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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 2023 DIVISION
SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)**

A. School Level/Competitions

1. All schools are encouraged to maximize participation by providing each learner an opportunity to demonstrate his/her understanding of the importance of journalism.
2. The selection of writers shall preferably be part of the instructional time to avoid disruption of classes pursuant to the provision under DepEd Order (DO) 9, s. 2005, **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith** and DO 34, s. 2022 on **School Calendar and Activities for the School year 2022-2023**.
3. The activities shall be done through the conduct of Face to Face Press Conferences and/or other modalities that can ensure the selection of quality writers.
4. Schools are encouraged to participate in all events in which they can compete and advance to the next level of competition, Division Schools Press Conference.
5. Preferably, campus journalists are fully vaccinated.
6. Education Program Supervisors in-charge in Journalism will be monitoring to ensure the effective implementation of the activities.
7. The dates provided in the calendar of activities shall be observed.

B. Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC)

1. All Schools (public and private) are encouraged to join the 2023 Division Schools Press Conferences (DSPC).
2. Focus journalism events shall be encouraged in case of budget constraints due to the alignment of the budget.



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3. The **winner-take-all policy** shall be applied in the representation of group events in the next level of competitions, Regional Schools Press Conference.
4. The dates provided in the calendar of activities shall be observed.
5. The 2023 DSPC shall include these contests in English and Filipino.
 - a. **Individual Events** - News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Sports Writing, Editorial Cartooning, Photojournalism, Copy Reading & Headline Writing, Science and Technology Writing, and Column Writing
 - b. **Group Contest** – Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting, Collaborative Desktop Publishing, Online Publishing (Secondary only), TV Script Writing and Broadcasting (Secondary only)
 - c. **School Paper Contest** – to be submitted in pdf copies
 - d. **Search for Outstanding Campus Journalist and School Paper Adviser**
6. All School Paper Advisers shall take care of the needs of their contestants, but they are not allowed in the contest venues.
7. There shall be no parade for the opening program and no festive conduct of DSPC.
8. Only the **top three (3) winners** in the individual events during the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) shall be qualified for the RSPC.

CONTEST RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Generally, each writing event shall be conducted for **one hour** except for Photojournalism and Sports Writing.

1. **Sports Writing:**
 - a. The TWG shall orient and give final instructions to the contestants before the contest proper.



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b. A pre-game conference shall be conducted for the introduction of the players, coaches, and tournament officials. Consequently, a post-conference shall be held for further interviews and data gathering.

c. Contestants shall be made to watch an actual game where they shall gather appropriate data and/or conduct an interview with officials and athletes before and after the game.

d. The actual sports writing contest shall be done right after the coverage of the game.

e. **Judges are required to watch the actual event.**

2. **Copy reading & Headline Writing:**

a. The contestants shall use the standard copy reading symbols (AP Stylebook) and follow the directions given in the contest piece.

b. They will also **provide a headline for the article** that they have edited and include the appropriate printer's directions.

3. **Editorial Cartooning:**

a. The contestants shall provide two (2) **pencils (Mongol 482 No.2)** and two (2) pieces of **Oslo paper** with a long folder.

b. The cartoon must reflect the elements of editorial cartooning.

c. The cartoon should be, at all times, compliant with the professional and ethical standards of media.

d. Use of additional drawing materials (enhancers) shall be a **ground for disqualification.**

4. **Photojournalism**

a. Preparation:

i. Contestants should be at the contest venue thirty (30) minutes before the orientation.

ii. The contestants are allowed to use any point and shoot digital camera (compact camera) with a maximum of 20.1 megapixels shall be used.



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- iii. Contestants who will use any DSLR and other high-end cameras **will not be permitted to join the contest.**
- iv. The contestant should bring his/her own
 - (1) camera cable for uploading of pictures. Cellular phones, extra digital;
 - (2) cameras, cameras, extra storage card or any additional; and
 - (3) materials/equipment are not allowed in the contest area.
- v. All contestants shall bring and submit laptop for checking a day before the contest. These will be duly checked, sealed and secured in front of the participants.
- vi. Cellular phones, extra digital cameras, extra storage cards or any additional materials/equipment **are not allowed** in the contest area.
- vii. The contestants shall bring their own black ink ballpen while the RTWG will provide scratch papers where contestants can write down notes during the shooting.
- viii. Contestants shall set the date and time of their own camera.

Photo Shoot, Uploading, and Captioning

1. Control shot shall be the first shot.
2. Contestants are given one (1) hour to take pictures, which does not include the loading and unloading of the storage card in front of the examiner on a theme provided during the orientation.
3. The contestants are allowed to take **unlimited shots** but will submit five (5) possible photos with a caption for the given theme and the control shot.



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4. Contestants shall retain in the memory card photos to be submitted only.
5. Contestants shall be given 30 minutes to write captions for each of the five photos.
 - a. Caption sheets will be provided by the TWG.
 - b. All entries with caption sheets shall be submitted to the examiner after the allotted time.
 - c. Memory card will be returned to the participant through the SPA.
 - d. During the actual photo shooting, the advisers, trainers, parents, and spectators are **NOT** allowed in the venue.
6. Violation of any of the stipulated guidelines will be grounds for disqualification of the contestant.
7. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the contest shall be deemed final and irrevocable.



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