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Attached is the Regional Advisory No. 041, s. 2026 dated February 2, 2026,
regarding the Special Olympics Pilipinas Bocce Festival.

The details and overview of the program are attached for reference.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PILIPINAS BOCCE FESTIVAL

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Rules and Guidelines

- **Event Date:** February 22, 2026
- **Organizer:** Special Olympics Pilipinas
- **Category:** 8 Years Old and Under
9-16 Years Old
17 Years old and Above

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General Rules

1. The competition follows Special Olympics Bocce Rules, with modifications specific to this event.
2. Each team consists of 2 players: • 1 Athlete with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) • 1 Unified Partners
3. The objective is to roll bocce balls closest to the pallina (small target ball).
4. The game is played on a standard bocce court (or designated area).

Match Format & Scoring

Game Format

- Each team gets 4 bocce balls (2 per player).
- Players take turns rolling their ball towards the pallina.
- The team with the closest ball to the pallina scores points.

Scoring System

- The team with the closest ball to the pallina earns 1 point per ball closer than the opponent's nearest ball.
- The match is played up to 16 points or within a time limit of 8 minutes.
- In case of tie at the end of the match, the same frame gives one ball to each team to break the tie.

Team Rotation

- Players must alternate turns with their Unified Partner.
- The order of play is determined before the match and must be followed.

Player Conduct & Safety

1. Sportsmanship is required - Respect referees, teammates, and opponents.
2. Players must roll the ball underhand - No throwing or bouncing.
3. Time Limit for Each Turn - Players must roll within 30 seconds of their turn.
4. No coaching is allowed during play - Coaching is only permitted before the match and during official breaks.

Unified Team Guidelines

1. Unified teams must demonstrate equal participation between athletes and Unified Partners.
2. Unified Partners should support and encourage their teammates but not dominate the game.
3. Teams should promote fair play and teamwork at all times.

Officiating & Disputes

1. Referees will measure distances if needed to determine scoring.
2. All referee decisions are final.
3. Any disputes must be handled through the Tournament Committee.

Awards & Recognition

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

Remaining disability champion in all of us.

Special Olympics
Pilipinas



Important Reminders

- Warm-up Time – Teams get 5 minutes before the match starts.
- Players must report to their assigned court 10 minutes before their match.

For questions or further details, please contact the Special Olympics Pilipinas Tournament Organizers.