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1. This is in reference to the enclosed Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS) Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-05-08874 dated February 16, 2026 entitled **Conduct of Various Conferences Relative to the Staging of the 2026 Palarong Pambansa**.
2. As stated in the Memorandum, the **Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference** is scheduled to take place in August 2026.
3. However, due to possible adjustments in *Palarong Pambansa*-related activities brought about by the three-term school calendar, the Post Conference will instead be conducted at an earlier schedule, specifically on **July 20-23, 2026** in Agusan del Sur Province.
4. Participants/attendees are expected to arrive on **July 20, 2026**, with **dinner** as the first meal to be served. The last meal to be served is **lunch** on **July 23, 2026**.
5. Enclosed herewith is the **List of Participants/Attendees to the Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference** and **Program Matrix** for information and reference.
6. All other provisions in OUGOPS Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-05-08874 shall remain in effect.
7. For more information and inquiries, you may contact the **Palarong Pambansa Secretariat** at telephone number (02) 8687-4146 or through email address palorong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph.

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Secretary General, Palarong Pambansa*





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MEMORANDUM

OM-OUGOPS-2026- OT-08874

**TO : REGIONAL/BUREAU DIRECTORS
MINISTER OF BASIC HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION, BARMM
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL SPORTS OFFICERS
TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
PALARONG PAMBANSA SECRETARIAT
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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

**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF VARIOUS CONFERENCES RELATIVE TO THE
STAGING OF THE 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA**

DATE : 19 February 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall conduct the **66th edition of the Palarong Pambansa** from May 24 to May 31, 2026 in Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur (PGAS).

To ensure the successful staging of the annual scholastic multi-sport competition-both for the 2026 edition and future staging-this office, through the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, shall facilitate the conduct of a series of pre and post *Palarong Pambansa* conferences as follows:

Activity	Date	Venue
Organizational Planning and Technical Conference	March 23-25, 2026	Agusan del Sur
Final Technical Conference	April 2026	Agusan del Sur
Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference	August 2026	To be Determined

The **Organizational Planning and Technical Conference** and the **Final Technical Conference** shall serve as venues to discuss key matters essential to the successful hosting of the 2026 *Palarong Pambansa*. These include, but are not limited to, the overall preparations of the host-LGU; the readiness of playing venues and billeting schools; the terms of reference of both national and local working committees; sport-specific technical guidelines; and policies and procedures governing the conduct of the competition.

On the other hand, the **Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference** aims to assess and evaluate the overall conduct of the 2026 *Palarong Pambansa*. Further, this activity seeks to identify best practices and innovations worth replicating, determine areas that require improvement or enhancement; and generate recommendations or suggestions that will contribute to the successful staging of the future editions of the *Palarong Pambansa*.

The participants to these conferences are the regional directors/assistant regional directors, regional sports officers (RSOs), 2026 *Palarong Pambansa* tournament directors, national and local technical working committee chairpersons, personnel for the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and personnel from other offices necessary in the conduct of said activities to be identified by this office. Kindly refer to the enclosed **List of Participants** for easy reference.

Participants are expected to arrive at and depart from the venue on the date stated above, except for those attending the Final Technical Conference and the Post 2026 *Palarong Pambansa* Conference, for which the final schedules will be announced separately. The schedule of the first and last meals per activity is provided below;

Activity	First Meal	Last Meal
Organizational Planning and Technical Conference	March 22, 2026 (Dinner)	March 25, 2026 (Lunch)
Final Technical Conference	TBA	TBA
Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference	TBA	TBA

The regional directors/schools division superintendents are enjoined to authorize the participation of their respective concerned personnel, as their presence is vital to the successful attainment of the objectives of the aforementioned conferences.

