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**SO BADMINTON NATIONAL CUP 2026**

The Special Olympics Pilipinas will conduct the **SO Pilipinas Badminton National Cup 2026**, to be held at the **Biñan City Senior High School – West Campus, Biñan City, Laguna**, on **June 13-14, 2026**.

The event aims to promote inclusion, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities through badminton. The competition will also serve as a qualifying event for the Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile.

The competition is open to all athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ages 15 years old and above.

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Enclosed is a copy of communication for your perusal.

Dissemination of this advisory is desired.

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**TO: ALL INTERESTED LGU, SDOs, NGOs**

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO JOIN THE SO PILIPINAS BADMINTON NATIONAL CUP 2026**

**Warm greetings from Special Olympics Pilipinas!**

We are honored to invite your team to participate in the upcoming **SO Pilipinas Badminton National Cup 2026** to be held on June 13–14, 2026 at the Biñan City Senior High School – West Campus, Biñan City.

The tournament will feature the following categories:

**Competitive Level**

- Singles Male
- Singles Female

**Recreational Level**

- Doubles Traditional Male
- Doubles Traditional Female

**Exhibition Game**

- Unified Doubles Male
- Unified Doubles Female

This competition is **open to athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs)**, ages 15 years old and above, providing them with an opportunity to showcase their skills, sportsmanship, determination, and passion for badminton in an inclusive and empowering environment.

Please be informed that this event will also serve as a **qualifying round for the upcoming Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile**. Outstanding athletes from this competition may be considered for national selection and international representation.

The event also aims to strengthen camaraderie among participating teams and promote inclusion through sports while identifying potential athletes for future national and international competitions.

For your reference and preparation, we have attached the official competition guidelines, which include the event mechanics, eligibility requirements, and other important reminders.

Should you need additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at [zoren@specialolympicspilipinas.org](mailto:zoren@specialolympicspilipinas.org) or 09518726463.

We sincerely look forward to your participation and support in this meaningful sporting event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zoren D. Alfonso', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS PILIPINAS BADMINTON NATIONAL CUP 2026

### Rules and Guidelines

- **Event Date:** June 13-14, 2026
- **Organizer:** Special Olympics Pilipinas
- **Venue:** Binan City Senior High School West Campus, Langkiwa Binan City
- **Eligibility:** Open to all athletes with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDDs), 15 years old and above

### General Rules

1. The competition shall follow the official Special Olympics Badminton Rules with modifications applicable to this event.
2. Participants must be officially registered through their respective delegations or teams.
3. Athletes shall compete in the following categories:

#### Competitive Level

- Singles Male
- Singles Female

#### Recreational Level

- Doubles Traditional Male
- Doubles Traditional Female

#### Exhibition Game

- Unified Doubles Male
- Unified Doubles Female

4. Unified Doubles teams must consist of:
  - 1 Athlete with Intellectual Disabilities (IDD)
  - 1 Unified Partner
5. All players are expected to observe honesty, respect, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

### Match Format & Scoring

#### Knockout Game System

- The competition will follow a single-elimination (knockout) format.
- Players or teams who lose a match will be eliminated from the competition.
- Winners of each match will advance to the next round until the championship match.
- Match pairings and brackets shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.

#### Singles and Doubles Formal

- Each game shall be played up to 15 points using the rally point system.
- A player/team must win by at least 2 points.
- If the score reaches 14-all, play continues until a 2-point advantage is achieved.
- The maximum score is capped at 20 points.

#### Match Procedures

- Players must be ready at least 10 minutes before their scheduled match.
- A coin toss shall determine the first serve and court side.
- Standard badminton serving and rotation rules shall apply.

### Player Conduct & Safety

1. Sportsmanship is strictly required at all times. Players must respect referees, officials, teammates, opponents, and volunteers.
2. Proper sports attire and non-marking rubber shoes are required during matches.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language or intentional disruption, may result in warnings, penalties, or disqualification.
4. Coaching is only allowed during official intervals and not during active rallies.
5. Players must immediately report injuries or medical concerns to tournament officials.

### Unified Doubles Guidelines

1. Unified teams must demonstrate equal participation between athletes and Unified Partners.
2. Unified Partners are encouraged to support and motivate athletes while maintaining balanced play.
3. Teams are expected to promote inclusion, teamwork, and fair play throughout the event.

### Officiating & Disputes

1. All matches shall be supervised by designated referees and tournament officials.
2. Referee decisions are considered final during gameplay.
3. Any official protest or dispute must be submitted to the Tournament Committee immediately after the match.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make final decisions regarding disputes and rule interpretations.

### Qualification for International Competition

Please be informed that the SO Pilipinas Badminton National Cup 2026 will also serve as a qualifying event for the Special Olympics World Games Santiago 2027 in Chile.

Outstanding athletes may be considered for national team selection and future international representation.

### Awards & Recognition

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the top-performing athletes and teams in each category.

### Important Reminders

- Warm-up time is limited to 5 minutes before each scheduled match.
- Participants must report to their assigned court at least 10 minutes before their game.
- Teams are advised to bring their own rackets, uniforms, and personal necessities.
- The official tournament schedule shall be provided before the start of the event.

## PARTICIPATION CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS

### A. Athlete Eligibility (Person with Intellectual and Developmental Disability)

Athletes must:

1. Be officially identified as a **Person with Intellectual Disability (PID)** or developmental disability.
2. Fall within the official age categories.
3. Be physically able to participate safely in Badminton.
4. Be endorsed by:
  - LGU PDAO
  - Schools (SNED programs)
  - Special Olympics Pilipinas Clubs

### B. Unified Partner Eligibility

Unified Partners must:

1. Be a person **without intellectual disability**.
2. Be within an appropriate age range (-5 +5) to match the athlete division.
3. Demonstrate willingness to promote inclusion and teamwork.
4. Understand that Unified Partners must not dominate play.

### C. Coach / Chaperone Requirement

Each LGU delegation is encouraged to provide:

- At least **one coach or chaperone** per group/team
- Responsible for athlete supervision and support

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#### D. Required Documents

LGU participants may be requested to submit:

1. **List of Participants**
2. **Medical Clearance / Athlete Health Form** (if applicable)
3. **PWD ID (if available)**
  - o *PWD ID is encouraged but not mandatory unless specified*
4. Parent/Guardian Consent Form (for minors)

#### E. Screening and Divisioning

- Special Olympics Pilipinas will conduct **divisioning** to ensure fair competition.
- Divisioning may be based on:
  - o Age group
  - o Skill level

Screening or orientation may be done prior to match day.

#### IX. COUNTERPART RESPONSIBILITIES

Special Olympics Pilipinas will provide:

- Tournament management and officiating
- Venue/court setup
- Medals and certificates
- Event guidelines and match scheduling
- Divisioning and fair play monitoring

#### X. FEES AND COSTS

- Participation in the Badminton Cup is generally **FREE of registration fee**.
- Any additional expenses (travel, accomodation, food, extra allowances) will be the responsibility of the participating LGU/delegation unless stated otherwise.

#### XI. CONTACT AND COORDINATION

For confirmation, coordination, and submission of entries, please contact:

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