



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 18, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 474 s. 2023

2023 REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (RSPC)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 School Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
 All Others Concerned

1. In response to DepEd Memorandum No. 24 s. 2023 which reinstates the conduct of the annual National Schools Press Conference as mandated in Republic Act (RA) 7079 also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, this Office announces the holding of the 2023 RSPC on May 31-June 2, 2023 in the Municipality of Dolores, Eastern Samar.
2. This year's RSPC which will be hosted by the Division of Eastern Samar shall be anchored on the theme: From Campus Journalism to Real-World Journalism: Shaping Minds from Schools to Societies.
3. The regional activity aims to realize the following objectives:
 - a. identify the winning campus journalists and school paper advisers who shall represent the Region during the 2023 National Schools Press Conference;
 - b. select the Most Outstanding School Paper Advisers and Most Outstanding Campus Journalists in Elementary and High School in both English and Filipino;
 - c. demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms;
 - d. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
 - e. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - f. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
 - g. provide learners opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
4. Following the guidelines and format of the 2023 NSPC, the eligible contestants of the regional competition shall be the Rank 1 Division Winners and School Paper Advisers of any event in the Individual and Group Contests in both Elementary and High School Levels as well as English and Filipino Categories. However, the Top 5 Winners of all regional contests, including those under the School Paper Category



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shall be recognized. Furthermore, the champion or Rank 1 campus journalists and coaches in the RSPC shall automatically qualify for the 2023 NSPC. In case the identified winner/entry cannot participate in the national contest, the next in rank shall be identified to represent the Region. The accumulated points earned from the Individual and Group Contests shall be included in the computation of the overall scores following the abovementioned NSPC guidelines.

5. In addition to the contestants and their coaches, other participants to the conference are the members of the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG); the RSPC Team of the Division of Eastern Samar being the Host Division including the composite support teams assigned at the different billeting schools and activity/contest venues; Officials of the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) led by the Schools Division Superintendents; Division Journalism Coordinators; Division Finance Officers who may accompany the group to take care of their expenses; Officers of the Regional Association of Elementary School Paper Advisers (RAESPA) and Regional Secondary School Paper Advisers' Association (RSSPAA); Contest Managers, Proctors, Specialists, and Facilitators; Contest Judges; and Resource Speakers of the different contests and concurrent activities.

6. The conference shall have two main categories of competition:

a. Individual Contests (English and Filipino; elementary and secondary)

- News Writing
- Features Writing
- Editorial Writing
- Sports Writing
- Copyreading and Headline Writing
- Science and Technology Writing
- Photojournalism
- Editorial Cartooning
- Column Writing

b. Group Contests

- Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino; elementary and secondary)
- TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino; secondary only)
- Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino; elementary and secondary)
- Online Publishing (English and Filipino; secondary only)

7. Aside from the official journalism contests, there shall also be other activities which include the following:

- a. Parade;
- b. Opening Program;
- c. Welcome Night;
- d. Search for the Outstanding School Paper Advisers and Outstanding Campus Journalists (English and Filipino; elementary and secondary);



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- e. Election of Officers for the Regional Association of Elementary School Papers Advisers (RAESPA) and Regional Secondary School Paper Advisers' Association (RSSPAA);
 - f. Concurrent journalism sessions; and
 - g. Closing and Awarding Ceremonies.
8. As a basic requirement for admission to the contests, each contestant or team must present a copy of the school paper (printed, digitally saved in a flash drive, or uploaded online) in compliance with the **No School Paper, No Contest Policy**, school ID, and Parental Consent Form upon registration at the designated venue.
9. The guidelines on contest administration and criteria for judging that will be observed in the different contests shall be based on the standards of the 2023 NSPC. However, modifications may be made by the RTWG due to difficulty or limitations in resources especially in terms of availability of expensive equipment for some group contests.
10. Contestants in photojournalism and group contests shall bring their own gadgets and equipment like cameras, SD cards, laptops, flash drives, printers, mobile broadband devices, and extension wires. The number of gadgets shall depend on the limit prescribed in the latest contest guidelines that will be adopted during the contests.
11. A registration fee of **Six Hundred Pesos (Php 600.00)** shall be collected from each campus journalist and school paper adviser from both public and private schools including the officers of Regional and Division association of school paper advisers who have official entries to the contest. The said registration fee may be charged to the school's Campus Journalism/School Paper Fund, MOOE, Special Education Fund (SEF), Division/School Local Funds, or other sources of funds, subject to the applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations, to defray the cost of meals/snacks for all members of the RSPC TWG; rental of venue and equipment; payment for utilities and transport service; board and lodging and honoraria of contest judges and speakers; uniform/t-shirt of the members of the RTWG and Host Division especially those involved in the contest administration; medals, trophies, and plaques; and other incidental, necessary expenses that will be incurred during the conduct of the RSPC. Expenses for contest/conference equipment, materials, and supplies such as bond paper, certificates, invitation programs, certificates, ink, ID, and other incidental but necessary items, however, shall be charged against/reimbursed through the Campus Journalism Fund that will be downloaded to the Region.
12. Since the registration does not cover the meals of the division delegation, each Division is advised to take care of their own food provisions. The Divisions may seek assistance from the Host Division through the Division Campus Journalism Supervisors as to arrangements for potential service providers.
13. In terms of board and lodging, contestants and coaches who will stay in billeting schools are advised to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets. On the other hand, the Host Division is requested to reserve accommodations for the RTWG headed by the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, and CLMD Chief; heads of delegations such as the Schools Divisions Superintendents, Assistant Schools Division Superintendents, CID Chiefs, and Division Campus Journalism



Supervisors of the 13 SDOs; contest judges; and guests upon confirmation of their attendance.

