



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-140

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject: **PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS PILIPINAS ATHLETICS FESTIVAL 2026**

Date: August 18, 2026

In reference to the 1st Indorsement dated August 10, 2026, issued by the Department of Education Regional Office XI, regarding the invitation from the Special Olympics Pilipinas, this Office informs the field of the conduct of the Special Olympics Pilipinas Athletics Festival 2026 on September 26, 2026 (Saturday), from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the University of Makati.

The activity aims to provide learners and athletes with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) opportunities to participate in athletic events, develop confidence and skills through sports, and promote inclusion, empowerment, and meaningful participation of learners with disabilities. The festival also serves as part of the athlete development pathway toward the Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile.

In view of the provisions of DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, entitled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education," particularly on the protection of the Instructional Block, participation in the activity shall not compromise the required teaching and learning time. Hence, participation of DepEd personnel shall be limited to non-teaching personnel, subject to the approval and discretion of the Schools Division Superintendent, and in adherence to the policy on "No Disruption of Classes" pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith."

Participation in this activity shall be voluntary, and no government funds shall be utilized for any expenses related to the conduct and participation in the said activity.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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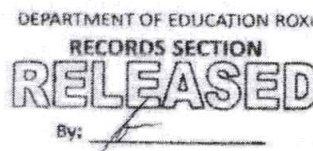


1st Indorsement
August 10, 2026

Respectfully referred to Schools Division Superintendents of Region XI, the attached invitation from the Office of Special Olympic Pilipinas, re: Special Olympics Pilipinas Athletics Festival on September 26, 2026, at the University of Makati.

In accordance with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, entitled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education," particularly the provisions on the protected Instructional Block, participation in the activity shall be limited to non-teaching personnel and shall be subject to the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendent, in adherence to the policy on "No Disruption of Classes" per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled: "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith", and no government funds shall be spent for this activity, for information.

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Davao Region Invitation | Special Olympics Pilipinas Athletics Festival – September 26, 2026

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Fri, Aug 7, 2026 at 2:15 PM

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Dear Director Allan G. Farnazo,

Warm greetings from **Special Olympics Pilipinas!**

We are pleased to invite learners and athletes with **intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)** from **Region XI – Davao Region** to participate in the **Special Olympics Pilipinas Athletics Festival 2026**.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026**Time: 7:00 AM–3:00 PM****Venue: University of Makati**

The festival will provide athletes opportunities to **run, jump, compete, build confidence, and experience belonging through sport**. It is also part of our continuing athlete-development pathway toward the **Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile**.

We respectfully request your support to **cascade this invitation to all Schools Division Offices under Region XI**, particularly the **Schools Division Superintendents, SNED/Inclusive Education focal persons, MAPEH/PE and School Sports personnel, and schools serving learners with IDD**.

Please help us identify and endorse interested athletes with IDD who may participate.

The attached invitation contains the participation categories, age brackets, and proposed athletics events.

For coordination and participation inquiries, kindly contact **Zoren Alfonso, Sports Program Manager**, at zoren@specialolympicspilipinas.org.

We would be honored to welcome athletes from the Davao Region.

Warm regards,

Armand Anthony Galicia
National Director
Special Olympics Pilipinas

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