



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1253, s. 2025

November 19, 2025

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

**PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2025 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION OF TECHNICAL
OFFICIALS**

1. In reference to the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations Memorandum 2025-05-0599, the Palarong Pambansa Secretariat will conduct the **2025 National Accreditation of Technical Officials (NATO)** as follows:

Schedule	Venue	Sports
November 25 – 28, 2025	Cagayan de Oro City	Arnis, Aerobic Gymnastics, Badminton, Baseball, Boxing, Pencak Silat, Softball, Tennis, Wrestling, Weightlifting
November 24-27, 2025	Grand Palm Villas and Hotel, Tagum City	Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Dancesport, Futsal, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Wushu

2. This aims to widen the pool of accredited officials who will serve in the future editions of the Palarong Pambansa.

3. The participants (see Enclosure No. 1. List of Participants) shall secure their approved Travel Authority and Medical Certificate confirming they are physically fit. Failure to present the said requirements will be grounds for non- accommodation to the activity.

4. Furthermore, participants are requested to wear the appropriate sports attire and bring the necessary sports equipment to be used for the practical sessions.

5. Travel expenses of participants shall be charged to any available local funds subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. Attached is a copy of the reference memorandum for further information.

7. For information and dissemination.

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Encl.: As stated

Reference: OUOPS Memorandum No. 2025-05-0599

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:
ACCREDITATION SPORTS

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(Enclosure No. 1 to Regional Memorandum No. 1253 , s. 2025)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2025 NATO

Sport	Name	Division
Arnis	Samuel Lacharon	Surigao del Norte
	Fermia Beltran	Butuan City
	Alyn M. Tolero, Jr.	Tandag City
Aero Gymnastics	Maria Fe U. Lao	Surigao City
	Christine Bernadette Taruc	Siargao
	Rena Joy Abuloc	Butuan City
Badminton	Vicente Balbuena	Surigao del Sur
	Kenn Louren G. Montera	Bayugan City
	Roxanne G. Lao	Cabadbaran City
Baseball	Freddie Dulhao	Agusan del Sur
	Vincent Bryan S. Suganob	Agusan del Norte
	Rogen Partos	Surigao del Norte
Boxing	Raymond Racolcol	Surigao del Sur
	Ian O. Robillos	Cabadbaran City
	Rey Cajutol	Agusan del Sur
Pencak Silat	Mera S. Echavia	Dinagat
	Jessie Darryl Eviota	Surigao del Norte
	Juliet M. Badajos	Surigao City
Softball	Jessielyn Cuadrillero	Surigao Sur
	Ryan Negranza	Agusan del Sur
	Ruben Salazar	Butuan City
Tennis	Albert Evalle	Cabadbaran City
	Jezreel Geroche	Agusan del Sur
	Pel Olivar	Surigao del Sur
Wrestling	Rowena S. Pombo	Bislig City
	Ralph Dyne Ellar	Surigao del Sur
	Lorenzo H. Romero, Jr.	Surigao del Norte
Weightlifting	Nicolas S. Orias, Jr.	Butuan City
	Michael Vernon N. Mordeno	Agusan del Norte
	Nicole Labadan	Surigao City
Athletics	Elven M. Eco	Bislig
	Marvin Arlan	Dinagat
	Levi D. Balbarino	Butuan City
Basketball	Jose De Guzman	Dinagat
	John Philips F. Baynosa	Bayugan City
	Romnick Ronquillo	Surigao del Sur
Dancesport	Mark Joseph Elape	Surigao City
	Jonah J. Tongco	Agusan del Norte
	Clint S. Alimpoos	Bayugan City
Chess	Jonas Dumanjog	Siargao
	Erniejun Zamora	Cabadbaran City
	Ruel C. Alaán	Tandag City
Futsal	Barbie Sabandal	Agusan del Sur
	Mark Anthony Atayan	Surigao City
	Cesar Ian Elumba	Cabadbaran City

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Sport	Name	Division
Swimming	Anelyn M. Bolongaita	Surigao City
	Marilou Escabal	Surigao del Norte
	Jelyn Batumalake	Agusan del Sur
Taekwondo	Jayniel C. Monteza	Butuan City
	Jonathan T. Arcuino	Bayugan City
	Rowena Sanchez	Tandag City
Volleyball	Ianfel Gozo	Bayugan City
	Carl Vincent Linaga	Dinagat
	Quinciano E. Picasales, Jr.	Bislig City
Women's Artistic Gymnastics	Neyhra Metucua	Agusan del Norte
	Joseph J. Adlao	Siargao
	Jocelyn Erizare	Surigao del Sur
Wushu	Jonas P. Gunoy	Bislig City
	Peter A. Lopez	Agusan del Norte
	Joselito Cubillas	Butuan City



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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
BARMM
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL AND DIVISION SPORTS OFFICERS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations
Secretary General, Palarong Pambansa



SUBJECT : **2025 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION OF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

DATE : **29 September 2025**

In support to the Department of Education's (DepEd) thrust of promoting and elevating the quality of the *Palarong Pambansa*, particularly the management and conduct of the competitions for the sports featured in the annual scholastic multi-sport event, this Office, through the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, shall conduct the **2025 National Accreditation of Technical Officials (NATO)**.

