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**Department of Education**  
REGION II – CAGAYAN VALLEY  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ISABELA

June 10, 2021

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No.: 28, s. 2021

**2021 ONLINE DIVISION JOURNALYMPICS**

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/DIC  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
District Journalism Coordinators  
School Paper Advisers  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to RA 7079 otherwise known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991 and in accordance with Regional Memorandum 111, s. 2021 titled Online Regional Journalympics, the Schools Division Office of Isabela through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) announces the conduct of the 2021 Online Division Journalympics with the theme, *“Transcending the Role of Campus Journalism in the New Normal”* to be hosted virtually by Doña Aurora National High School, Aurora District on **June 24-25, 2021**.
2. The activity aims to:
  - a. build awareness of campus journalists, their rights and responsibilities as young leaders in light of the pandemic;
  - b. enrich students’ journalistic learning experiences by providing them venues to hone their potentials as young writers;
  - c. enhance journalistic competencies through healthy and friendly competitions; and
  - d. recognize outstanding school paper advisers and campus journalists.
3. The Online Division Journalympics shall include the following activities:
  - a. Online Individual Writing Contests;
  - b. Online Photojournalism Contest for Campus Journalists and School Paper Advisers;
  - c. Concurrent Sessions on the Evolving Newsrooms;
  - d. Awarding of Outstanding Campus Journalists and School Paper Advisers;
  - e. Awarding of Top 10 Best School Papers; and
  - f. Exhibition of Radio Broadcasting, TV Broadcasting, and Online Publishing Outputs
4. The participants to this activity are learners from **public and private elementary and secondary schools** in the division with their coaches. Other participants include the CID Chief, Education Program Supervisors, Public Schools District Supervisors/ DIC, elementary and secondary school heads, District and School Journalism Coordinators, officers of the Isabela School Paper Advisers Association (ISPA), and members of the Division Technical Working Group (DTWG).



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5. For elementary, only the **CHAMPION** in each medium and category in the District Journalympics shall advance to the Division Level. In the secondary, the **CHAMPION** in each medium and category in the School-Based Journalympics is automatically qualified for the Division Level. **There shall be no Legislative District elimination for both elementary and secondary levels.**

6. The **ONE-LEARNER ONE-CONTEST POLICY** shall be strictly implemented in the online individual writing contests.

7. Participation to the Division Journalympics is **voluntary**.

8. All schools and districts should follow the **NO FACE-TO-FACE** conduct of journalism-related activities such as planning, screening, coaching, and mentoring. **No learners shall be required to report to school.** As such, all official contestants shall produce their outputs at home while the members of the DTWG, coaches, and evaluators shall remain in their stations.

9. The secondary school heads and PSDSs/DIC through their School/District Journalism Coordinators must submit the list of official contestants along with the duly signed certification of no face-to-face planning, screening, mentoring, and coaching on or before **June 22, 2021** through the following links:


Elementary: **[tinyurl.com/ELEM-LIST-CERTI](https://tinyurl.com/ELEM-LIST-CERTI)**

Secondary: **[tinyurl.com/SEC-LIST-JOUR](https://tinyurl.com/SEC-LIST-JOUR)**

10. **There shall be no registration fee for this year's Journalympics.** All expenses relative to the conduct of this activity such as supplies and materials, certificates, trophies, honoraria of evaluators, meals, snacks, and load allowance of the DTWG, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the Division MOOE subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

11. Enclosed are the Contest Guidelines and Mechanics, Schedule of Journalympics Major Activities, the format for the official list of contestants, the template for the Certification of No Face-to-Face Journalympics, and the Declaration of Anti-Plagiarism.

12. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Office In-Charge  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As Stated

Reference: RM No. 111, s. 2021

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

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## GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS IN THE CONDUCT OF 2021 ONLINE DIVISION JOURNALYMPICS

### I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### A. Health and Safety Protocols

1. All schools and districts shall always ensure the safety of participants by adhering with health and safety protocols mandated by the national and local IATF and reiterated by DepEd Policies in the conduct of any activity involving learners and DepEd personnel in the new standard set up.
2. The **NO FACE-TO-FACE** conduct of any school-based activities related to Journalympics such as planning, screening, coaching, and mentoring of contestants shall be strictly implemented at all levels.
3. Learners should not be required to report to school for rehearsals, mentoring, and coaching.
4. Coaches are prohibited to conduct home visits for mentoring purposes.
5. All official contestants shall produce their outputs at home.
6. All preparatory activities and actual conduct of School/ District/ Division Journalympics shall be conducted **virtually or remotely**.
7. A certification of no face-to-face screening, mentoring, and coaching of contestants duly signed by the School Head and PSDS shall be submitted to the SDO through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID).

