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REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

November 3, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 690, s. 2026

PARTICIPATION AND OFFICIAL COMPOSITION OF THE DEPED AKLAN MIGHTY MAROONS IN THE DEPED REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS BASKETBALL WELLNESS PROGRAM 2.0 FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Department of Education's commitment to promoting employee wellness, physical fitness, teamwork, camaraderie, and sportsmanship, the Schools Division of Aklan shall participate in the **DepEd Region VI – Western Visayas Basketball Wellness Program 2.0 for Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel**, in line with the preparations for the 2027 Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet.

2. The program provides an opportunity for DepEd personnel across Western Visayas to strengthen professional relationships, promote healthy lifestyles, and foster unity, discipline, leadership, and mutual respect through sports.

3. The Schools Division of Aklan shall be officially represented by the **DepEd Aklan Mighty Maroons**, composed of qualified players, coaching staff, and team management personnel. The official composition of the team is provided in **Enclosure No. 1** of this Memorandum.

4. Based on the tournament schedule, the DepEd Aklan Mighty Maroons shall participate in the following elimination games:

Date	Time	Opponent	Host
November 14, 2026	4:00–6:00 PM	SDO Iloilo-B	SDO Aklan
November 28, 2026	2:00–4:00 PM	SDO Iloilo City	SDO Iloilo
December 6, 2026	2:00–4:00 PM	SDO Guimaras	Regional Office VI
December 12, 2026	2:00–4:00 PM	SDO Iloilo-A	SDO Capiz

5. The identified players, coaching staff, and team management personnel are hereby authorized to participate in the scheduled games and related official team activities, subject to existing DepEd policies, applicable rules and regulations, and necessary administrative clearances.

6. All concerned Heads of Offices and School Heads are requested to extend the necessary support and coordination to the identified personnel to facilitate their participation, provided that appropriate arrangements are made to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential office

functions and instructional services.

7. All participating personnel shall observe the prescribed tournament guidelines, eligibility requirements, and standards of discipline and sportsmanship. They are expected to uphold the integrity and good image of the Department of Education throughout the duration of the league.

8. The official tournament guidelines and schedule of games are attached as **Enclosure No. 2** for the information and guidance of all concerned. Any changes in the schedule shall be subject to official announcements by the organizing committee.

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

Dr. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosures:
Enclosure No. 1 – Official Composition of the DepEd Aklan Mighty Maroons
Enclosure No. 2 – Tournament Guidelines and Schedule of Games

Reference:
DepEd Western Visayas Basketball League 2026 Tournament Guidelines

Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 690 s. 2026

OFFICIAL COMPOSITION OF THE DEPED AKLAN MIGHTY MAROONS

DepEd Region VI – Western Visayas Basketball Wellness Program 2.0

	NAME	POSITION/DESIGNATION	STATION/OFFICE
	Official Players		
1	FELICIANO BUENAFE	Schools Division Superintendent	Division of Aklan
2	MIKE ALEJANDRO	Security Officer II	Province of Aklan (Honorary Member)
3	JUDE ULYSSES RUIZ	Public Schools District Supervisor	District of Libacao
4	JOHN LOCHING	Administrative Assistant II	Napti Integrated School
5	ARVIN SIMERA	Teacher III	Naisud Central School
6	RITCHEL TEJADA	Teacher III	Maloco National High School
7	REY EMMANUEL SOLANO	School Prinicipal I	Rizal Elementary School
8	CONFESOR INOCENCIO II	Master Teacher I	Altavas National School
9	GILBERT TENAZAS	Teacher I	Jose Borromeo Legaspi MNHS
10	JEXER REYES	School Prinicipal I	Gibon Elementary School
11	RUBEN TEJADA	Teacher III	Makato Integrated school
12	DOVEN RAMPOLA	Master Teacher I	Banga Elementary School
13	NORLITO SONIO	Security Guard	Division of Aklan
14	EDSON ANDRADE	Teacher VI	Candelaria National High School
15	SATURNINO CLEOPE JR.	Teacher III	Justicia Morales-Young National High School
16	JAY MAQUIRANG	Administrative Aide I	Division of Aklan
17	DANNY SALIDO	Teacher III	Maloco Elementary School
18	JUN CORTEZ	Master Teacher I	Guadalupe National High School
	Coaching Staff and Team Management		
1	KENETH IGLESIAS	Administrative Officer IV	Division of Aklan (Manager)
2	JAYRON VALDERAZ	School Principal II	Tangalan NHS (Coach)
3	REAN JUNE CUALING	Teacher VI	Batan Academy (Asst. Coach)
4	MATTHEW ESCALONA	Administrative Officer II	Navitas ES (Statistician)

