



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BATANG PINOY AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES



COMPETITION PROCEDURE AND TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

Date and Venue

Date: December 18 – 22, 2023
Venue: Philsports Complex, Pasig City

I. General Rules

- 1.1 The competition will be held following the World Athletics rules. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules shall be dealt with as follows:
- 1.1.1 Cases of a general nature will be resolved by the General Manager/ Tournament Director of the Meet and will be treated as final decisions.
 - 1.1.2 Technical questions will be resolved following the 2022 World Athletics Competition Rules.
 - 1.1.3 Philippine Athletics Track and Field Association Inc., (PATAFA) accredited officials shall officiate in the competition.
 - 1.1.4 Competitors must wear their official uniforms (at least upper uniform) and observe regulations contained in World Athletics Rule 143.
 - 1.1.5 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.
 - 1.1.6 The starting and successive heights of the bar in the High Jump and Pole Vault will be decided by the Competition Manager at the Technical/Coaches Meeting before the competition.
 - 1.1.7 In the 1500m, 3000m, 3000msc, 5000m, and 10000m athletes who shall be overlapped by the lead athlete shall automatically eliminated from the race unless only sixteen (16) runners remain.
 - 1.1.8 Qualifying for the next round will initially be by the best time for the Heats/Round 1. Subsequently, the World Athletics Rule for qualifying for the next round will be applied.
 - 1.1.9 If it is semi-finals or heats and only eight (8) or fewer competitors/teams report at the starting line, it will be run in the final schedule. The finalist will be based on eight (8) best times, in case of a tie, position in heat will be considered
 - 1.1.10 No changes in entries will be entertained once the competition starts except in relay where two (2) may be substituted from the official list of the six (6) relay team members.
 - 1.1.11 In the relays, Team Members must wear the same uniform, print, and color (singlets or shirts).

1.2 Competition Format

1.2.1 Team Composition

Batang Pinoy		Philippine National Games			
U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS	U20 MEN	U20 WOMEN	OPEN MEN	OPEN WOMEN
15	15	18	18	20	20

1.2.2 Age Category

- Elite/Open** **Senior (Men / Women)** – 20 years old and above
(athletes born in the year 2003 and below)
- U-20** **Junior (Boys / Girls)** – Any athlete of 18 and 19 years on the 31st of December in the year of competition (athletes born in the years 2005 and 2004)
- U-18** **Youth (Boys / Girls)** – 17 years old or younger on the 31st of December in the year of competition (athletes born in the year 2006 or later)

- 1.2.3 An athlete who wishes to compete in a higher category is not permitted.
- 1.2.4 Any athlete may register for a maximum of (3) individual events and a maximum of three (3) relays.
- 1.2.5 Each LGU may enter up to two (2) competitors for each individual event and one (1) team for each relay event.
- 1.2.6 Each LGU may enter one (1) team for each relay event. Eight (8) athletes (including four [4] reserves may be entered for each relay. Once a relay team has begun the competition, only four (4) additional athletes may be used as substitutes in the composition of the team for subsequent rounds.
- 1.2.7 Minimum Entries - For any event to proceed to competition, there must be a minimum of two (2) LGUs with a minimum of three (3) participating or competing athletes/entries in the case of individual events and a minimum of three (3) LGUs participating in the case of relay team events.

1.3 Entries

- 1.3.1 All entries must be submitted to the PSC Batang Pinoy – PNG secretariat.
- 1.3.2 According to PSC Batang Pinoy - PNG Guidelines the Online registration will be open/start on September 15, 2023, and it will close/end on October 31, 2023.
- 1.3.3 The “Failure to Participate” Rule will be strictly applied. It means that an athlete shall be excluded from participation in all further events (including other events in which he is simultaneously participating) in the competition, including relays, in cases where:
- 1.3.3.1 A final confirmation was given that the athlete would start in an event but then failed to participate
- 1.3.3.2 An athlete qualified in a preliminary round of an event for further participation in that event but then failed to participate further;

1.3.3.3 An athlete failed to compete honestly with bona fide effort. The relevant Referee will decide on this and the corresponding reference must be made in the official results.

1.3.3.4 An athlete sufficiently found to have committed an unsportsmanlike act will be immediately excluded from the competition in all events entered.

