local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations, and food and accommodation of the participants shall be charged to Regional Funds.
11. Participants shall also bring their beddings, pillows, and blankets.
12. A virtual coordination meeting with the host division (General Trias City) accreditors, and ESSD Sports focal persons shall be conducted on **February 10, 2026** at **10:00-12:00 P.M** via MS Teams through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VM-2026-RATO> .
13. For inquiry, kindly contact Dr. Eduarda M. Zapanta, Chief Education Supervisor, or Mr. Ramil G. Ginete, Regional Sports Officer/Project Development IV at [essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph).
14. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.

  
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 Regional Director

**Annex A.** List of Participants for the 2026 Regional Accreditation of Technical Officials (RATO).

<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>No.</b>
Resource Person	Central Office	2
Regional Office ESSD Personnel /TWG	Regional Office	6
Division Sports Officers	(25) School Division Offices	25
Technical Officials	(25) School Division Offices	389
Facilitators for Physical Fitness Test (PFT)	Selected School Division Offices	9
<b>Accreditors</b> <b>(19) Sports Discipline :</b> 1. Archery                    11. Softball 2. Arnis                        12. Volleyball 3. Baseball                    13. Tennis 4. Basketball                14. Aero Gymnastics 5. Boxing                        15. Rhythmic Gymnastics 6. Chess                         16. MAG 7. Dancesports               17. WAG 8. Football                     18. Goal Ball 9. Sepak Takraw            19. Weightlifting 10. Pencak Silat	Selected Tournament Managers	19
Sports Coordinators	General Trias City	19
Medical Nurses	General Trias City	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>472</b>