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Enclosure No. 2 to Division Memorandum No. 690, s. 2026
Tournament Guidelines and Schedule of Games

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1161, s. 2026

CORRIGENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1118, S. 2026 TITLED DEPED REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS BASKETBALL WELLNESS PROGRAM 2.0 FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to Regional Memorandum No. 1118, s. 2026 titled **DepEd Region VI – Western Visayas Basketball Wellness Program 2.0 for Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel,** this Office issues the corrected guidelines for the perusal of all concerned.

2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III
Regional Director

Encl.: As Stated
Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 1118, s. 2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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Annex A.

DEPED BASKETBALL WELLNESS PROGRAM 2.0
REVISED GUIDELINES

I. OBJECTIVE

The DepEd Region VI – Western Visayas Basketball Wellness Program 2.0 is designed as a meaningful platform for teachers and education leaders to embody and promote positive values through the game of basketball. More than just a sporting event, the league provides an avenue to cultivate teamwork, leadership, discipline, and integrity—values that are essential both on the court and in the education profession.

By fostering camaraderie, goodwill, and sportsmanship among educators, the league reflects how the spirit of the game can strengthen collaboration, inspire excellence, and reinforce the shared commitment to molding learners and building stronger communities across Western Visayas.

II. ELIGIBILITY

1. Players must be DepEd-hired personnel, including Teachers, Administrative Officers, Administrative Assistants, Administrative Aides, Administrative Staff, Project Development Officers, Engineers, Doctors, Nurses, Contract of Service personnel, and other eligible DepEd personnel.
2. DepEd-hired players must hold a permanent position or have been engaged as Contract of Service personnel for at least six (6) months.
3. Each participating team shall submit the following documents for its players:
    a. Photocopy of Appointment or Contract; and
    b. Any valid identification card.
4. Any Honorary Member of the Sports Council of the respective Schools Division Office, such as the Governor, Vice Governor, Congressman, Board Member, City Mayor, City Vice Mayor, or City Councilor, may be included in the participating team.
5. Any violation of the aforementioned eligibility requirements shall subject the team to disqualification.

III. TEAM COMPOSITION

1. This league shall be composed of the following ten (10) teams:

    a. Schools Division of Aklan
    b. Schools Division of Antique
    c. Schools Division of Capiz
    d. Schools Division of Guimaras

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f. Schools Division of Iloilo – B
g. Schools Division of Iloilo City
h. Schools Division of Passi City
i. Schools Division of Roxas City
j. DepEd Regional Office VI

2. Participating teams must have at least fifteen (15) players, all of whom must be at least forty-five (45) years old, up to a maximum of eighteen (18) players.

3. Each team must have at least one (1) coach.

4. A player may also act as a playing coach.

5. Due to the limited pool of players, the Regional Office Team may select its players from any Schools Division Office. For emphasis, this provision is exclusive to the Regional Office Team.

IV. UNIFORM

1. All players must wear their prescribed basketball uniforms.

2. The basketball uniform must bear the team color in a 70:30 ratio, with the team's color comprising the majority of the combined colors.

3. Each player shall have a unique jersey number within the team. **Duplicate jersey numbers among players of the same team are strictly prohibited**.

V. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coaches of the participating teams must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the game and shall ensure that they are in full control of their players and bench personnel.
2. Only the coaches of the participating teams are allowed to stand and make necessary verifications, raise complaints, or file protests during the progress of the game.

VI. TEAM DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

1. A team must be present at the playing court fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled match. In case a team fails to show up after a grace period of fifteen (15) minutes, the team shall lose the game by forfeiture.
2. Players who are under the influence of liquor or any prohibited substance shall not be allowed to play.