An individual athlete or team who withdraws, whether voluntarily or by DNS (Did Not Start), from one event will automatically be excluded from participating in all succeeding events he/she/they have entered. However, if an athlete qualifies for the next heat of his/her event he/she will be allowed to compete until the finals of that event, but he/she can no longer compete in the succeeding events where he/she is entered.

1.4 Pre-competition Procedures

1.4.1 Call Rooms

The control of athletes for competition will be held in the Call Room. All athletes must present themselves at the Call Room according to the scheduled check-in times.

Athletes who fail to appear on time at the Call Room without a valid reason (e.g., without a medical certificate issued by the official doctor of the competition) will be excluded from participating in that particular event and all further events in the Athletics competition, including relays.

Team Officials are not allowed to enter the Call Room.

1.5 Athletes Reporting Times

The time limits for athletes to report to the Call Room before each event are as follows:

Event Type	Latest Reporting Time
Track events (except Hurdles and Relays)	Thirty (30) minutes before official start of event
Hurdles and Relays	Thirty-five (35) minutes before official start of event
Field events (except Pole Vault and High Jump)	Fifty (50) minutes before official start of event
High Jump	Sixty (60) minutes before official start of event
Pole Vault	Ninety (90) minutes before official start of event
Race Walking	Thirty (30) minutes before official start of event

Procedures within the Call Room

The procedures in the Call Room for the identification of the athletes using the accreditation cards and bib numbers are as follows:

- Checking the athlete's uniform
- All athletes must wear the official uniform of their delegation.
- Inspection of personal belongings
- According to the World Athletics Rule 143, the use by athletes of cassette recorders, radios, mobile phones, cameras, etc. shall not be permitted.
- Confiscated articles may be retrieved at the Call Room after the event.

After completion of the necessary procedures in the Call Room, the athletes will gather behind a designated Technical Official who will accompany them to the start of the competition area of their event.

Team Managers should ensure that all their athletes comply with all the WA Rules and Regulations, including the above, before entering the Call Room to avoid any delays

1.6 Schedule for Entering the Arena

The schedules for athletes to enter the competition arena are as follows:

Event Type	Entering the Field of Play (FoP)
Track Events	Ten (10) minutes before official start of event
Hurdles and Relays	Fifteen (15) minutes before official start of event
All Field Events (except High Jump and Pole Vault)	Thirty (30) minutes before official start of event
High Jump	Forty (40) minutes before official start of event
Pole Vault	Sixty (60) minutes before official start of event

1.7 Competition Procedures

2.6.1 Bib Numbers

All athletes must wear the bib numbers they have received. Numbers shall coincide with the numbers on the entry list or official program.

Every athlete must wear two (2) bib numbers during the competition, on the chest, and the back, except in jumping events where only one number may be worn on the chest or the back.

Bib numbers must be worn following World Athletics Rules and Regulations, and must not be cut, folded, or obscured in any way.

Failure to comply with the WA Rules 143.8 may result in disqualification or sanction

BP – PNG EVENTS

EVENTS	BATANG PINOY		PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES			
	U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS	U20 MEN	U20 WOMEN	OPEN MEN	OPEN WOMEN
100M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
200M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
400M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
800M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1500M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3000M		✓				
5000M	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
10000M					✓	✓
110MH	✓		✓		✓	
100MH		✓		✓		✓
400MH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2000M STEEPLECHASE	✓					
3000M STEEPLECHASE			✓	✓	✓	✓
4X100m RELAY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4X400m RELAY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2000M WALK	✓	✓				
3000M WALK			✓	✓	✓	✓
5000M WALK			✓	✓	✓	✓
4x400m UNIVERSAL RELAY	✓		✓		✓	
HIGH JUMP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
POLE VAULT			✓	✓	✓	✓
LONG JUMP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

TRIPLE JUMP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SHOT PUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DISCUS THROW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HAMMER THROW			✓	✓	✓	✓
JAVELIN THROW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

HEIGHT OF HURDLES AND WEIGHT OF IMPLEMENTS:

