



**2017
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES
TECHNICAL GUIDELINES
(ATHLETICS)**

I. Dates and Venues

1.1 National Championship

Cebu City
December 11 - 15

II. General Rules

2.1 The competition will be held in accordance with the IAAF rules. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules shall be dealt with as follows:

- 2.1.1 Cases of general nature will be resolved by the General Manager/ Tournament Director of the Meet and will be final.
- 2.1.2 Technical questions will be resolved in accordance with the 2016-2017 IAAF Competition Rules.

2.2 Participants Eligibility

- 2.2.1 The team may enter any number of athletes (Male and Female).
- 2.2.2 There will be separate registration for **Elite, Junior and Youth Athletes**. Elite athletes are those born in the year 1997 and below. Junior athletes are those born in the year 1998 up to 1999. (Eighteen to nineteen years old within the year). And Youth athletes are those born in the year 2000 up to 2001. (Sixteen to Seventeen years old within the year).
- 2.2.3 Participants must not be less than 16 years old
- 2.2.4 Each team may enter two (2) competitors for each individual event and one (1) team for each relay event.
- 2.2.5 An Athlete may enter a maximum of three (3) individual events and two (2) relays.

2.3 Entries

- 2.3.1 Final Entry Forms including names of all competitors and officials of a team signed by the authorized team officials must be received by PSC Secretariat.
- 2.3.3 Final declaration of competitors must be confirmed by the Team Manager, Coach or Team Captain from the lists already entered and submitted to the Organizing Committee during the Team Manager's Meeting a day before the Competition Proper of each leg (venue and time to be announced). Teams with no manager, coach or team representative attending this meeting shall not be considered officially entered.

III. Competition Rules

- 3.1.1 Philippine Athletics Track and Field Association Inc., (PATAFA) accredited officials shall officiate in the competition.
- 3.1.2. Competitors must wear their official uniforms (at least upper uniform) and observe regulations contained in IAAF rule 143.
- 3.1.3. All participants in running events from 100 meters to 400 meters, including relays and hurdling events shall be required to start from crouch with starting blocks.
- 3.1.4. Competitors must report to the roll call area one (1) officials at warm up area at least 45 minutes before the start of their events, for instructions. Fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled start, they should report back at the roll call area two (2) where athletes' steward shall accompany them to their starting area. For field events, they shall report forty (40) minutes before the event. The team shall be responsible for his/her athletes warm up and punctuality to the starting area. Coaches with athletes already competing and entered in another event must inform call – room officials.
- 3.1.5. Starting height of the bar for high jump and pole vault shall be suggested at the Coaches/Team Managers Meeting.
- 3.1.6. The Victory ceremony shall be held at an appropriate and pre-set moment after a competition or event. Athletes taking part in the Victory Ceremony must wear appropriate track suits of their team and training shoes. No slippers, clogs or sandals. Athletes in improper uniform shall not be allowed to take part in the Victory ceremony.
- 3.1.7. Accredited Technical Officials of PATAFA with competing teams should waive their rights to officiate in the meet. Likewise, they should inhibit themselves from officiating in the track or field if they have sons and/or daughters who are competing in the said meet.
- 3.1.8. No athletes, team officials, officiating officials and other persons are allowed in the playing field at any time, except when they are actually performing their duties. They should always stay in their respective authorized areas.
- 3.1.9. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the playing field, especially officials who are at their post.
- 3.1.10. The Organizing Committee shall provide the equipment and implements for all events. The technical referee shall control the use of personal equipment/implement.
- 3.1.11. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make amendments and changes in these rules that they deemed necessary.
- 3.1.12. In the 1500m, 3000m, 3000msc, 5000m, 10000m 20000mw athletes who shall be overlapped by the lead athlete shall automatically withdraw from the race unless there are only 16 athletes' remaining.
- 3.1.13. Qualifying to next round will initially be by best time from heats. Subsequently IAAF Rule for qualifying for next round will be applied.

IV. Awards

- 4.1.1 Medals for top three (3) winners per event
 - 4.1.1.1 Gold - 190 pcs
 - 4.1.1.2 Silver - 190 pcs
 - 4.1.1.3 Bronze - 190 pcs