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CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. **609** s. 2026

2026 LARO'T SAYA ARNIS CUP: SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB EDITION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the invitation from the **Office of the City Mayor of the City of Tayabas through Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office (PFSDO)**, this Office announces the conduct of **2026 Laro't Saya Arnis Cup: School Sports Club Edition** on **October 10, 2026** at **Silungang Bayan ng Tayabas**.
2. The tournament aims to provide young learners with a meaningful opportunity to develop their skills, discipline, sportsmanship, confidence and appreciation for Arnis as both a martial art and sports.
3. The tournament will feature the **Anyo event** and **Padded Stick Event** across **Key stages 1 to 4**.
4. All schools with sports club offering Arnis are encouraged to join the activity.
5. Attached as Enclosure 1 is the official communication containing the details of the activity.
6. For further queries and clarification, you may contact **Maria Corazon A. Borbon** at 09175071780 or maria.borbon@deped.gov.ph or **Mr. Jewel S. Olivera**, tournament manager at 09543041846 or jewel.olivera@deped.gov.ph.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Office of the City Mayor of the City of Tayabas through Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office (PFSDO)

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Enclosure 1



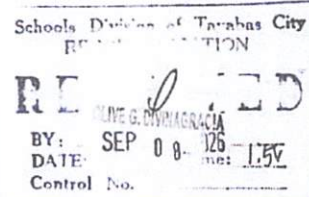
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TO: CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
School Division Superintendent
SDO – Tayabas City

THRU: MARIA CORAZON A. BORBON
Education Program Supervisor
Division Sports Officer

FROM: JEFFREY C. DRIO
Youth and Sports Development Officer Designate



SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 LARO'T SAYA ARNIS CUP:
SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB EDITION AND REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF
OFFICIATING OFFICIALS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

The Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office (PFSDO), under the Office of the City Mayor of Tayabas, in partnership with the Department of Education – Schools Division of Tayabas City, will be conducting the 2026 Laro't Saya Arnis Cup: School Sports Club Edition on October 10, 2026 (Saturday) at the Silungang Bayan ng Tayabas.

The tournament aims to provide our young learners with a meaningful opportunity to develop their skills, discipline, sportsmanship, confidence, and appreciation for Arnis as a Filipino martial art and sport. The competition will be participated in by learners from the City Schools Division of Tayabas City and will feature Anyo Event and Padded Stick Event across Key Stages 1 to 4.

In this regard, we respectfully invite the Department of Education – Schools Division of Tayabas City to actively participate in the said tournament and request your good office to allow and designate the following DepEd personnel, as identified in the tournament proposal, to serve as Technical Officials/Officiating Officials during the competition:

Name	Designation	School
1. Melvin C. Caagbay	Technical Official	Luis Palad Integrated High School
2. Annabel M. Cabrera	Technical Official	Luis Palad Integrated High School
3. Lileth Labastida	Technical Official	Ilasan Integrated High School
4. Allysa Joy Buenaventura	Technical Official	Buenaventura Alandy National High School
5. Aleah Suzzane Villanueva	Technical Official	West Palale National High School
6. Rhoda Salipande	Technical Official	Tayabas City National High School
7. Jerico Nanez	Technical Official	Tayabas West Central School I





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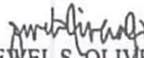
Their participation and technical expertise will be of great assistance in ensuring the fair, orderly, and efficient conduct of the matches, particularly in the implementation of the prescribed competition rules, scoring, officiating, and documentation of results. The tournament proposal provides for seven (7) Technical Officials from DepEd as part of the official tournament personnel.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration of this request and continued support for the Laro't Saya Program, particularly in providing quality sports development opportunities for the learners of Tayabas City.

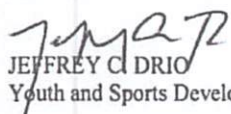
For any concerns or further coordination regarding the tournament, your office may coordinate with the Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office or the Tournament Manager.

Thank you very much for your continued partnership and support in promoting sports development among our young athletes.

