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REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 385, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE 2026–2027 ATHLETIC MEETS THROUGH STAGED AND COMBINED COMPETITION MECHANISMS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. In compliance with the Three-Term School Calendar, the Schools Division Office of Angeles City shall implement two complementary mechanisms for the conduct of athletic meets for School Year 2026–2027:

- **First, a Staged Competition Mechanism** shall provide for the conduct of the District and Public High School Athletic Meets for selected sports events: **(Athletics, Badminton, Taekwondo, Basketball Sec. boys, Table Tennis, and Volleyball)**, on **October 17, October 24, and November 7, 2026**. This mechanism shall provide the necessary competitive stage for athlete development, assessment, and qualification.

- **Second, a Combined Competition Mechanism** shall provide for the **one-shot conduct of the District, Public High School, and Division Athletic Meet components** for selected sports events: **(Archery, Athletics, Arnis, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Billiards, Boxing, Chess, Dancesports, Football, Futsal, Gymnastics, Paragames, Penchak Silat, Sepak Takraw, Table Tennis, Tennis, Swimming, Taekwondo, Wrestling, and Volleyball)**, on **December 9–11, 2026**. The three components shall be conducted within one coordinated competition period to promote efficient use of time, facilities, technical personnel, and other resources, while maintaining their respective eligibility, representation, results, and qualification requirements.

2. These two mechanisms shall be implemented to improve scheduling, resource utilization, technical management, and protection of instructional time in accordance with applicable laws, Department of Education issuances, Regional policies, and Division guidelines, with due regard to the health, safety, education, dignity, and welfare of all learner-athletes.

3. The attached enclosures are provided for reference and guidance.

4. Immediate and wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is highly enjoined.

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Encl.: As provided

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ATHLETICS SPORTS

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Enclosure No.1 to Division Memorandum No. 385 *s. 2026*

Schedules of the Staged Competition Mechanism (District and Public High School Athletic Meets) and Combined Competition Mechanism (District, Public High School, and Division Athletic Meet Components)

Date	Activity	Person Involved
October 15-16, 2026	Screening of Athletes and Coaches in preparation for the	Division Sports Officer Public Schools District Supervisors Division Sports Manager District Screening Committee
October 17, 24, and November 7, 2026	**Staged Competition Mechanism (**District Athletic Meets (South, East, North, and West) and (Public High School Athletic Meet) **(Athletics, Badminton, Taekwondo, Basketball Sec. Boys, Table Tennis, and Volleyball)**,	Division Sports Officer Public Schools District Supervisors Division Sports Manager Technical Assistant I District Coordinators Tournament Managers Winning Coaches and Assistant Coaches Student - Athletes School Health and Nutrition Unit
December 9-11, 2026	**Combined Competition Mechanism** (District, Public High School, and Division Athletic Meet components) **(Archery, Athletics, Arnis, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Billiards, Boxing, Chess, Dancesports, Bootball, Futsal, Gymnastics, Paragames, Penchak Silat, Sepak Takraw, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Taekwondo, Wrestling, and Volleyball)**	Division Sports Officer Public Schools District Supervisors Division Sports Manager Technical Assistant I District Coordinators Tournament Managers Winning Coaches ACPRISAA Student-Athletes School Health and Nutrition Unit

Enclosure No. 2 to Division Memorandum No. 385 *s. 2026*

Guidelines on the Conduct of the 2026–2027 Athletic Meets through Staged and Combined Competition Mechanisms

I. RATIONALE & OBJECTIVE

Following the implementation of **DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2026** (*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*), all co-curricular, extra-curricular, and sports activities must be restructured to optimize instructional contact time and minimize classroom disruptions.

The resumption of the District and Public High School Athletic Meet aims to foster holistic learner development, promote physical wellness, and select qualified student-athletes for the Division Athletic Meet. This proposal outlines a framework that reinstates competitive sports while maintaining strict adherence to protected instructional hours, after-class schedules.

II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The implementation of the athletic meets shall be guided by the following principles:

1. Protection of Instructional Time

The conduct of sports activities shall not unnecessarily interrupt regular classroom instruction. Training, screening, elimination games, and other preparatory activities shall, as far as practicable, be scheduled after class hours, on weekends, or during appropriate End-of-Term Blocks, consistent with the provisions of DO 009, s. 2026.

