Memorandum Circular No. <u>2017-80</u> June 22, 2017

# 1.0 Background

This year marks the start of a new era in sports as the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) launches a strong grassroots development agenda centered on discovering high-performing athletes and widening the base of national athletes.

There are two events that support the identification of young talents. First, the Philippine National Games where the national championships of all sports associations are simultaneously conducted in a common setting and period. Second, the Batang Pinoy which provides a significant avenue for the in-school and out-of-school children to get involved in sports.

## 2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the Circular is to enjoin LGUs to support the 2017 Philippine National Games and Batang Pinoy

# 3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned

## 4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

4.1 The Philippine Sports Commission will hold the events in different venues:

LEGS	BATANG PINOY	PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES
MINDANAO GAMES	July 9-15 (Oroquieta City	_
VISAYAS GAMES	Sept. 23-29 (Dumaguete City)	-
LUZON GAMES	Oct. 22-28 (TBA)	_
NATIONAL CHAMPS	Feb. 18-24 (TBA)	Dec. 3-9 (Cebu City)

- 4.2 All Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to extend full support by encouraging and endorsing local athletes, coaches and officials to participate in the said games.
- 4.3 The payment of applicable travelling expenses and the costs of hotel accommodation, meals and conference materials, per participant, may be authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability

thereof, and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that travelling expenses of local government participants shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment or from whatever source which may prejudice poverty reduction efforts.

### 5.0 Reference

5.1 Letter from Chairman William I. Ramirez, Philippine Sports Commission

## 6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

## 7.0 Approving Authority

CATALINO'S. CUY Officer-in-Charge

#### 8.0 Feedback

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