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3. Only the coach or the Team Captain on the floor may communicate with the game officials regarding technicalities, but not judgment calls. Calmness and courtesy toward fellow players and game officials must be observed at all times.
4. A player shall be disqualified or sent out of the game if:
   a. He commits two (2) technical fouls in a game;
   b. He commits two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls in a game; or
   c. He commits both or a combination of the two types of fouls mentioned.
   d. The Technical Committee shall have the authority to disqualify any player whose actions may cause detriment to the league.
5. A player or coach who is disqualified or sent out of the game shall automatically be suspended from the next game. Repeating the same offense for the third time shall result in automatic disqualification from further participation in the league.
6. A team that walks out of the game shall lose the game by forfeiture.
7. In case of fights, every player involved shall be automatically banned from the league. A fight refers to an incident wherein a player throws a punch or kicks an opponent or engages in other physical contact that is not related to basketball. The officials and the Technical Committee shall have the final decision.
8. In the absence of the coach, the Team Captain shall act as the playing coach.
9. Players caught giving obscene signs, such as the middle finger, or heard saying bad words to any official, Technical Committee member, or opponent shall be given the following sanctions:
   a. Technical foul on the first offense;
   b. Ejection from the game on the second offense and suspension from the next game.
10. All players must bring at least one (1) valid identification card on or before the opening day for evaluation purposes.
11. The game shall strictly follow the schedule prepared by the Committee, covering the Elimination Rounds, Semifinals, and Championship. Each team shall be given ten (10) minutes for warm-up before the scheduled start of the game.

VII. TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. This Basketball League shall be a 45-and-UP Tournament adopting the Passerelle Rules in the substitution of players. The tournament shall adopt the FIBA Official Basketball Rules as of October 1st 2024.
2. ELIMINATION GAMES. The teams will be grouped in two brackets. Each bracket will play in a Round Robin format to determine the Top 2 teams. The Team Brackets are as follows:

BRACKET A	BRACKET B
SDO Aklan	Regional Office VI
SDO Guimaras	SDO Antique

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SDO Iloilo A	SDO Capiz
SDO Iloilo B	SDO Passi City
SDO Iloilo City	SDO Roxas City

3. CROSSOVER PLAYOFFS. The Top 1 and Top 2 Teams of each bracket will qualify for the Semifinals and play for a crossover where the Top 1 Team of Bracket A will p lay against the Top 2 Team of Bracket B and vice versa in a DO or DIE format.
4. SEMIFINALS: The winners in the Semifinals will qualify for the Championship. The losers will play for the Battle for Third.
5. CHAMPIONSHIP. The Championship shall be decided by a DO or DIE Game.
6. PLAYERS and SUBSTITUTION. Each quarter, starting from the First Quarter up to the Third Quarter, shall be played by three (3) sets of five (5) players. This means that there shall be a first five, second five, and third five set of players. These five players per quarter are only the ones who are allowed to play in that given quarter. If follows that there is NO SUBSTITUTION in the first three (3) quarters of the game. In the 4th Quarter, teams are free to make any substitutions at any time.

   Note: This rule is to ensure participation of all players in the team every game to remain TRUE to the Purpose of this league as mentioned in Section 1 of this Tournament Guidelines while at the same time maintaining the competitive nature of the game of basketball.

7. GAME DURATION.
   a. 1st Quarter – 7 minutes
   b. 2nd Quarter – 7 minutes
   c. 3rd Quarter – 7 Minutes
   d. 4th Quarter – 19 Minutes
   e. Total Playing Time: 40 Minutes
8. OVERTIME. Overtime games shall still follow the five (5) minutes extension after regulation until game is decided.
9. LACKING PLAYERS PER GAME.
   a. Should there be lacking players from any team, a three (3) points equivalent shall be given to the opposing team for every absent player. Example:
      • Scenario 1: Team A only have 13 players while Team B has a complete 15 players. This means that 2 players are lacking from Team A. This follows that automatically at the start of the game, 6 points shall be awarded to Team B, respectively.
      • Scenario 2: Team A has 15 players while Team B has 16 Players. This means that both teams have complete players, thus, no points shall be added to either of the teams.