Expenses such as food and accommodation of all participants, shall be charged against the downloaded fund, and travel expenses of the tournament directors, personnel of the *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and other members of the management staff shall be charged against AC-26-PPS-PFSS-025 Funds, while travel expenses of the regional directors/assistant regional directors, RSOs, personnel from the PSC, and national and local technical working committee chairpersons shall be charged against their respective local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and clarifications, you may contact the **Palarong Pambansa Secretariat** through email address palarong.pambansa@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of the Memorandum is desired.

PARTICIPANTS TO THE POST 2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA CONFERENCE

PALARONG PAMBANSA BOARD		
NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Hon. Sonny M. Angara	DepEd Secretary / Chairman of the Board
2	Hon. Juan Victor C. Remulla Jr. (or his duly authorized representative)	DILG Secretary
3	Hon. John Patrick C. Gregorio (or his duly authorized representative)	PSC Chairman
4	Malcolm S. Garma	DepEd Undersecretary / Secretary General
5	Atty. Peter Irving C. Corvera	DepEd Undersecretary
6	Wilfredo E. Cabral	DepEd Undersecretary
7	Atty. Mel John I. Versoza	DepEd Undersecretary
8	Atty. Edson Byron K. Sy	DepEd Assistant Secretary
9	Roger B. Masapol	DepEd Assistant Secretary
10	Jocelyn DR Andaya	DepEd Assistant Secretary

REGIONAL DIRECTORS		
NO.	NAME	REGION
11	Estela L. Cariño (or her Asst. Regional Director)	Ilocos
12	Benjamin D. Paragas (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Cagayan Valley
13	Tolentino G. Aquino (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Central Luzon
14	Carlito D. Rocafort (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CALABARZON
15	Ronnie S. Mallari (or his Asst. Regional Director)	MIMAROPA
16	Gilbert T. Sadsad (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Bicol
17	Cristito A. Eco (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Western Visayas
18	Ramir B. Uytico (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Negros Island Region
19	Arturo B. Bayocot (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Central Visayas
20	Salustiano T. Jimenez (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Eastern Visayas
21	Ronelo Al K. Firmo (or his Asst. Regional Director)	Zamboanga Peninsula
22	Ruth L. Fuentes (or her Asst. Regional Director)	Northern Mindanao
23	Maria Ines C. Asuncion (or her Asst. Regional Director)	Davao
24	Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte (or his Asst. Regional Director)	SOCCSKSARGEN
25	Allan G. Farnazo (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CARAGA
26	Nicolas T. Capulong (or his Asst. Regional Director)	CAR
	Jocelyn DR Andaya (or her Asst. Regional Director)	NCR
27	Mohagher M. Iqbal (or his authorized representative)	BARMM

NAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
NO.	NAME	OFFICE
28	Francisco "Kiko" Diaz	NAS

REGIONAL SPORTS OFFICERS / NAS SPORTS OFFICER		
NO.	NAME	REGION
29	Dr. Ryan E. Bantiding	Ilocos
30	ARD Florante E. Vergara	Cagayan Valley
31	Sammy P. Sampang	Central Luzon
32	Benito L. Picones	CALABARZON
33	Dr. Esmeraldo G. Lalo	MIMAROPA
34	Francisco Dexter O. Sison	Bicol
35	Dr. Leonerico E. Barredo	Western Visayas
36	Eric S. Bacolado	Negros Island Region
37	Tomas T. Pastor	Central Visayas
38	Alejandra B. Lagumbay	Eastern Visayas
39	Mario Shoji N. Romarate	Zamboanga Peninsula
40	Dr. Ricardo G. Dragon	Northern Mindanao
41	Engr. Alim J. Maguindanao	Davao
42	Dr. Magdaleno C. Duhilag Jr.	SOCCKSARGEN
43	Dr. Jumer C. Carlon	CARAGA
44	Edgar C. Madlaing	CAR
45	ARD Rita E. Riddle	NCR
46	Dr. Yusoph "Thong" A. Amino	BARMM
47	Arvin Gonzales	NAS