Events	U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS	U20 MEN	U20 WOMEN	OPEN MEN	OPEN WOMEN
100m Hurdles	-	0.762m	-	0.838m	-	0.838m
110m Hurdles	0.914m	-	0.991m	-	1.067m	-
400m Hurdles	0.838m	0.762m	0.914m	0.762m	0.914m	0.762m
Shot Put	5kg	3kg	6kg	4kg	7.26kg	4kg
Discus Throw	1.5kg	1kg	1.75kg	1kg	2kg	1kg
Javelin Throw	500g	700g	800g	600g	800g	600g
Hammer Throw	-	-	6kg	4kg	7.26kg	4kg

IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

The Organizing Committee (PSC – Batang Pinoy – Philippine National Games) will provide all the implements and equipment for the competition, warm-up, and training at the respective sites. All equipment will conform to the WA rules. However, personal implements will only be allowed, provided the same is submitted at the Technical Information Center one (1) day before the scheduled time of competition of the event.

Once the Technical Delegate approves, the implements and equipment shall be added to the pool of equipment available to all competitors during the competition.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Medical facilities will be available at the Training and Competition Venues.

A First-aid and Emergency Medical Service First Response will be provided during the PSC BP-PNG to all participants at the competition and training venues. The service will comprise a dedicated medical team supported by an ambulance service.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

Protests and appeals will be referred to the BP – PNG General Guidelines at <https://batangpinoy.psc.gov.ph/general-guidelines/>

VICTORY CEREMONY

Prizes are awarded to the top three (3) winners in the finals of all Athletics events. Every individual or member of the top three (3) teams will each be awarded a gold medal, silver medal, or bronze medal for first, second, or third place finish respectively.

Victory ceremonies will be held at the respective competition venues following the completion of medal competitions and the announcement of the final results. Before the commencement of the ceremony, the medalist will be ushered to the victory ceremony holding area for preparation. They will be briefed by the victory ceremony team on the ceremony protocol and subsequently escorted to the podium for the medal presentation. Upon completing the formal part of the victory ceremony which includes the playing of the Gold medalist national anthem, they will be escorted out of the podium area.

Medalists must wear their official attire or sports dress to attend the ceremony. Athletes taking part in the Victory Ceremony must wear appropriate tracksuits for their team and training shoes. No slippers, clogs, or sandals. They will take their positions on the podium and face the official stand upon announcement of their names. The Gold medalist(s) will present on the centered, highest platform. The Silver and Bronze medalist(s) will be on equal heights, to the right and left of the Gold Medalist(s) respectively.

a. Number of Medals at Stakes

EVENTS	BATANG PINOY		PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES			
	U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS	U20 MEN	U20 WOMEN	OPEN MEN	OPEN WOMEN
GOLD	28	27	31	31	32	32
SILVER	28	27	31	31	32	32
BRONZE	28	27	31	31	32	32

Team Championships will be based on the number of medals won with gold taking precedence over silver and silver over bronze. Ties shall be resolved by determining the team that has the greatest number of national records broken and the finalists nearest the medal finish, in that order.

GROUND RULES:

1. The Organizing Committee shall provide the equipment and implements for all events. The technical referee shall control the use of personal equipment/implement.
2. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make amendments and changes to these rules that they deem necessary.
3. The Competition will observe the highest form of sportsmanship and integrity. Any participant, athlete, or coach/team official displaying disrespectful behavior, verbally abusing, or physically attacking any member of the organizing team or competition officials shall be immediately removed and will not be allowed to enter the competition venue. Depending on the ensuing investigation, erring parties will be given applicable sanctions by the PSC and PATAFA.
4. Accredited Technical Officials of PATAFA with competing teams shall waive their right to officiate in the meet. Likewise, they may inhibit themselves from officiating in the track or field if they have sons and/or daughters who are competing in the said meet. However, for positions requiring utmost competence and qualifications, they may still be appointed by the Organizing Committee, as necessary, provided they will inhibit themselves from ruling in cases involving their team or athlete in the competition.
5. No athletes, team officials, officiating officials, or other persons are allowed on the playing field at any time, except when they are performing their duties. They should always stay in their respective authorized areas.
6. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the playing field, especially by officials who are at their posts.

BP-PNG Competition Procedure and Technical Guidelines
Approved by PATAFA Competition Manager, TIC
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