



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 95TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2019 -2022 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOOC, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON HELD AT MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021.

PRESENT:

HON. DIANSON R. TAYTAY.....	Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer
HON. PERIANO R. BERNARDO.....	SB Member
HON. ISMAEL S. OSORIO, JR.....	SB Member
HON. BENROL M. PALACIO.....	SB Member
HON. TEODULO G. TIROL, JR.....	SB Member
HON. JOHNNY M. AGUIRRE.....	SB Member
HON. HERMIE G. LACHICA.....	SB Member
HON. MICHAEL P. FRANCISCO.....	SB Member
HON. ROLANDO F. BAUTISTA.....	SB Member
HON. JOSEFINA G. MORTEL.....	LnB President
HON. ANGELIC F. CONDES.....	SK Federation President

ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 092 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CONDUCT OF HEALTH-ENHANCING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOOC, ROMBLON AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Sponsor: Hon. Angelic F. Condes

*Co-Sponsors: Hon. Periano R. Bernardo, Hon Teodulo G. Tirol Jr.,
Hon. Michael P. Francisco*

WHEREAS, the pandemic has forced many people around the world to stay at home and self-isolate for a period of time since the outbreak of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), and Gambling and Amusement Board (GAB) issued a Joint Administrative Order which provides guidance for the conduct of physical activities, exercises and sports during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, stated there that the general public maybe allowed to conduct activities and exercise to promote physical health;

WHEREAS, physical activity also have a major role in mental health and cognitive function because of its positive effects on preventing and alleviating depressive symptoms, lessening anxiety, improves learning and is beneficial for cognitive functioning in adults;

WHEREAS, the Joint Administrative Order issued the concerned Local Government Unit to ensure the immediate and widest dissemination of guidelines to all units/sectors within their jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Looc, Romblon, in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Conduct of Health-Enhancing Physical Activities and Sports during the COVID-19 Pandemic Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. Objective of this Ordinance – This Ordinance aims to provide guidance for the conduct of exercise, sports and other forms of health-enhancing physical activities as well as play-for pay physical sports activities for the duration of the COVID-19 response.

SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage – This Ordinance shall cover the following:

1. All non-professional sports and activities under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC);
2. All professional sports and activities under the jurisdiction of the Games and Amusement Board;
3. Professional and Non-Professional players, including coaches, managers, promoters, athletic directors, and other personnel;
4. All venues including but not limited to stadiums, sports arena, training facilities, fields, and other venues; and
5. All others concerned with the conduct of Professional and Non-Professional Sports and Health-Enhancing physical activities including but not limited to Local Government Units, Schools, Universities, Workplace (public and private) and Commercial Physical activity-related facilities.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following are defined as follows:

- a. **Administrative Controls** – refer to procedural interventions or modifications in policies, standards, and processes, that are meant to reduce the frequency and severity of exposure to infectious diseases (hygiene and disinfection protocols, temperature scan, work shifting, etc.);
- b. **Combat Sports** – refer to competitive contact sports or activities, involving one-on-one encounter or fight between two opponents, whereby physical engagement or contact is part of the rules to compete and win the contest (e.g. boxing, kickboxing, mixed-martial arts, and Muay Thai, etc.);
- c. **Contact Sports and Activities** – refer to sports or activities that will involve physical contact between and among participants (whether such physical contact is part of the rules of the games or not), or cussing them to be within one (1) meter to any other person at any point during the activity (e.g. football, basketball, etc.);

- d. **Engineering Controls** – refer to physical interventions or modifications in spaces or environments, that is meant to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (e.g. use of physical barriers, exhaust ventilation, etc.);
- e. **Indoor Sports and Activities** – refer to sports or activities that are conducted inside an enclosed or indoor constructed facility with artificial ventilation and overhead enclosure;
- f. **Non-Contact Sports and Activities** – refer to sports or activities in which participants are physically separated throughout its duration, thus minimizing the possibility of making any form of purposeful or accidental physical contact (e.g. racquet sports, biking, etc.);
- g. **Outdoor Sports and Activities** – refer to sports or activities that are conducted in open spaces that are accessible to all individuals or in a space that may have a roof but nor enclosed by walls;
- h. **Health-Enhancing Physical Activities** – refer to any form of physical activity that benefits health and functional capacity without undue harm or risk for adults, this includes 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity on most, but preferably all, days of the week. For children, at least 60 minutes per day of moderate intensity physical activity;
- i. **Professional Sports** – refer to play-for-pay games or activities conducted within the context of a competition, whereby participants are paid with sum of money as remuneration, either in the form of salary or prize of winning in the practice of their sports profession.
- j. **Professional Sports Regulatory Processes** – refer to activities other than those conducted during a professional game, i.e., securing of permit by organizers before the game, processing of licenses to practice as professional athletes, weight-in of professional boxers, payment of purses, supervision of game or ring officials, etc.;
- k. **Sport** – refer to activities practiced through exercise and/or competitions facilitated by sports organizations or by individual organizers;

