



**GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD  
AND PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION  
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

**“GUIDELINES ON THE DEFINITIONS OF PROFESSIONAL  
ATHLETE AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS OR COMPETITIONS”**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 871 and Executive Order No. 120, the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) is the government agency under the Office of the President mandated to regulate and supervise all professional sports and games in the country;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) is the government agency attached to the Office of the President to serve as the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for GAB and PSC to define the terms “*Professional Athlete*” and “*Professional Sports or Competition*” for it to adopt to the present situation to effectively and efficiently perform its respective functions in the supervision and regulation of the sports and games in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the GAB, in its letter dated 21 September 2020, has proposed for the adoption of a Joint Resolution between PSC and GAB, which will formalize the definitions of professional and amateur sports, among other provisions, and which will serve as a guide for all sports stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, at the Special Virtual Board meeting of the Board of Commissioners of PSC held on 5 October 2020, the PSC approved the adoption of the proposed definitions for the terms "*Professional Athlete*" and "*Professional Sports or Competition*" through Resolution No. 1025(A)-2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, premises duly considered, the following are hereby adopted:

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

**1.1. "*Professional Athlete*"** shall refer to any natural person, who is paid a sum of money or other equivalent compensation as a salary or prize money for participating, either as an individual or member of a team, in a game, bout, tournament or contest of professional sport: **PROVIDED**, That it shall not include those who are paid 'token amounts' or such amounts that do not exceed the reasonable expenses incurred by the athlete in attending the competition or match, such as uniform, sports equipment, transportation, board and lodging, but not pre-competition training expenses.

**1.2 "*Professional Sports or Competitions*"** shall refer to individual or team sports, games, contest, bouts, tournaments or competitions,

a) whereby the participating athletes are paid sums of money or other forms of compensation as salary or prizes for

participation, except 'token amounts' or such amounts that do not exceed the reasonable expenses incurred by the athlete in attending the competition or match, such as uniform, sports equipment, transportation, board and lodging, but not pre-competition training expenses; or

b) those that are conducted by promoters, operators, owners or leagues, foundations or athletic societies for profit: **PROVIDED**, That competitions with gate entry fees, television coverage, paid advertisements or sponsors are presumed to be conducted for profit:

**PROVIDED FURTHER**, That it shall not include competitions:

a) held by and under the auspices of national sports associations duly recognized as such by the Philippine Sports Commission, solely for the development of the national training pool, or

b) under the auspices of schools, colleges and universities, for the health and sports development of their students, including intramurals and inter-school competitions,

c) held by athletic Associations or organizations of schools, colleges and universities, participated in solely by bona fide students of the member schools, colleges and universities.

## 2. REPEALING CLAUSE

All resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby revised, repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

## 3. EFFECTIVITY

Let copies of this Joint Resolution be furnished to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), University of the Philippines - Diliman, Quezon City for filing, to GAB Regional Offices, and other concerned governmental agencies.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, City of Makati, Philippines.

  
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