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Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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ARNIS INTER-SCHOOL MASS CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

To: **Cluster Heads**
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Sports Coordinators
(Public, Private and SUCs)
This Division

1. Attached is an invitation letter from Wilfredo M. Atayan, PhD, Chairman of the Board and Founder of the Karakasa MXD Fitness Association, Inc. (KMFA), dated August 24, 2026 for your perusal.
2. School Heads are advised to ensure that the participation of student-athletes in the said activity shall be managed in such a manner that learning continuity is maintained. Participating student-athletes shall be provided with appropriate opportunities and support to catch-up with missed lessons, learning activities, and specific competencies in every subject during and after the training and competition period.
3. For inquiries and confirmation, interested participating schools are advised to contact this mobile numbers 0905 137 4581 / 0955 461 5015.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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COMPETITION

INTER-SCHOOL

RNT/MABS/DM/ ARNIS INTER-SCHOOL MASS CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION/September 2, 2026



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August 24, 2026

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Subject: Invitation to Join the Arnis Inter-School Mass Choreography Competition

Dear Sir,

Warm greetings of respect and goodwill.

On behalf of the Karakasa MXD Fitness Association, Inc. (KMFA), with the support of the Office of the DEPED Secretary "Sonny" Angara and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), we are honored to invite your institution to participate in the upcoming Arnis Inter-School Mass Choreography Competition, to be held at the Covered Court of Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU), Tacurong Campus, on **September 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM**.

This event will highlight the talent and skills of student-athletes through music and choreography, with each participating school fielding a group of 30 students. Teams will present a 5–7-minute choreographed performance showcasing Arnis techniques, artistry, and synchronization. Performances will be judged based on technical execution, creativity, and overall presentation.

To ensure quality and fairness, only 20 slots will be accommodated, on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for submission of entries is on or before September 18, 2026 (Friday). Please note that **registration is free of charge**.

As part of this meaningful competition, the following **cash prizes** will be awarded:

- **Champion:** Php30,000.00 + Medals
- **Second Place:** Php20,000.00 + Medals
- **Third Place:** Php10,000.00 + Medals
- **Two Consolation Prizes:** Php5,000.00 each

This competition is strongly supported by Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU), in recognition of the province's interest to promote Arnis as the identity sport of Sultan Kudarat. With the backing of the Office of the DEPED Secretary Sonny Angara and the Philippine Sports Commission, this initiative seeks to strengthen regional identity, foster camaraderie among schools, and provide athletes with broader exposure beyond school-based competitions.

For your guidance, please find attached the official guidelines and mechanics of the competition.

We sincerely hope for your favorable response and active participation in this meaningful event. Together, let us showcase the pride of Sultan Kudarat through the artistry and discipline of Arnis.

For inquiries and confirmation, please contact: ☎ 0905 137 4581 / 0955 461 5015

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Respectfully yours,

Wilfredo M. Atayan, PhD

Chairman of the Board & Founder

Karakasa MXD Fitness Association, Inc.



Arnis Inter-School Mass Choreography Competition
September 25, 2026 – SKSU Tacurong Campus Covered Court

1. Eligibility

- Open to all public and private secondary and tertiary schools within Sultan Kudarat.
- Each school may field one (1) team composed of 30 bona fide students.
- Participants must be physically fit and officially endorsed by their school head.

2. Registration

- Free of charge; no registration fees required.
- Only 20 slots will be accommodated, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Deadline for submission of entries: September 18, 2026 (Friday).

3. Performance Rules

- Each team must present a 5–7-minute choreographed performance.
- Performances must highlight Arnis techniques, artistry, and synchronization, accompanied by music.
- Props (Arnis sticks, costumes, and accessories) must be safe and appropriate.
- Dangerous stunts or unsafe maneuvers are strictly prohibited.

4. Judging Criteria

Criteria	Description	Weight
Technical Execution	Accuracy of strikes, stances, and footwork; proper application of Arnis fundamentals.	30%
Choreography & Creativity	Originality of routine, logical flow of movements, integration of Arnis with dance-like sequences.	25%
Musicality & Synchronization	Effective use of music; timing and rhythm aligned with beats; dynamic energy shifts matching musical changes.	20%
Presentation & Stage Presence	Confidence, expression, attire, discipline, and audience engagement.	15%
Overall Impact	Holistic impression, cultural respect, and ability to inspire pride in Arnis.	10%
Total		100%

Note: Judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

5. Prizes

- Champion: Php30,000.00 + Medals
- Second Place: Php20,000.00 + Medals
- Third Place: Php10,000.00 + Medals
- Two Consolation Prizes: Php5,000.00 each

6. General Provisions

- All participants must adhere to the competition schedule and rules.
- Schools are responsible for their team's transportation, meals, and costumes.
- The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.
- The competition promotes Arnis as the identity sport of Sultan Kudarat, fostering camaraderie and cultural pride.

7. Performance Flow & Transition Procedures

- All performances will take place at the center court of the SKSU Tacurong Campus Covered Court, with the judges seated on the stage area for clear visibility.
- Teams will perform according to their assigned entry number, determined by a drawing of lots conducted 30 minutes before the competition starts.
- Each school must send one representative to participate in the drawing of lots. The assigned performance number will be officially announced by the EMCEE.
- After each performance, the next team will be given exactly 1 minute preparation time on the center court. Immediately after this, the team must begin their performance.
- No further delays will be tolerated; failure to comply will be grounds for disqualification.
- Any team not ready when called will be given a maximum of 2 minutes grace period; failure to appear within this time will result in forfeiture of slot.
- All participating schools must endorse their official music tracks to the assigned music technician prior to the start of the competition to ensure smooth playback.
- Stage marshals will coordinate the orderly entry and exit of teams.
- Props and equipment must be pre-arranged and easily movable to ensure quick transitions.
- Schools are encouraged to assign a team coordinator to assist in organizing their group during entry and exit.
- Strict adherence to these procedures will ensure a continuous, disciplined, and fair competition flow.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **School Name:** _____ **Address:** _____
- **Principal/Head of School:** _____ **Contact Number:** _____
- **Email Address:** _____
- **Level:** Elementary () Highschool () College: ()

TEAM COMPOSITION (30 Bona Fide Students)

No.	Student Name	Age	Gender	School ID No./ Credential	Signature
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No.	Student Name	Age	Gender	School ID No./Credential	Signature
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Coach Name: _____ Coach Contact Number: _____

Waiver Form

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above-listed students are bona fide students of our institution and are physically fit to participate in the Arnis Inter-School Mass Choreography Competition.

I acknowledge that while the organizers will take necessary precautions to ensure safety, the Karakasa MXD Fitness Association, Inc. (KMFA), the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU), and the event venue shall not be held liable for any injury, accident, or loss that may occur during the competition.

I further affirm that our school voluntarily joins the competition and agrees to abide by the Official Guidelines and Mechanics, including:

- Compliance with the 1-minute preparation rule and immediate performance requirement.
- Acceptance of the 2-minute grace period limit, with forfeiture of slot if not ready.
- Endorsement of official music tracks to the assigned technician prior to the event.
- Respect for the judges' final and irrevocable decision.

By signing this waiver, I affirm our commitment to uphold the discipline, artistry, and cultural pride of Arnis.

Principal/Head of School: _____
(Signature over printed name)

Date: _____