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## City of Naga Opens CVIRAA 2026 with Grand Ceremonies

The City of Naga officially opened the 2026 Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVIRAA) Meet in the afternoon of March 22, 2026, at the Teodoro “Doring” Mendiola Sr. Sports Field and Track Oval, marking the start of a week-long regional sporting event.

The opening program was preceded by a colorful parade of delegations, with student-athletes, coaches, and officials from 12 divisions across the provinces of Bohol and Cebu. Carrying the theme “United in Sports,” the event drew thousands of participants, highlighting a strong spirit of sportsmanship and unity.

This year’s meet marks the third time that the City of Naga

has hosted the CVIRAA. It is also the first staging of the regional competition, following the reduction of participating divisions in Region VII, after eight divisions from Negros Oriental and Siquijor were reassigned to Negros Island Region. Despite this, organizers emphasized that the level of competition remains high.

In his keynote address, DepEd Regional Director Salustiano Jimenez underscored the significance of the event beyond competition. He stressed that “CVIRAA is more than just a quest for gold; it is a platform for building discipline and character among our youth.”

Further, the Mayor of the City of Naga, Cebu Governor Pamela Baricuatro and Bohol Governor

Erico Aristotle Aumentado delivered inspiring messages, urging the youth to carry the “Heart of the Visayas” into their respective competitions.

The opening ceremony culminated with the symbolic lighting of the CVIRAA urn, signifying the official start of the 2026 regional athletic meet.

*Dr. Mercy Mae Serate*



# Tagbilaran City Delegation Billeted at Pitalo Elementary School



The Tagbilaran City delegation for Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CViRAA) Meet 2026 is currently billeted at Pitalo Elementary School (PES) in Barangay Pitalo, San Fernando, Cebu.

Established in 1916, PES spans a 6,948-square-meter campus and is manned by 43 permanent teachers, one non-teaching personnel, and a school principal. The campus has been offering a conducive and secure environment for athletes, coaches, and support staff. Surrounded by verdant trees, the school provides an ideal space for rest and preparation ahead of the competition.

A total of 703 delegates from Tagbilaran City, led by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Wilfreda D. Bongalos, are being accommodated at the venue. Of this number, 467 are athletes competing in various sporting events, while 236 consist of coaches, assistant coaches,

technical officials, trainers, working committees, and Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel.

The grand opening of the CViRAA Meet was set on Sunday, March 22, marking the official start of one of the region's premier sporting events.

PES is expected to serve as a "home away from home" for the delegates, providing not only shelter but also a supportive environment that fosters camaraderie and focus.

To ensure the safety and security of all delegates, the Department of Education (DepEd) Naga Division has coordinated with the Philippine National Police and the Barangay Pitalo Peacekeeping Action Team, alongside the delegation's security committee, to maintain round-the-clock security coverage.

Working committees are likewise collaborating closely

with school administrators to oversee logistics, transportation, and meal arrangements, ensuring the smooth conduct of daily activities.

More than just a sporting event, CViRAA 2026 is seen as a platform for athletes to develop discipline, perseverance, and teamwork. As participants gear up to showcase their skills and sportsmanship, the billeting site stands as a vital support system—providing comfort, stability, and a space for meaningful interactions and lasting memories.

With preparations in place, the Department of Education Tagbilaran City Division has affirmed its readiness for CViRAA 2026, with its billeting school fully prepared to provide efficient support and warm hospitality for a successful and memorable regional meet.

*Dr. Aquilino T. Milar Jr.*

# Tagbilaran City holds Pre-Departure Orientation to CVIRAA 2026 Delegates



The Department of Education (DepEd) Tagbilaran City Division conducted a Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) and send-off ceremony for its delegation to the Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVIRAA) Meet 2026 on March 18 at the Saulog Gym, City Hall Grounds.

The activity, led by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Wilfreda D. Bongalos and Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Dr. John Ariel A. Lagura, gathered qualified athletes, coaches, trainers, and parents to finalize preparations ahead of the week-long regional competition set in Naga City and Cebu City.

The orientation served as a mandatory briefing to ensure that all members of the delegation are informed, organized, and prepared—both physically and mentally—for the demands of the competition. Key agenda items included a review

of technical guidelines, travel safety protocols, billeting arrangements, and house rules. Delegates were also reminded of proper conduct and discipline as representatives of Tagbilaran City.

Division officials, including Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) Chief Ms. Maurine C. Castaño, Legal Officer Atty. Tammy Relampagos, and committee member Ms. Sandra S. Fortich, provided updates on logistics such as transportation schedules, accommodation details, and nutrition plans for athletes. Emphasis was placed on ensuring the health, safety, and overall well-being of the participants throughout the duration of the meet.

The seminar also highlighted the importance of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship, reinforcing the “Asenso Pa More Tagbilaran” spirit under the administration of Mayor Jane C.