Respectfully yours,


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EVENT NAME : 2026 LARO'T SAYA ARNIS CUP:
SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB EDITION
ORGANIZER : Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office
In Partnership with DepEd Tayabas City
DATE AND TIME : October 10, 2026 (Saturday)
VENUE : Silungang Bayan ng Tayabas
PARTICIPANTS : DepEd Tayabas City Learners

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

I. GENERAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. All participants must be present and ready before the start of each match.
2. Proper sportsmanship and respect toward referees, opponents, and staff are always expected.
3. Matches will follow the official timing and scoring rules established by the tournament organizers.
4. The tournament is played into four (4) Divisions
 - a. Key Stage 1 (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
 - b. Key Stage 2 (Grade 4 to Grade 6)
 - c. Key Stage 3 (Grade 7 to Grade 10)
 - d. Key Stage 4 (Grade 11 to 12)
5. The tournament is open to all learners from City Schools Division of the Tayabas City
6. The participants shall meet the specific age and weight requirement upon which they will be competing.

II. AWARDS

- Certificates of participation will be given to all participants of the tournament
- Medals and certificates will be awarded to the winners
- The champion or first place will receive a cash prize

III. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY

- All the team participants must submit their entry form on or before **October 3, 2026, at 11:59 P.M.** together with the following requirements:
 - **Parent's Permit**
 - **Photocopy of 2026 Cedula**
 - **Photocopy of valid ID of parent/guardian with 3 wet signatures**

Note: These requirements will be required should the participant win and become eligible to receive the cash prize.

- **Anyo Event:**
 - **Elementary Category:** 3 learners (male or female)
 - **Secondary Category:** 2 males and 2 females only

Note: In Open Anyo event the participant may use single weapon, double weapon, or espada y daga.

- **Padded Stick Event:**
 - **Elementary Category:** maximum of 3 males and 3 females only per category
 - **Secondary Category:** maximum of 3 males and 3 females only per category

IV. COMPETITION RULES

The **MODIFIED PEKAF** and **DEPED RULES** and **REGULATIONS** in the Conduct of Arnis Competition shall be applied.

V. CATEGORY/EVENT

ANYO EVENT	
OPEN WEAPON ELEMENTARY CATEGORY	
Key Stage 1 and 2 (Men)	
Key Stage 1 and 2 (Women)	
OPEN WEAPON SECONDARY CATEGORY	
Key Stage 3 and 4 (Men)	
Key Stage 3 and 4 (Women)	
PADDED STICK EVENT (ELEMENTARY LEVEL)	
KEY STAGE 1	
Kindergarten to Grade 3 (Men and Women)	
KEY STAGE 2	
Grades 4 to 6 (Men and Women)	
PADDED STICK EVENT (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL)	
KEY STAGE 3	
Grade 7-10 (Men and Women)	
JUNIOR UNDER WEIGHT	
43 kgs and below	37 kgs and below
JUNIOR PIN WEIGHT	
Over 43 kgs up to 47 kgs	Over 37 kgs up to 41 kgs
JUNIOR BANTAM WEIGHT	
Over 47 kgs up to 51 kgs	Over 41 kgs up to 45 kgs
JUNIOR FEATHER WEIGHT	
Over 51 kgs up to 55 kgs	Over 45 kgs up to 49 kgs
JUNIOR EXTRA LIGHT WEIGHT	
Over 55 kgs up to 60 kgs	Over 49 kgs up to 54 kgs
JUNIOR HALF LIGHT WEIGHT	
Over 60 kgs up to 65 kgs	Over 54 kgs up to 59 kgs
JUNIOR HEAVY WEIGHT	
Over 65 kgs and above	Over 59 kgs and above
PADDED STICK EVENT (SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL)	
KEY STAGE 4	
Grade 11-12 (Men and Women)	
SENIOR LIGHT WEIGHT	
55 kgs and below	50 kgs and below
SENIOR MIDDLE WEIGHT	
Over 56 up to 65 kgs	Over 51 up to 60 kgs
SENIOR HEAVY WEIGHT	
Over 66 kgs and above	Over 61 kgs and above

VI. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- Participants are required to wear the following:
 - Plain white shirt /Team Shirt/PE Uniform
 - Red Pants, PE Uniform, Jogging Pants
 - Proper Shoes

VII. CONDUCT OF THE GAME

ANYO EVENT: Non-Traditional Form

- Anyo performance both in secondary and elementary level which can incorporate weapons release/throws, kicks, jumps rolls and other creative acrobatic movements provided that must follow the principle of Eskrima Kali Arnis and that at least (80%) of the performance shall