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Note: A team with at least 15 players shall be deemed a COMPLETE TEAM.

b. For teams with lacking players, it is the opposing team that shall choose their remaining players to play in the quarter(s) where they lack their complete set of five (5) players. Example:

Scenario	No. of Players at the Start of the Game	No. of Players Chosen to Play in the 1st Quarter	No. of Players Chosen to Play in the 2nd Quarter	No. of Players to be Chosen by the Opposing Team to play in the 3rd Quarter	No. of Points to be added to the Opposing Team
Scenario 1:					
Team A	13	5	5	2	6
Team B	15	5	5	0	0
Scenario 2:					
Team A	9	5	4 (the 5th player shall be chosen by the opposing team)	5	18
Team B	14	5	5	1	3
Scenario 3:					
Team A	15	5	5	0	0
Team B	25	5	5	0	0

Note: The team with more that 15 players has the option TO or NOT TO field in the remaining players who has not played in the first 3 Quarters in the 4th Quarter.

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10. TIMEOUT: There shall be 5 Timeouts that shall be given to every team. Timeouts can be utilized as follows:

a. 1st Quarter – 1 Timeout
b. 2nd Quarter – 1 Timeout
c. 3rd Quarter – 1 Timeout
d. 4th Quarter – 2 Timeouts

- Timeouts per quarter can only be used on that specific quarter also. Timeouts are not carried over to the next quarter if not utilized.

VIII. TEAM MONIKER

The following Team Monikers shall be observed:

a. RO6 The Champs
b. Aklan Mighty Maroons
c. Antique Red Sprinters
d. Capiz Golden Warriors
e. Guimaras Blue Islanders
f. Iloilo Giants
g. Iloilo City Urban Blaze
h. Roxas City Yellow Thunder
i. Passi City Pintados Bravehearts

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

1. The Committee Officials' and Referee's decisions are final.
2. The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Rules, valid as of October 1, 2024, including the latest amendments, shall govern the Basketball Competition.
3. **Colatilla:** The organizers of this tournament reserve the right to interpret, modify, or amend the rules and guidelines as deemed necessary for the orderly conduct of the games. Any matter not specifically covered in these rules shall be resolved by the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final and executory.

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Annex B.

DEPED REGION VI - WESTERN VISAYAS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
SCHEDULE OF GAMES

TEAMS	
BRACKET A	**BRACKET B**
SDO Aklan	Regional Office VI
SDO Guimaras	SDO Antique
SDO Iloilo-A	SDO Capiz
SDO Iloilo-B	SDO Passi City
SDO Iloilo City	SDO Roxas City

Date	Time	BRACKET	Game No.	Team			HOST / VENUE
November 14, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	B	1	RO6	vs	Antique	SDO - Aklan
November 14, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	A	2	Aklan	vs	Iloilo-B	SDO - Aklan
November 15, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	B	3	Capiz	vs	Passi City	SDO-Guimaras
November 15, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	A	4	Guimaras	vs	Iloilo-A	SDO-Guimaras
November 21, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	B	5	Guimaras	vs	Iloilo-B	SDO-Iloilo City
November 21, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	A	6	Iloilo City	vs	Iloilo-A	SDO-Iloilo City
November 22, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	A	7	Capiz	vs	Roxas City	SDO-Antique

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November 22, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	B	8	Antique	vs	Passi City	SDO-Antique
November 28, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	A	9	Aklan	vs	Iloilo City	SDO-Iloilo
November 28, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	A	10	Iloilo-A	vs	Iloilo-B	SDO-Iloilo
November 29, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	A	11	Antique	vs	Capiz	RO6
November 29, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	B	12	RO6	vs	Roxas City	RO6
December 5, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	B	13	Antique	vs	Roxas City	SDO-Passi City
December 5, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	B	14	RO6	vs	Passi City	SDO-Passi City
December 6, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	A	15	Guimaras	vs	Aklan	RO6
December 6, 2026	4:00 – 6:00		16	Iloilo-B	vs	Iloilo City	RO6
December 12, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	B	17	Aklan	vs	Iloilo-A	SDO - Capiz
December 12, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	B	18	RO6	vs	Capiz	SDO - Capiz
December 13, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	A	19	Guimaras	vs	Iloilo City	SDO – Roxas City
December 13, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	A	20	Passi City	vs	Roxas City	SDO – Roxas City
December 19, 2026	2:00 – 4:00	Semifinals	21	A1	vs	B2	SDO-Capiz
December 19, 2026	4:00 – 6:00	Semifinals	22	B1	vs	A2	SDO-Capiz
TBA	2:00 – 4:00	Battle for Third	23	L21	Vs	L22	SDO-Capiz
TBA	4:00 – 6:00	Championship	24	W21	vs	W22	SDO-Capiz

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