2. Learner-Centered Sports Development

Sports participation shall contribute to the physical, psychological, social, emotional, and character development of learners.

3. Fairness and Objectivity

Selection of athletes shall be based on verifiable eligibility requirements, actual performance, established qualifying standards, official records, and other objective criteria.

4. Safety and Welfare

No learner shall be allowed to participate without the required parental/guardian consent and appropriate medical certification. Safety, child protection, first aid, emergency preparedness, and appropriate supervision shall be observed throughout the activity.

5. Sports Club Integration

Schools shall maximize the participation of recognized School Sports Clubs as the primary school-based mechanism for sports development, talent identification, training, and preparation of student-athletes.

III. COMPETITION AND GAME MECHANICS

A. Team Sports

For basketball, volleyball, football/futsal, and other team sports:

1. single-elimination, double-elimination, knockout, or cluster tournament formats may be adopted;
2. the shortest appropriate competition format shall be used without compromising the integrity of the competition;
3. the number of games per day may be limited based on player safety, recovery time, venue availability, and sport-specific rules;
4. schedules shall be arranged to minimize learner absence from regular classes; and
5. the District Sports Committee may modify the competition format when necessary to complete the selection process within the approved timeline.

B. Individual and Measurable Sports

For athletics, swimming, archery, and other sports where performance can be objectively measured:

1. technical officials may adopt qualifying standards may be established using time, distance, height, score, points, or other sport-specific measurements;
2. official results shall be documented and certified by the designated technical officials;
3. qualifying standards may be used when the available competition period is insufficient for a conventional tournament;
4. previous official competition records may be considered when appropriately documented and verified; and
5. all selection decisions shall be supported by objective and verifiable evidence.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN LOWER-LEVEL SPORTS ACTIVITIES

A. Parental/Guardian Consent for Learners

All learners participating in school sports activities, try-outs, screening, training, district/sector selection activities, and other lower-level athletic competitions shall have a duly accomplished Parent's/Guardian's Consent before participation.

B. Letter of Intent of Teachers for Participation in District and Public High School Athletic Meets

Teachers who are requested or invited to participate as coaches, assistant coaches, district coordinators, technical officials, referees, judges, tournament managers, committee members, or other authorized personnel in the staged competition mechanics and the combined competition mechanics shall submit a letter of intent to participate when the activity is scheduled outside their regular working hours facilitated by the school heads.

Submission of the letter of intent and parental consent shall be on October 7, 2026 at the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) through Mr. Jerome C. Mercado, Technical Assistant I.

Moreover, teaching, teaching-related, and non-teaching personnel who will serve as coaches, assistant coaches, tournament managers, technical officials committee members, or other authorized personnel during the staged competition mechanics and the combined competition mechanics shall be granted service credits pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 on the Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teacher while Non-Teaching Personnel/Teaching Related Personnel shall be entitled to Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) in accordance with Civil Service Commission and Department of Budget and Management Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBITIES

A. Division Sports Officer

The Division Sports Officer shall:

1. Lead and coordinate the overall implementation of the athletic meets;
2. Prepare the resumption plan, schedule, guidelines, and competition arrangements;
3. Coordinate with PSDSs, and District Coordinators, technical officials, and other stakeholders;
4. Ensure compliance with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026 and applicable sports policies;
5. Monitor the safety, medical readiness, and welfare of participating learners;
6. Validate and consolidate official results and facilitate athlete selection for the next level; and
7. Prepare the post-activity report and recommend appropriate interventions.

B. Public Schools District Supervisors

The PSDSs shall:

1. Lead and supervise the implementation of the athletic meet within their respective districts;
2. Coordinate with the Division Sports Officer, District Coordinators, and School Heads;
3. Ensure compliance with the approved schedule, guidelines, and documentary requirements;
4. Monitor learner safety and the orderly conduct of the competition; and
5. Ensure the submission of official results and required reports to the Division Sports Office.

C. District and Public HS Coordinators
The District and PHS Coordinators shall:

1. Manage the day-to-day coordination and implementation of the District Athletic Meet;
2. Consolidate participating schools, athletes, coaches, and required documents;
3. Coordinate venues, equipment, technical officials, and other logistical requirements;
4. Record and submit validated competition results to the Division Sports Office.