14. Travel expenses of the RTWG Members from the Regional Office may also be charged against the Campus Journalism Fund downloaded to the Region and/or Local Funds while those of the Division personnel and teachers shall be charged to their respective local funds/MOOE or other applicable sources of funds, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

15. In order to determine the expected number of participants which is necessary in the preparation of the corresponding billeting rooms, venues, and conference/contest materials, each division shall do a preregistration using Google Forms thru bit.ly/431dqj2 which shall generate a list of **Individual and Group Confirmation Sheets** bearing the names of the contestants and coaches in their respective contest categories. Likewise, the Division shall use the same link to upload the scanned copy of the **Summary of Confirmed Division Participants** following the template in Enclosure A which must be endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent to the Regional Office on or before May 26, 2023. These documents shall be **final**, and the Division Office shall be made accountable to pay any financial obligation that may arise should the number of actual registrants be less than the number of pre-registered participants. To facilitate a smooth registration, payment from each division which corresponds to the number of registrants should be deposited into the account of the Host Division not later than the date stipulated above.

16. Students who are attending the RSPC as contestants or who participate in an official capacity, should be given recognition by their schools in accordance with the applicable DepEd policy on awards and assessment and should be given consideration to make up for the full points of the projects, assignments, quizzes, and other requirements that they missed.

17. Moreover, students are expected to stay at their designated areas (only at the billeting schools, contest venues, and nearby stores to buy supplies or have some meals) for the duration of the activity and should refrain from getting out except if they have secured permission thru a letter request signed by their parents/guardians and approved by the Division delegation head. In addition, students should be accompanied by their teachers or relatives when going out of the schools.

18. The Schools Division Superintendents should see to it that classes left by school paper advisers or coaches are taken over by substitute teachers, merged with other classes, rescheduled for makeup classes, or given an alternative instruction so that the schools remain on track of providing uninterrupted quality education to the students.

19. The Officers of the RAESPA and RSSPAA are requested to meet a day before the activity to do the necessary preparations and stay one day after its culmination, if needed, to conduct a debriefing and make an accounting of all pertinent documents. Likewise, the Regional Technical Working Group, Members of the Contest Administration Committee composed of Contest Managers, Contest Proctors, Contest Specialists, and Contest Facilitators; Contest Judges; and other support personnel shall also meet on the morning of May 31, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) at the RSPC



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TWG Headquarters in Dolores National High School for an orientation on the conduct of the contests.

20. As part of precautionary measures, the participants are expected to abide by the prevailing health protocol in the locality and are requested to bring or prepare masks which they can wear should an advisory on their use be issued by the concerned government agency or authority. Likewise, alcohols or disinfectants should be made available at strategic areas in the billeting schools and activity/contest venues.

21. Other details such as the Terms of Reference for the RSPC TWG, Matrix of Activities, and List of Billeting Schools and Contest Venues shall be announced in a separate memorandum.

22. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
Regional Director 

Enclosures: A - List of Confirmed Division Participants to the 2023 RSPC
B - Parental Consent Form
References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CAMPUS JOURNALISM CONTESTS RSPC

CLMD-DME



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

Enclosure A to Regional Memorandum No. _____ s. 2023

LIST OF CONFIRMED DIVISION PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2023 RSPC

Division Journalism Coordinator: _____
 Contact Number/Mobile Number: _____
 Total Number of Division Pax
 Including DepEd Officials: _____

Division: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Date Submitted: _____

Dear Madam:

May I respectfully submit the herein **Summary of the Confirmed Contestants and Coaches** for the Individual and Group Contests, including the list of other official delegates to the 2023 Regional Schools Press Conference on May 31- June 2, 2023 in Dolores, Eastern Samar.

Delegates/Participants	No. of Confirmed Contestants				Total No. of Contestants	No. of Confirmed Coaches				Total No. of Coaches	TOTAL
	ELEMENTARY		SECONDARY			ELEMENTARY		SECONDARY			
	English	Filipino	English	Filipino		English	Filipino	English	Filipino		
OFFICIAL CONTESTANTS											
Individual Contests											
News Writing											
Feature Writing											
Editorial Writing											
Sports Writing											
Copyreading and Headline Writing											
Science and Technology Writing											
Editorial Cartooning											
Photojournalism											
Column Writing											
Group Contests											
Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting											
TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting											
Collaborative Desktop Publishing											
Online Publishing											
OCJ AND OSPANOMINEES											
Outstanding Campus Journalists											
Outstanding School Paper Advisers											
Total of Pax Required to Pay Reg Fee											
DIVISION OFFICIALS											
Schools Division Superintendent											
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent											
CID Chief											
Division Journalism Coordinators											
Presidents of the Division School Paper Advisers (DAESPA/DSSPAA)											
Division Finance Officer											
TOTAL No. of DIVISION PARTICIPANTS											

Very truly yours,

 Schools Division Superintendent



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Enclosure B to Regional Memorandum _____ s. 2023



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P A R E N T A L C O N S E N T

I/We hereby willingly and voluntarily give consent to the participation of my/our son/daughter _____ in the 2023 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) on May 31-June 2, 2023 in Dolores, Eastern Samar.

I have considered the benefits that my son or daughter will derive from his/her participation in this activity provided that due care and precaution will be observed to ensure the comfort and safety of my son/daughter and that DepEd employees and personnel may not be held responsible for any untoward incident that may happen beyond their control.

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

Name of Father

Name of Mother

Signature of Guardian over Printed name

(Relationship with the Delegate)



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