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS (REGULAR SPORTS)		
NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION / SPORT
48	Mildred M. De Leon	Tournament Director for Archery
49	Amado Macayan	Tournament Director for Arnis
50	Ms. Jeanette U. Obiena	Tournament Director for Athletics
51	Sergio Cabrera	Tournament Director for Badminton
52	Jessie Cecil Munar	Tournament Director for Baseball
53	Reynante Hufana	Assistant Tournament Director for Basketball
54	Dr. Edilberto Abalos	Former Tournament Director for Basketball
55	Hermes C. Dela Cruz	Tournament Director for Billiards
56	Dr. Maximo Abalos	Assistant Tournament Director for Boxing
57	Reden Cruz	Tournament Director for Chess
58	Maria Donna D. Cosejo	Tournament Director for Dancesport
59	Rufino B. Arellano	Tournament Director for Football
60	Joel S. Barcelo	Tournament Director for Futsal
61	Annalou M. Carreon	Tournament Director for Aerobic Gymnastics

62	Celso M. Mayol Jr.	Tournament Director for Men's Artistic Gymnastics
63	Roselle Robledo	Tournament Director for Women's Artistic Gymnastics
64	Kris Joy J. Leeping	Tournament Director for Rhythmic Gymnastics
65	Emmar Progelia	Tournament Director for Pencak Silat
66	Michael P. Bengco	Tournament Director for Sepak Takraw
67	Paulo M. Tabirara	Tournament Director for Softball
68	Leo Angelo A. Sanchez	Tournament Director for Swimming
69	Alfredo Alpil Camacho III	Tournament Director for Table Tennis
70	Harny Tabuada	Tournament Director for Taekwondo
71	Apolinario Aldama	Tournament Director for Tennis
72	Dr. Arnel Hajan	Tournament Director for Volleyball
73	Hidilyn Diaz	Tournament Director for Weightlifting
74	Julius Naranjo	Technical Representative, Weightlifting
75	Roel Pacional	Tournament Director for Wrestling
76	Christopher Lensig	Tournament Director for Wushu
77	Joel Deriada	Tournament Director for Paragames

The Assistant Tournament Director is authorized to represent the Tournament Director when the latter is unavailable to attend the Conference

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS (DEMONSTRATION SPORTS)		
NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION / SPORT
78	Representative	Tournament Director for Karate
79	Representative	Tournament Director for Kickboxing
80	Representative	Tournament Director for Soft Tennis

TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES (EXHIBITIONS SPORTS)		
NO.	NAME	SPORT
81	Representative	Muaythai
82	Representative	Paragames event (Sitting Volleyball)
83	Representative	Paragames event (Table Tennis)

NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		
NO.	NAME	COMMITTEE
84	Jason R. Razal	Technical Management & Administration
85	Wilma Ecalnir	Finance
86	Cholita F. Tiong	
87	Sonia R. de Leon	
88	Jason V. Mercene	Media & Communications
89	Rolly V. Soriano	Marketing & Sponsorships
90	Deogracias B. Genito, Jr.	Games Results, Communication, & Documentation
91	Gina R. Viduya	Special Events
92	Dan Paul H. Santos	Protocols & VIP
93	John Patrick S. Sebastian	

		Administrative Support & General Services
94	Mary Jane de Guzman	▪ Registration & Accommodation
95	Dr. Yolanda Gonzales	▪ Awards & Ceremonies
96	Dr. Bryan T. Aniag	▪ Medical
97	Dir. Ariz Delson Acay D. Cawilan	Jury of Appeals
98	Dir. Jennifer E. Lopez	Evaluation
99	Dr. Miguel Angelo Mantaring	Health, Safety, and Welfare
100	Dir. Felino O. Castro V	
101	Atty. Razzel Anne T. Requesto	Disciplinary
102	Atty. Cornelio A. Pacala	National Screening & Accreditation
103	Engr. Eduardo Clariza	PSC Technical Evaluation Team
104	Rachel R. Dumuk	PSC Technical Evaluation Team