Yap. Coaches were reminded of their critical role in monitoring both the physical and mental readiness of the athletes.

Parents and guardians were likewise given the opportunity to raise concerns and seek clarification on safety measures and event protocols, fostering confidence and support for the delegation.

Following the orientation, uniforms and essential supplies were distributed by the City General Services Office (CGSO), headed by Dr. Chris John Rener G. Torralba, ensuring that all delegates are fully equipped for the competition.

With preparations completed, the Tagbilaran City delegation is set to compete in the CVIRAA Meet 2026 from March 22 to 28. The division expressed optimism that the thorough preparations will enable athletes to perform at their best as they represent the city on the regional stage.

 Sandy S. Fortich



# Pitalo Elementary School Hosts Warm Welcome Program

Pitalo Elementary School (PES) warmly welcomed the Tagbilaran City delegation on March 21, 2026, with a festive program that began at 6:30 p.m. The activity opened with the singing of Philippine National Anthem led by Ma. Judith P. Agudo, the school's designated guidance counselor, followed by a prayer and the Sugbo and San Fernando hymns.

The school principal Isidro M. Cantina delivered the welcome remarks, underscoring the school's honor and privilege to serve as the billeting host for the week-long sporting event. *"Our doors are wide open. We hope everyone feels safe, comfortable, and at home—a place where friendships are built and memorable experiences are created,"* he said. He also assured that responsible personnel were designated to assist delegates with any concerns or issues during their stay.

Alberto A. Lacang, Education Program Supervisor in MAPEH and Division Sports Officer,

formally introduced the 703-member delegation, composed of athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, members of the working committees, technical officials, and police personnel.

Although several distinguished personalities—Hon. Mytha Ann B. Canoy, Municipal Mayor of San Fernando; Hon. Miraluna Manlosa, Barangay Captain of Pitalo; PMaj Michael C. Gingoyan, PNP Chief; FSIInsp. Izza R. Flores, Chief of the San Fernando BFP; and Jan Gregorie Mendaras, Head of the San Fernando MDRRMO—were unable to attend, their steadfast

support and commitment to the event were duly recognized.

Dr. Joel B. Umbay, Public Schools District Supervisor, graced the occasion and delivered an inspirational message, while Jenever Enad conveyed a message of encouragement on behalf of Hon. Canoy. In response, Dr. Wilfreda D. Bongalos, Schools Division Superintendent of SDO Tagbilaran, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Pitalo Elementary School for hosting the delegation and assured that their generosity would be duly reciprocated.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, PES teachers delivered a lively dance performance, followed by the presentation of house rules for delegates to observe throughout their stay.

The evening concluded with a live band performance and a sumptuous dinner provided by the host school, creating a memorable and enjoyable experience for all attendees.



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## **PREFECT OF DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HOUSE RULES**

- 1. Wear the delegation ID at all times.**
- 2. Be courteous and respectful all the time.**
- 3. Always observe the First Come First Serve Policy at the mess hall, washing area, toilets and bathrooms.**
- 4. Eating must be done in the designated areas only. Athletes must eat with the coach. No coach no eat.**
- 5. Observe, Clean as you Go. Avoid leaving left-over on the plate and on the table.**
- 6. No hanging of clothes inside & outside the quarters. Specific area is provided for drying clothes. Bring your own hangers.**
- 7. Bring your own personal necessities, like deodorant, comb, shampoo, soap & other necessities for personal hygiene. Be responsible of your own personal belongings.**
- 8. No athlete is allowed to go out of the quarters without the company of the coach.**
- 9. Taking/Fetching of kids by their parents must be through the coach, with the permission from the SDS and should be processed at the Parents' lounge.**
- 10. Garbage SEGREGATION is strictly implemented. It should be placed under its correct label. (MALATA, DILI MALATA, TOXIC). Fines/Penalty will be imposed to those violators.**
- 11. Visitors are not allowed inside the sleeping quarters. They can only stay at the Parents' Lounge.**
- 12. All things in the sleeping quarters must be arranged in order. No soiled shoes and slippers be allowed inside the sleeping quarters.**
- 13. Boisterous laughter and giggling are not allowed. Observe decency and proper decorum at all times.**
- 14. Everyone must wake up at 5:00 AM to join the prayer and morning exercises.**
- 15. Taking of any delegation property outside the billeting quarters is a no -no.**
- 16. There must be no alcoholic beverages and gambling inside the billeting quarters.**
- 17. Absolutely no smoking inside the sleeping quarters.**
- 18. Strictly observe curfew hour. Curfew time for athletes is 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM for coaches and trainers. All lights should be switched off at curfew time.**
- 19. Toilets inside the classroom is strictly not for bathing. Taking a bath should be done in the designated porta bath outside of the rooms.**
- 20. No Running / Playing inside the quarter.**
- 21. Complaints should be entertained at the CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DESK.**