- emphasize sticks weapon being used and arnis skills/technique are emphasized. Music accompaniment is allowed.
- Anyo performance is a demonstration or combination of pre-arrange or choreographed sets of body movements, offensive and defensive technique through striking, blocking, thrusting using stick wooden replica or metallic unbladed replica of a bladed weapon.
 - When there is time that may cause a delay, the management has the right to order the performer to perform even without music. Only Filipino ethnic music is allowed.
 - The time duration of the performance shall have minimum thirty (30) seconds and a one (1) minute and a maximum performance. The official time shall start at the time the performer/s executes the salutation (Pugay) and it shall officially end when the performer/s executes the ending salutation (Pugay).
 - The conduct of the competition shall be one (1) round Anyo performance for both Secondary and Elementary level (boys/girls)
 - Score in the Likha Anyo competition shall have a numerical value from 7-10 with an increment of 0.1
 - Weapon gets destroyed or has any apparent damage to any part of the weapon will be given the option to change his/her weapon and re-start his/her performance.

FULL CONTACT EVENT (PADDED POINT SYSTEM)

- **SCORING SYSTEM**

- Points are awarded based on clean, valid techniques as judged by the referees.
- **Elementary Category:** First to raised 5 points in one (1) round with a one-minute (1.00) time limit.
- **Secondary Category:** First to raised 7 points in one (1) round with a two-minute (2) time limit.
- The first point of the match will serve as **ADVANTAGE POINT**
- In case of **DRAW**, when the scores, disarms, and fouls are the same, the **ADVANTAGE POINT PRINCIPLE** shall be applied to break the tie.

- **FOULS**

- **DISARM**

- If a competitor commits a disarm foul, **1 point** will be awarded to the opponent
- The competitor who got a disarm will receive 1 disarm foul on their record for that match.
- **1st and 2nd disarm foul**– Warning and record the point to the opponent
- **3rd disarm foul**– The opponent will declare as a winner of the match.

- **DIVING**

- "Diving" refers to intentionally falling to the ground or launching the body forward in a way that endangers safety or mimics a takedown maneuver that is not allowed.
- No point shall be awarded
- **1st offense**– will be recorded as foul and will receive a warning
- **2nd offense**– The competitor will be automatically declared by disqualification.

- **COMPETITION AREA / RUBBER MATS**

- The match will be conducted on rubber mats which define the legal combat area.
- If a player **steps outside** the rubber mats or touches the ground beyond the mat boundary, it will be considered a

foul.

- However, if the competitor executes a clear strike before stepping out, then:
 - The strike will be scored first, before the foul is called.
 - The action is reviewed in the sequence: **strike → then step out** = point awarded + foul recorded.
- If the step outside occurs before or without a valid strike, it is simply ruled as a foul.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF WINNER:

➤ **FULL CONTACT CRITERIA FOR DECISION**

- In every bout there should be a winner. The referee will call for a hatol, Judges will raise the flag red or blue as winner on his/her judgement.
- Majority of the colors raised by the judges will be declared the winner.

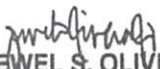
➤ **DETERMINING THE WINNER IN ANYO COMPETITION:**

- There shall be Five (5) judges. The highest and the lowest score will be removed and the remaining scores of the three (3) judges will be added together to get the average score.
- In case of tie, the highest and the lowest score of the Five (5) Judges shall be backed and added together to break the tie.
- In case another Tie: Repeat performance
- The ranking of participants is based from the net score obtained which is determined by deducting all identified point deduction/s committed if any in accordance with the rules.

➤ **ANYO CRITERIA FOR DECISION:**

- In assessing the performance of a performer/s in anyo competition, the following criteria must be observed.
- **PERFORMANCE STANDARD (60%)**
 - Coordination of Movements** The harmonization and dexterity of the movements of arms, legs, head, body and weapons of the performer. It is the well-balanced actions, steps, stances and movements (sense of balance)
 - Artistic Execution and Mastery** (The graceful, elegant, refined, stylish, animated, execution and comprehensive knowledge of the martial art skills and movements of the performer/s including speed and power)
 - Bearing, Stage Presence and Over-All Performance** (The over-all manner, composure, attitude, poise and posture of the performer/s during the performance.)
- **CONTENT STANDARD (40%)**
 - Degree of Difficulty of Techniques and Movements** (The selection and magnitude of variety, complicatedness, complexity, intricacy of the movements of the arms, body and legs in executing martial art techniques of the whole performance.
 - Creativeness and Interpretation** (The originality, inventiveness and imaginativeness of the forms and movements together with the understanding and version of martial arts movements without sacrificing effectiveness.

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