The 2025 NATO aims to widen the pool of accredited technical officials who will serve in the future editions of the *Palarong Pambansa*. Specifically, the Accreditation aims to:

- 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;
- evaluate current fitness status of participants as basis in determining qualified technical officials to officiate in school sports competitions;
- educate the participants about ethical considerations, professionalism, and the code of conduct they are expected to observe during the conduct of the competitions; and
- refresh the participants to stay updated with the latest rule changes, technological advancements, and best practices in their respective sport.

The participants to the 2025 NATO shall be classified based on the results of their **written** and **practical examinations** and **fitness tests**, and the corresponding levels of officiating, as follows:

Classification		Palarong Pambansa Level of Officiating
Class A		National, Regional, and Division Level
Class B	B+	National, Regional, and Division Level
	B	Regional and Division Level
	B-	Regional and Division Level
Class C		Division Level and below

The 2025 NATO shall be conducted in three (3) clusters and to be co-hosted by the following regions with the corresponding details:

Cluster	Regional Co-Host	Participating Regions	Schedule/ Venue	Sports
I. Luzon	Region III	Regions I, II, III, IVA, IVB, 5, CAR, and NCR	Nov 26-28, 2025 Venue: TBA	Football, Pencak Silat, Sepak Takraw, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Wushu,
	Region IVA		Feb. 2026 Venue: TBA	Aerobic Gymnastics, Archery, Arnis, Athletics, Billiards, Boxing, Dancesport, Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Weightlifting
II. Visayas	Region VII	Regions VI, VII, VIII, and NIR	Oct. 27-30, 2025 Ecotech, Lahug, Cebu	Archery, Arnis, Athletics, Boxing, Chess, Futsal, Pencak Silat, Sepak Takraw, Swimming, Wushu
III. Mindanao	Region X	Regions IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, and BARMM	Nov. 24-28, 2025 Venue: TBA	Arnis, Aerobic Gymnastics, Badminton, Baseball, Boxing, Pencak Silat, Softball, Tennis, Wrestling, Weightlifting
	Region XI		Nov. 24-28, 2025 Davao City	Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Dancesport, Futsal, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Wushu

The regional co-hosts are enjoined to provide the administrative and logistical requirements necessary for the effective conduct of the Accreditation.

The participants to the 2025 NATO must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be **52 years old and below**;
- b. Must have **served and officiated in the *Palarong Pambansa***, at least in the **regional or division meet** for the **past three (3) editions**; and
- c. Must be **physically fit** to perform the physical fitness tests. Pregnant women are discouraged to participate in the Accreditation.

Participants shall secure their approved Travel Authority signed by the Regional Director and/or Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), and Medical Certificate (physically fit). Failure to present said requirements will be grounds for non-accommodation to the activity.

Further, participants are requested to wear the appropriate sports attire and bring the necessary sports equipment to be used during the practical sessions of the Accreditation.

All participants are encouraged to attend and finish the Accreditation course, from Day 1 up to the last day, to be eligible to receive the Certificate of Accreditation.

All concerned are enjoined to authorize the attendance of their region's respective participants to the 2025 NATO. However, the schools division offices, through the school heads, shall ensure that a substitute teacher will take over the classes in the absence of their respective teaching personnel who will participate in the Accreditation to prevent disruption of classes.

Moreover, participants shall be entitled to service credits pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 entitled *Revised Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*.

Funds to cover expenses relative to the conduct of the 2025 NATO such as food and accommodation of the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat/management staff, resource persons/accreditors, and participants, and other allowable expenses shall be downloaded to the respective regional co-hosts, charged against the 2025 Physical Fitness and School Sports (PFSS) Funds. Travel expenses of the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat/management staff and resource persons/accreditors are chargeable against the PFSS Funds while travel expenses of participants shall be charged against their respective local funds. All aforementioned expenses to be incurred are subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and inquiries, you may contact the ***Palarong Pambansa Secretariat*** at telephone number (02) 8687-4146 or through email address palarong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.