

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

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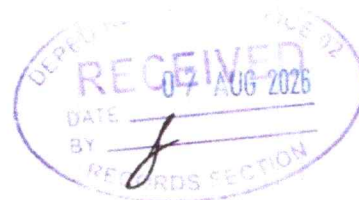


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Dear Regional Directors and Education Leaders,

Warm greetings from Special Olympics Pilipinas!

We are pleased to invite learners and athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in the Special Olympics Pilipinas Athletics Festival 2026:

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:00 AM–3:00 PM

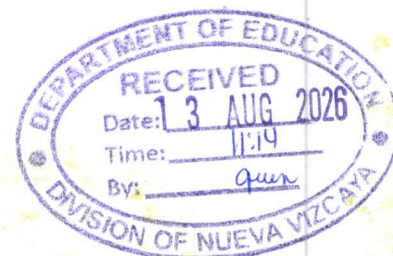
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The Athletics Festival will provide athletes opportunities to run, jump, compete, build confidence, and experience the joy and belonging that come through sport. It is also part of our continuing athlete-development pathway as we prepare toward the Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile.

The festival will have Non-Competitive and Competitive – WGS Open Age categories, with age brackets for Young Athletes, 9–13, 14–18, and 19 & Above. Proposed events include 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, Relay, Long Jump, and Shot Put.

May we respectfully request your office to cascade this invitation to all Schools Division Offices under your Region, particularly the Schools Division Superintendents, SNED/Inclusive Education focal persons, MAPEH/Physical Education and School Sports personnel, and schools serving learners with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our goal is to reach all 230 Schools Division Offices and provide more



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() Private Schools	() Others:		
For: () Information	() Dissemination		
() Guidance	() Strict Compliance		
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eligible athletes across the country an opportunity to participate.

Please see the attached invitation and event guide.

For expressions of interest and participation inquiries, kindly coordinate with Zoren Alfonso, Sports Program Manager, at zoren@specialolympicspilipinas.org.

We look forward to welcoming athletes from across the Philippines as we continue building a stronger and more inclusive national sports pathway.

Warm regards,

Armand Anthony Galicia
National Director
Special Olympics Pilipinas

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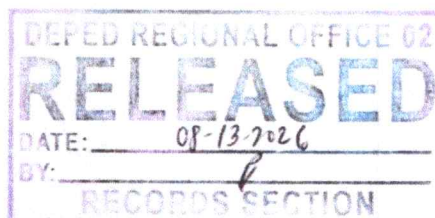
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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.



BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS PhD, CESO III
Director IV/ Regional Director





ATHLETICS FESTIVAL 2026

RUN. JUMP. COMPETE. BELONG.

Road to Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027



DATE

Saturday, September 26, 2026

TIME

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

VENUE

University of Makati

A full day of athletics, inclusion, athlete development, and meaningful competition.

Invitation to Participate

Special Olympics Pilipinas invites athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities from regions across the Philippines to take part in the Athletics Festival 2026. The festival will provide opportunities for athletes to experience sport, strengthen their skills, build confidence and compete in a supportive and inclusive environment.

This festival is part of our continuing preparation and athlete-development pathway toward the Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile.

ELIGIBILITY

Open only to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Participation Categories



NON-COMPETITIVE

Participation, exposure and developmental events.



COMPETITIVE - WGS OPEN AGE

For athletes ready for formal competition.



Age Brackets

● Young Athletes

● 9-13

● 14-18

● 19 & Above

Events

Proposed athletics events for the festival.

01

100 m

02

200 m

03

400 m

04

800 m

05

1500 m

06

Long Jump

Additional Events

50 m

Relay

Shot Put

We welcome athlete referrals and participation from across the Philippines.

Regions, Schools Division Offices (SDOs), Persons with Disability Affairs Offices (PDAOs), LGUs, schools, clubs and community organizations may coordinate with Special Olympics Pilipinas to identify eligible athletes who would like to join.

Interested in participating?

Connect with Zoren Alfonso, Sports Program Manager

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