



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG PANGULO  
LUPON SA MGA LARO AT LIBANGAN  
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**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
**January to June 2014**

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB), an agency attached to the Office of the President, is vested with supervisory and regulatory authority over professional sports and games in the Philippines. The major final outputs (MFOs) of GAB in the regulation and supervision of professional sports and games are as follows:

**I. BOXING AND OTHER CONTACT SPORTS**

For **Professional Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division**, the actual number of license applications from professional sports practitioners for period January to June 2014 was higher by 9% at 1,037 compared to last year's 942 for the same period. Likewise, permit applications was higher by 20% at 81 compared to 65 of last year. This could be attributed to the continuing interest in boxing, mixed martial arts (MMA) and muaythai. There was however lower number of games monitored and supervised by 15% with 537 lower than last year's 633, due to fewer number of bouts per permit applications.

With the initiative of the GAB to be more client-oriented and focus on client satisfaction, the GAB shortened the period of processing of license and permit applications, from a maximum of 7 days to 2 days only. Now, clients can get their licenses (IDs) and permits within the day or for a maximum of 2 days, provided that all requirements are complete. Hence, all applications for licenses and permits for periods January to June 2014 were acted upon within two days upon receipt of applications.

Last May 14-17, 2014, the GAB hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine Boxing Convention at the Hyatt Hotel & Casino Manila, which was attended by boxing licensees from all over the Philippines, and foreign delegates as well. Through seminars and workshops like this, where continuous updating of rules and regulations and orientation of all boxing licensees are done, all possible violations and untoward incidents are prevented, hence, there were no reported violations in the licensing/registration and in the actual conduct of professional sports and games for periods January to June 2014.

**II. PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL GAMES**

For **Professional Basketball and Other Professional Games Division**, actual number of license applications from professional sports practitioners was lower by 8% at 1,036 compared to last year's 1,131. Likewise, the actual number of permits issued is lower by 3% at 182 compared to last year's

187. The decrease in licenses and permits issued is due to the non-participation of the Philippines in the 2014 Asean Basketball League (ABL), unlike last year where we had two teams entered in the ABL. The members of the Philippine teams to the ABL also get their license from GAB and some of the events are stage here in the country. There was however an increase in the actual number of games supervised and monitored by 8% at 2,429 compared to last year's 2,247, due to the increase in golf and billiard tournaments from January to June 2014.

All licenses and permit applications were acted upon within two days upon receipt of applications. Likewise, there were no reported violations in the licensing/registration and in the actual conduct of professional sports and games for periods January to June 2014, due to effective supervision and regulation of the GAB Professional Basketball and Other Professional Games Division.

### **III. BETTING ASPECT OF HORSE RACING**

For **Horse Racing Betting Supervision Division**, actual number of license applications from professional sports practitioners was lower at 710 (by 13%) compared to last year's 822 for periods January to June 2014. However, actual number of permit applications for the holding of events at 784 and the number of betting/events supervised and monitored at 11,658 were higher than last year's 767 (by 2%) and 10,097 (by 13%), respectively. All licenses and permit applications were acted upon within 2 days upon receipt of applications. There were no reported violations or any untoward incident during monitoring of all off-track betting stations (OTBs).

### **IV. PELOTA GAMES (JAI-ALAI)**

Due to the decrease in the number of jai-alai games from 9 games to only one game per day in the third quarter of 2013, the GAB target for the number of games supervised and monitored was also reduced from the actual 1,602 in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2013 to 180 games target in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2014. For the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2104, the actual number of games monitored is 122. Likewise, the licenses and permits issued are lower by 5% (from 37 target to actual of 35) and 1% (from 180 target to actual of 178), respectively.

### **V. ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING UNIT**

Up to this date, no PNP personnel are detailed to the GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU), despite continuous follow-ups of our request to PNP. Without the PNP detailed personnel, no enforcement actions can be done and hence no performance specifically in the category of number of persons arrested and cases filed and prosecuted. However, the organic personnel of GAB-AIGU still continue to appear and testify before courts where pending criminal cases are being heard. For this reason, our target for 2014 focused mainly on the number of court hearings attended and the