#### B. Contest Guidelines

1. All learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools are eligible to join the Online Individual Writing Contests, but only the following shall advance to the Division Journalympics

Elementary	• <b>Champion</b> in each medium and category in the <b>District Journalympics</b>
Secondary	• <b>Champion</b> in each medium and category in the <b>School Journalympics</b>

2. There shall be no Legislative District elimination for both elementary and secondary levels in the online individual writing contests.



3. To maximize participation of learners to the online individual writing contests, the **ONE-LEARNER, ONE-CONTEST POLICY** shall be implemented at all levels which means that one (1) contestant must represent the school in each medium and category and that each learner is only allowed to join one (1) contest only.
4. Top 10 winners in the online individual writing contests will be awarded but only the **first and second place winners in each medium and category** shall advance to the Regional Journalympics.
5. Radio and TV Broadcasting and Online Publishing shall be for **exhibition only** where learners under the Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) and those who qualified to the 2020 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) will showcase their journalistic skills.
6. Participation to the contest automatically means that the contestants agree that they are giving the Schools Division of Isabela all the rights over their outputs/performance.

## II. SPECIFIC CONTEST GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

### A. Online Individual Writing Contests

1. The online individual writing contests shall include:
  - a. News Writing;
  - b. Editorial Writing;
  - c. Feature Writing;
  - d. Sports Writing;
  - e. Science and Health Writing;
  - f. Editorial Cartooning; and
  - g. Column Writing.
2. All official contestants in the online individual writing contests should have the following gadgets/equipment/account:
  - a. one (1) laptop installed with Discord Application;
  - b. one (1) smartphone with power bank;
  - c. one (1) compatible wired scanner (for editorial cartoonists);
  - d. stable internet connection; and
  - e. Google Account.

### 3. Before the Contest

- a. All contestants must register using their email through the online registration form to be provided by the DTWG. Only the officially-registered participants shall be assigned to a Google Class.
- b. Parent, guardian, or sibling may assist the contestant in checking internet connection of the laptop and cellphone and in setting up the working area. However, he/she must leave the contestant alone in the room when the contest proper begins.



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- c. The smartphone camera must be positioned in a place which will provide a clear view of the contestant's working room.
- d. The DTWG shall conduct a 30-minute orientation on contest mechanics and platforms to be used in the competition.
- e. A link shall be provided to the participants for the submission of outputs.

#### 4. **During the Contest**

- a. Each contestant must have two internet connections (wifi connection for the laptop and data internet connection for the smartphone).
  - b. Only one (1) laptop must be on the contestant's working table.
  - c. The laptop installed with Discord Application shall be used for encoding of outputs while the smartphone shall be used for monitoring the activity of the contestant.
  - d. Only the contestant should be in the working area/room and no assistance from anyone shall be provided to the him/her in the whole duration of the contest.
  - e. Cameras and microphones should be turned on throughout the contest proper.
  - f. The contestants shall be given one hour in writing their outputs.
  - g. In case of power interruption, internet disconnection, and technical glitches, the contestants shall be given an additional 30 minutes to finish and submit their outputs.
5. For Photojournalism, the topic will be announced two days before the contest, and all photos shall be home-based. CJs and SPAs must submit their outputs on **June 23, 2021**.
  6. The criteria in the selection of winners shall be based on DepEd Memorandum No. 176, s. 2019 titled 2020 National Schools Press Conference.
  7. Any violation of the contest guidelines shall be ground for disqualification.
  8. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the contest shall be deemed final and irrevocable.

#### **B. School Paper Contest**

1. The School Paper Contest is open to all public and private elementary schools in the division.



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2. The technical specifications, format, and sections of school publication stipulated in DepEd Memorandum 176, s. 2019 titled 2020 National Schools Press Conference shall be followed.
3. Any school paper found to have copied and published texts, images, and other materials without duly acknowledging their sources shall be disqualified in the contest.
4. All school paper entries along with the Declaration of Anti-Plagiarism shall be **submitted directly to the Division Office**, but only those plagiarism-free and compliant with the technical specifications of school papers as indicated in DepEd Memorandum No. 176, s. 2019 shall be endorsed for evaluation.
5. The top 10 winners in each section and medium shall be awarded and shall qualify to the Regional Journalympics.
6. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the contest shall be deemed final and irrevocable.