D. School Heads
The School Heads shall:

1. Ensure the proper preparation and participation of their school delegation;
2. Secure parental/guardian consent and ensure compliance with eligibility and medical requirements;
3. Designate and supervise coaches and authorized personnel;
4. Ensure compliance with parental consent, letter of intent, medical assessment, and safety requirements; and
5. Ensure the safety, welfare, and proper supervision of participating learners; and
6. Ensure timely submission of required documents, reports, and other meet-related requirements.

V. Sports Competition Schedules and Participation Matrix

STAGED COMPETITION MECHANISM ((District Athletic Meets (South, East, North, and West) and Public High School Athletic Meet)							
DATE	**EVENT**	**CATEGORY**	**SOUTH**	**EAST**	**NORTH**	**WEST**	**PUBLIC HS**
OCT 17, 24, 2026 NOV. 7, 2026	**ATHLETICS (TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS)**	BOYS	12 (2)	96 (8)	48 (4)	53(5)	120 (8)
		GIRLS	12 (2) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	80 (8) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	48 (4) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	40 (5) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	120 (8) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**
	BADMINTON	BOYS	16 (4)	32 (8)	24 (6)	20 (5)	40 (10)
		GIRLS	16 (4) **Venue: SRES (Covered Court)**	32 (8) **Venue: Quick Play Badminton Court**	24 (6) **Venue: DCNDSES**	20 (5) **Venue: STATES**	40 (10) **Venue: Quick Play Badminton Court**
	TAEKWONDO	BOYS	1	17 (5)	0	11 (3)	40 (4)

		GIRLS	1 **ACAAA**	17 (5) **Venue: AES (covered court old)**	0	13 (3) **Venue: MIS (1 day)**	60 (6) **Venue: MIS (2 days)**
	BASKETBALL	BOYS	45 (3) **Venue: LNWES (1 day)**	48 (4) **Venue: AES (covered court new)**	36 (3) **Venue: AES (covered court new separate day)**	60 (5) **Venue: Bry. Pampang ES**	90 (6) **Venue: Brgy. EPZA Covered Court (2 days)**
	TABLE TENNIS	BOYS	6 (2)	4 (1)	16 (4)	4 (2)	32 (8)
		GIRLS	6 (2) **Venue: SRES (Classroom)**	8 (2) **Venue: AES (classroom)**	16 (4) Venue: **Salapungan ES**	4 (2) **Venue: STATES**	32 (8) **Venue: ACNHS**
	VOLLEYBALL	BOYS	48 (4)	36 (3)	24 (2)	36 (4)	180 (12)
		GIRLS	36 (3) **Venue: LNWES (1 day)**	48 (4) **Venue: SDIS**	36 (3) **Venue: PCES**	36 (4) **Venue: Bry. Pampang ES**	120 (8) **Venue: ICTHS/ACSci**

COMBINED COMPETITION MECHANISM (District, Public High School, and Division Athletic Meet components)									
DATE	**EVENT**	**CATEGORY**	**SOUTH**	**EAST**	**NORTH**	**WEST**	**PUBLIC HS**	**ACPRISSA**	
								ELEM	**HS**
DEC. 9-11, 2026	**ARNIS**	BOYS	0	0	0	3 (1)	5 (1)	3 (1)	5 (1)
		GIRLS	0	0	0	3 (1) **Venue: CES**	5 (1) **Venue: CES**	3 (1) **Venue: CES**	5 (1) **Venue: CES**
	BOXING	S. BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5 (1)	n/a	5 (1)
	GYMNASTICS	BOYS	0	0	0	0	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)
		GIRLS	0	0	0	0	2 (1)**Venue: TBA**	2 (1)**Venue: TBA**	2 (1)**Venue: TBA**
	WRESTLING	BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5 (1)	n/a	5 (1)
		GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5 (1) **Venue: ACNHS**	n/a	5 (1) **Venue: ACNHS**
	PARAGAMES	BOYS GIRLS	0	20 (1) **Venue: AES/ Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	0	0	0	15 (1) **Venue: AES/ Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	15 (1) **Venue: AES/ Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**
	BASEBALL	E. BOYS	0	0	0	**15 (1) Venue: TES**	0	**15 (1) Venue: TES**	**15 (1) Venue: TES**
	DANCESPORTS	BOYS	0	2 (1)	0	0	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)