PALARONG PAMBANSA SECRETARIAT

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	TOR
105	Marivic B. Tolitol	Officer-in-Charge	Over-all Supervision
106	Lemuel C. Valles	Project Development Officer III	Focal Person
107	Maria Erika Antonio	Administrative Officer IV	Facilitator/Documenter
108	Romeo B. Tuddao Jr.	Technical Assistant III	Facilitator
109	Babylyn Rabino	Technical Assistant II	Technical/Admin. Support
110	Genalyn De Asis	Technical Assistant II	Technical/Admin. Support
111	Ma. Angela C. Ruales	Technical Assistant II	Technical/Admin. Support
112	Jason Mina	Administrative Support II	Administrative Support

2027 PALARONG PAMBANSA HOST-LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

NO.	NAME	OFFICE
113	Official / Representative	Local Government of Quezon City
114	Official / Representative	Local Government of Quezon City
115	Official / Representative	Local Government of Quezon City

2026 PALARONG PAMBANSA LOCAL WORKING COMMITTEES

Province of Agusan del Sur
LGU-Bayugan City
DepEd-CARAGA Region
DepEd SDO Agusan del Sur
DepEd SDO Bayugan City

PROGRAMME MATRIX

POST 2026 *PALARONG PAMBANSA* CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Day 0 (20 July)	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS First Meal: Dinner	
Day 1 (21 July)	08:00 a.m.	I. Preliminaries II. Registration and Submission of Reports
	09:00 a.m.	I. OPENING PROGRAM A. Sports Talents in Naliyagan Culture: A Celebration B. Messages from Officials ▪ <i>Palarong Pambansa</i> Board ▪ Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur ▪ DepEd-CARAGA Region ▪ SDO-Agusan del Sur ▪ SDO-Bayugan City C. Post 2026 Palarong Pambansa Conference Overview ▪ Official Result of the 2026 <i>Palarong Pambansa</i> ▪ Evaluation Result of the 2026 <i>Palarong Pambansa</i>
	12:00 noon	Lunch Break
	01:00 p.m.	II. ACCOMPLISHMENT DASHBOARD A. Active Regional Engagement ▪ Testimonies of PP Attendees (Video Clip) ▪ Regional Participation Report ▪ Screening and Accreditation Report B. Operations Management ▪ Programs, Ceremonies and Other Events ▪ Health and Medical Report ▪ Safety and Security Report ▪ Disciplinary Report ▪ Donations and Sponsorship Report ▪ Registration and Accommodation ▪ Media and Communications ▪ Playing Venue Management ▪ Billeting Quarters ▪ All Other Relevant Committees

Day 2 (22 July)	08:00 a.m.	III. ACCOMPLISHMENT DASHBOARD (Continuation) C. Financial Support Management - Fund Support to regional delegations - Fund Support to the host region - Payment of Allowances, Subsidies, TEVs, and Honoraria D. Technical Management - Tournament Management Report - PSC Technical Report			
	12:00 noon	Lunch Break			
	01:00 p.m.	IV. COLLABORATIVE TEAM SESSION A. “Ready, Get Set, and Go” Approach - READY – What was planned? - GET SET – What was implemented? - GO – What should happen? <table><tr><td>1. Participation</td><td>3. Financial</td></tr><tr><td>2. Operations</td><td>4. Technical</td></tr></table>	1. Participation	3. Financial	2. Operations
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Day 3 (23 July)	08:00 a.m.	V. MOVING FORWARD TO 2027 PALARONG PAMBANSA A. Clarification on Technical Rules and Guidelines - Athletics - Swimming - Dancesport B. Discussion on Proposals on Technical Guidelines per Sport C. Potentials of the Volunteer Program D. Implementation of Sports Programs under the Academic Three-Term Calendar VI. CLOSURE			