### C. Search for MOSPA and MOCJ

1. The Search is open to all Campus Journalists and School Paper Advisers with remarkable accomplishments in campus journalism from the division, regional, and national level.
2. All documents of the nominees should be submitted online through [cid.isabela@deped.gov.ph](mailto:cid.isabela@deped.gov.ph) duly certified true and correct by the school head for verification and evaluation by the Division Search Committee and endorsed by the Public Schools District Supervisors.
3. The panel of judges in the Division Search shall be composed of the Chief Education Supervisor of the CID, Division Education Program Supervisor in charge of journalism, and president of the Isabela School Paper Advisers Association.
4. The criteria in the selection of MOCJ and MOSPA indicated in DM DepEd Memorandum 176, s. 2019 shall be used to rate the nominees.





## MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021 JOURNALYMPICS

No	Activities	Date
1	District Journalympics	June 9-21,2021
2	Planning Conference of the DTWG	June 14, 2021
3	Planning Conference with the Host School	June 15, 2021
4	Final orientation of DTWG on the conduct of online individual writing contests	June 17, 2021
5	Submission of list of official contestants for Secondary	June 18, 2021
6	Submission of list of official contestants for Elementary	June 21-22, 2021
7	Orientation of SPAs and CJs on Photojournalism Contest	June 22, 2021
8	Photojournalism Contest for CJs and SPAs	June 23, 2021
9	Submission of School Paper Entries	June 24, 2021
10	Submission of documents for the Search for MOSPA and MOCJ	June 24, 2021
11	Opening Program and General Orientation	June 24, 2021 (a.m.)
12	Orientation and Contest Proper (Elementary)	June 24, 2021 (p.m.)
13	Orientation and Contest Proper (Secondary)	June 25, 2021 (a.m.)
14	Exhibition of outputs – SPJ Learners and former NSPC Qualifiers and Winners	June 25, 2021 (p.m.)
15	Conduct of Division Journalympics	June 24-25, 2021
16	Conduct of the School Paper Contest	June 25-27, 2021
17	Critiquing of School Paper Entries	June 28, 2021
18	Awarding Ceremonies	June 29, 2021
19	Debriefing, completion of reports, dissemination of winners thru Division Memorandum	June 30, 2021



**FORMAT FOR THE LIST OF OFFICIAL CONTESTANTS  
2021 ONLINE DIVISION JOURNALYMPICS**

**ONLINE INDIVIDUAL WRITING CONTESTS**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Category (e.g. News Writing)</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Complete Name of Coach</b>	<b>Contact No. of Coach</b>	<b>District</b>
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**Prepared by:**

**Endorsed by:**

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**District Journalism Coordinator**

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**PSDS/DIC**

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*Notes:*

1. For the secondary, the official list of contestants shall be prepared by the School Journalism Coordinator and duly endorsed by the School Head.
2. The list of official contestants should be in Excel Format and shall be submitted to the following links:

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|---------------|--|
| a. Elementary | <b><a href="https://tinyurl.com/ELEM-LIST-CERTI">tinyurl.com/ELEM-LIST-CERTI</a></b> |
| b. Secondary  | <b><a href="https://tinyurl.com/SEC-LIST-JOURN">tinyurl.com/SEC-LIST-JOURN</a></b>   |



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District: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF NO FACE-TO-FACE  
CONDUCT OF SCHOOL/DISTRICT JOURNALYMPICS**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ **(SCHOOL)**,  
\_\_\_\_\_ **(DISTRICT)**, ensured the health and safety of learners and teachers in the conduct of journalism-related activities by observing at all times the safety protocols set by IATF and by complying strictly with the **No Face-to-Face Policy** mandated by the Department of Education (DepEd) in the conduct of journalism-related activities at all levels.

This is to certify further that the planning for School/District Journalympics, screening of learners, and coaching of official participants to higher level competitions were all done virtually or remotely.

This certification is issued on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ upon the request of the School/District Journalism Coordinator as requirement in the participation to the 2021 Online Division Journalympics.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Public Schools District Supervisor/DIC

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Note: For Secondary, the signatory is the School Head



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## DECLARATION OF ANTI-PLAGIARISM

1. I, (Name of SPA), School Paper Adviser of (Name of School Paper), the Official School Publication of (School), (District) understand that plagiarism is the act of taking and using another ideas and works and passing them off as one's own. This includes explicitly copying the whole work of another person and/or using part/s of their work without proper acknowledgement and referencing.
2. I hereby attest to the originality of the pictures and articles included in this school paper and has cited properly all the references used.
3. I understand that violation from this declaration and commitment shall be subject for disqualification and shall be dealt with accordingly by the Department of Education (DepEd).

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Paper Adviser

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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