		GIRLS	0	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaldon**	0	0	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaldon**	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaldon**	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaldon**
	FOOTBALL	BOYS	0	0	18 (1)	18 (1)	36 (2)	37 (2)	36 (2)
		GIRLS	0	0	0	0	18 (1)	0	36 (2)
	FUTSAL	E. GIRLS	0	0	0	36 (2)	0	36 (2)	0
	ARCHERY	BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6 (3)	n/a	4 (1)
		GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6 (3) **Venue: ACNHS**	n/a	4 (1)
	TENNIS	BOYS	0	1 (1)	0	0	2 (2)	4 (1)	4 (1)
		GIRLS	0	0	3 (1) **Venue: ACTC**	0	0	4 (1) **Venue: ACTC**	4 (1) **Venue: ACTC**
	BILLIARDS	S. BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4 (4)	n/a	2 (1)
		S. GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4 (4) **Venue: Gabaldon**	n/a	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaldon**
	CHESS	BOYS	10 (5)	28 (7)	24 (6)	14 (5)	30 (10)	2 (1)	3 (1)
		GIRLS	6 (3) **Venue: Gabaldon**	28 (7) **Venue: Gabaladon**	25 (6) **Venue: Gabaladon**	13 (5) **Venue: Gabaladon**	30 (10) **Venue: Gabaladon**	2 (1) **Venue: Gabaladon**	3 (1) **Venue: Gabaladon**
	PENCHAK SILAT	BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4 (1)	n/a	4 (1)
		GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4 (1) **Venue: ACNTS**	n/a	4 (1) **Venue: ACNTS**

	SEPAK TAKRAW	BOYS	12 (3)	12 (3)	n/a	n/a	30 (3)	8 (2)	30 (2)
		GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20 (2) **Venue: ACNTS**	n/a	10 (2) **Venue: ACNTS**
	BASKETBALL	GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	60 (4) **Venue: Brgy. EPZA CC**	30 (2) **Venue: Brgy. EPZA CC**	30 (2) **Venue: Brgy. EPZA CC**
	BASKETBALL 3X3	S. BOYS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32 (4)	8 (2)	8 (2)
		S. GIRLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24 (6)**Venue: Bry. Pampang**	8 (2)**Venue: Bry. Pampang**	8 (2)**Venue: Bry. Pampang**
	ATHLETICS (TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS)	BOYS	12 (1)	12 (1)	12 (1)	12 (1)	15 (1)	12 (1)	15 (1)
		GIRLS	12 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	12 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	12 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	12 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	15 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	12 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**	15 (1) **Venue: Brgy. Sapalibutad Open Field**
	BADMINTON	BOYS	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)
		GIRLS	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**	4 (1) **Venue: QPBC**
	SWIMMING	BOYS	4 (1)	18 (5)	4 (2)	4 (2)	30 (3)	BOYS	4 (1)

		GIRLS	**4 (1) Venue: ACSC**		10 (1) **Venue: ACSC**	1 (1) **Venue: ACSC**	10 (1) **Venue: ACSC**	10 (1) **Venue: ACSC**	10 (1) **Venue: ACSC**	10 (1) **Venue: ACSC**
	TAEKWONDO	BOYS	1	6 (1)	0	6 (1)	10 (1)		10 (1)	10 (1)
		GIRLS	1 **ACAAA**	6 (1) **Venue: AES**	0	6 (1) **Venue: MIS**	10 (1) **Venue: MIS**		10 (1) **Venue: MIS**	10 (1) **Venue: MIS**
	BASKETBALL	BOYS	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**		30 (2) **Venue: TBA**	30 (2) **Venue: TBA**
	TABLE TENNIS	BOYS	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)		4 (1)	4 (1)
		GIRLS	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**		4 (1) **Venue: HAU**	4 (1) **Venue: HAU**
	VOLLEYBALL	BOYS	30 (2)	30 (2)	30 (2)	30 (2)	30 (2)		30 (2)	30 (2)
		GIRLS	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**		30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**	30 (2) **Venue: ICTHS/ ACSci**