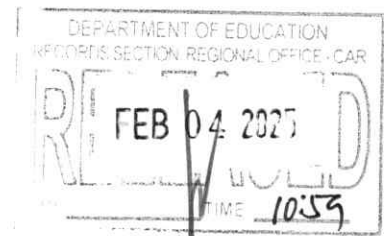




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CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



03 February 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No: 080.2025

**RECONSTITUTION OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION (LRP) DESK
IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2025 ATHLETIC MEETS**

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
School Governance and Operations Division Chiefs
Division LRP Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to OM-OUOPS-2025-11-00521, the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) requests the reconstitution of the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Desks in the regions and divisions in preparation for the upcoming Regional Athletic Meet for 2025.
2. The LRPD requests the constitution of the LRP Desks in the different governance levels, specifically to:
 - a. conduct consultation and coordination with the LRPD, appropriate school governance level, and concerned stakeholders to ensure the safety and protection of participating learners;
 - b. conduct psychological first aid;
 - c. provide immediate response to reported LRP incidents;
 - d. provide the 4Rs of child protection (recognize, report, record, and refer);
 - e. conduct pre-orientation on the code of conduct for coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, including their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the protection of our learner-athletes; and
 - f. provide report to the Regional Office, Division Office, and LRPD on the LRP incidents handled.
3. The LRP Desk shall cover all grade levels and shall be composed of:
 - A. For the Regional/Division Level:
 - a. Chairperson – Regional or Division permanent focal person
 - b. Vice-Chairperson – Regional or Division Alternate focal person or Registered Guidance Counselor as may be assigned by the Chairperson
 - c. Members – composed of DepEd personnel who has undergone LRP Specialization Course
 - B. School Level:
 - a. Chairperson – School Head
 - b. Vice-Chairperson – Guidance Counselor/Guidance Designate
 - c. Members – composed of teachers and members of the CPC



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4. The CPCs in schools are requested to convene as LRP Desk for their respective schools ensuring the safety of learners during sports activities in their billeting quarters and playing venues.
5. The LRP Desk should have a dedicated helpline number indicating the LRP Desk Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson in all activity venues and billeting quarters.
6. Learner-Athlete Safeguarding Guidelines should be discussed with coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, and learner-athletes during orientation and before the official start of gaming activities. The Learner-Athlete Safeguarding Guidelines and other materials related to the LRP Desk can be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CARLRPDesk2025>.
7. Considering the conclusion of the Provincial Meet at the Division level, this office, through the Education Support Services Division, requests the submission of reconstituted LRP Desks during its conduct through e-mail at car.essd@deped.gov.ph.
8. Attached to this memorandum is OM-OUOPS-2025-11-00521 for your guidance and reference.
9. For concerns or clarifications, please contact Georgina C. Ducayso, Education Support Services Division Chief, at car.essd@deped.gov.ph or Marie Juvilyn M. Palkit, Regional Learner Rights and Protection Alternate Focal Person, through e-mail at mariejuvilyn.palkit@deped.gov.ph.
10. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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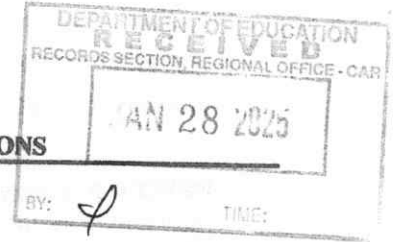
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ESSD/GCD/mjp LRP Desk 2025
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OM-OUOPS-2025-11 - 00521

FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
MINISTER, BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
BARM
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : *[Signature]*
MALCOLM S. GARMA
Assistant Secretary, Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : RECONSTITUTION OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND
PROTECTION DESK IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2025
ATHLETICS MEET

DATE : January 22, 2025

In preparation for the upcoming Regional, Division, and Athletic Meet for 2025, the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) requests the reconstitution of the Learner Rights and Protection (LRP) Desks in the regions and divisions, as well as the strengthening of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) in schools who shall automatically convene as the LRP Desk officers in the schools.

To recall, the LRP Desk was first established during the 2023 *Palarong Pambansa* in Marikina City. The pioneer program proved to be a success as all participants from the regions – learner-athlete, trainers, coaches, chaperones, and parents; including the different sectors of the community were mobilized to ensure the protection of our learner-athletes from all forms of abuse, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of exploitation

In the following year, the LRPD strengthened the operationalization of the LRP Desk through its integration into the different sporting activities i.e. regional, division, and school meet including other off-campus activities such as the National Festival of Talents (NFOT) and National Schools Press Conference (NSPC).

Accordingly, our LRP Desk officers were able to provide immediate intervention to our learner-participants including psychological first-aid (PFA) and referral as needed. Additionally, our LRP Desk officers conduct regular “*Kamustahan Sessions*” and other recreational activities for the health and wellness of our learner-participants.

For this year, the LRPD requests the reconstitution of the LRP Desks in the different governance levels, specifically to:

- a. conduct consultation and coordination with the LRPD, appropriate school governance level, and concerned stakeholders to ensure the safety and protection of participating learners;
- b. conduct psychological first-aid;
- c. provide immediate response to reported LRP incidents;
- d. provide the 4Rs of child protection (recognize, record, report, and refer);
- e. conduct pre-orientation on the code of conduct for coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, including their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the protection of our learner-athletes; and
- f. provide report to the Regional Office, Division Office, and LRPD on the LRP incidents handled.

As a reminder, the LRP Desk shall cover all grade levels, and shall be composed of:

- A. For the Region/Division level:
 - a. Chairperson – Regional or Division Permanent focal person
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 - c. Members – composed of teachers and members of the CPC

Moreover, the CPCs in schools are requested to convene as LRP Desk for their respective schools ensuring the safety of our learners in their billeting quarters and playing venues.

The LRP Desk is expected to have close coordination with the local government unit in their locality, including other relevant agencies for referral purposes. Additionally, the LRP Desk should have a dedicated helpline number, indicating the LRP Desk Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson's contact number and the Learners Telesafe Contact Center Helpline Number (LTCCH) in all activity venues and billeting quarters.

For reference, this Office issued Learner-Athlete Safeguarding Guidelines for the 2024 *Palarong Pambansa*, which includes the enforcement of prevention and intervention mechanisms, duties and responsibilities of the coaches, trainers, chaperones/guardians, and the learner-athletes. The same Safeguarding Guidelines may be used for this year's Athletic meet.

To ensure compliance thereof, the Division and Regional LRP focal personnel shall monitor the strict implementation and creation of the LRP Desks. All reported

learner-athlete concerns and the intervention and/or actions taken shall be reported immediately to the Learners Telesafe Contact Center Helpline.

For details, inquiries, and clarification, you may reach the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD) at lrpo@deped.gov.ph or contact 8638-1782.

For immediate dissemination.

Thank you very much.