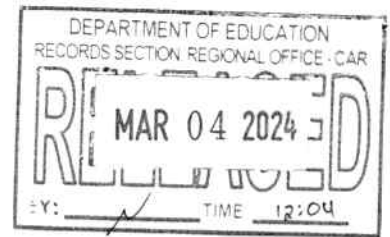




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CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



1 March 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 127.2024

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

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons /Alternate  
School Heads  
All Other Concerned

1. In compliance to Memorandum OUOPS 2024-05-00946 issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations on the conduct of the 2024 Palarong Pambansa lower meets, this office disseminates these guidelines for the strict implementation of 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.
2. Relative to this, each Schools Division Offices will establish the **Learner Rights and Protection Desk (LRPD)** during the Provincial Meet and CARAA Meet. Submit the names of the assigned members on or before March 11, 2024 to email address car.essd@deped.gov.ph or mayclaire.jimenez@deped.gov.ph.
3. Attached is a Memorandum, OUOPS for your reference for the composition of the Learners Rights and Protection Desk, their functions, protocols and other information. The members are expected to monitor the learners playing venues and billeting quarters and submit reports to the Regional LRPO.
4. For inquiries or concerns, please contact Georgina C. Ducayso (ESSD-Chief) or Mayclaire A. Jimenez (PDO IV) of the Education Support Services Division (ESSD) through 09178592657 or email address: car.essd@deped.gov.ph.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance.



  
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Director IV/Regional Director 

Enclosure: As stated  
Reference: As stated

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

**FROM :** *[Signature]*  
**Atty. Rersee 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 64<sup>th</sup> *Palarong Pamabansa*, 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 63<sup>rd</sup> *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



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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](mailto:lrpo@deped.gov.ph)

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

Thank you.