SECTION 5. **General Provisions:**

1. Health-Enhancing Physical Activities (HPA) and Sports Activities permitted by this ordinance shall satisfy all of the conditions provided for under Annex A.1. and Annex A.2. which stratifies HPAs or IGSA per risk areas using the 4Ps Framework, namely:
- a. Participant refers to the allowable number of participants per activity;
 - b. Public/Private Location refers to the organization of the physical property where the physical activity will be conducted, whether private or public (i.e. shared with others);
 - c. Physical Environment refers to the setting where the physical activity will be conducted, whether indoor or outdoor; and

- d. Participation refers to the level of interaction or contact among the participants involved in the conduct of the physical activity;
2. Recreational and Non-Professional Contact Sports and Activities are temporarily suspended regardless of risk severity, until an effective vaccine and/or appropriate standard of care for COVID-19 cases is developed. On the other hand, professional contact sports and activities are allowed for local professional players with scheduled tournaments abroad and in low risk areas, while observing appropriate protocols and guidelines;
3. Non-Professional sporting events such as tournaments, competitive events and athletic meets are not permitted. Professional sporting events are allowed in low-risk areas, provided that such events are compliant to the minimum public health standards. Provided further, that no live audience are permitted regardless of the risk severity, until an effective vaccine and/or appropriate standard or care for COVID-19 cases is developed;
4. Relevant entities shall administer appropriate engineering and administrative controls as provided for by DOH AO No. 2020-0015 entitle "Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation" and its iterations, such as but not limited to monitoring o symptoms, placement of hand washing facilities and sanitizers, and routine disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and equipment for areas or settings that will be used for physical activities. (See Annex B.1. and Annex B.2.);
5. Interzonal movement within moderate risk or low risk areas, for the purpose of conducting HPA are categorized as essential travel. On the other hand, interzonal movement for the purpose of conducting physical activities and sports are permitted, subject to the approval of the Local Government Unit and compliance with applicable laws, guidelines, and protocols. All individuals however are highly encouraged to carry out physical activities and sports within their areas of domicile.

SECTION 6. Implementing Provisions:

a. The conduct of physical activities and sports in the Municipality of Looc considered as a Low-Risk Area permits indoor or outdoor non-contact sports or activities for non-professional sports.

1. Communal and shared spaces or facilities for physical activities such as swimming pools, gyms, yoga studios, dance and fitness studios are permitted to operate, provided that the minimum public health standards are followed. Commercial physical activity-related facilities shall ensure proper ventilation (e.g. open windows, installation of High-Efficiency Particulate Air filtration systems or HEPA) and observance of the minimum ~~8~~ number of participants allowed at a given time. Provided further, that such facilities comply with the guidelines issued by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
2. Sharing of non-personal equipment is permitted, provided these are routinely disinfected before and after use. However, equipment that is used orally (e.g. water gear used for snorkelling and scuba diving, and mouth guards and equipment that

has prolonged contact with the face e.g. headgear or helmets and fencing masks) are not allowed to be shared or rented out;

b. All entities shall routinely carry out disinfection and sanitation procedures on frequently touched surfaces at home and in open areas and shared equipment, as provided for in DOH DM No. 2020-0157. (See Annex C)

c. Professional players and individuals who are engaging in high-intensity exercise or workouts are allowed not to wear masks during the conduct of exercise or physical activity only, subject to the observance of at least two (2) meters physical distancing in outdoor facilities or three (3) meters in enclosed and indoor facilities and other preventive measures (e.g. placement of barriers between individuals, proper ventilation, etc.). Individuals engaging in physical activities in public spaces or high-density areas are required to wear their masks, and maintain the conduct of physical activity to allow or moderate intensity. If unable to wear a mask due to high-intensity exercises, face shields should be worn to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

d. In line with the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, the promoter of the sports event is discouraged from allowing athletes, coaches, and other personnel who fall under any of the following categories to resume training and engage in other physical activities:

1. Individuals below twenty-one (21) years old;
2. Individuals who are sixty (60) years old and above;
3. Individuals of any age with co-morbidities or pre-existing illness; and
4. Women with high-risk pregnancy

The promoter shall provide alternative arrangements to such players and personnel with no diminution in fees or salaries.

e. All sports or physical fitness facilities shall designate a Health and Safety Officer to perform the following:

1. Ensure compliance to the minimum health standards during the conduct of allowed physical activities and establish mechanisms to monitor compliance with the said standards;
2. Monitor the health status and symptoms of athletes and personnel;
3. Keep records, through minimal contact means, of individuals who used the facilities for the purpose of contact tracing in the event the need for such arises; and
4. Refer symptomatic individuals to appropriate health authority/health facilities, as necessary.

f. All players, coaches/managers, promoters and other personnel exhibiting flu-like symptoms including but not limited to fever, dry cough, and tiredness shall be reported immediately to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERTS), Municipal Health Office, and/or other appropriate authorities/facilities or monitoring and observance of the following protocols:

1. All symptomatic individuals shall be isolated immediately;

2. The promoter, through the Health and Safety Officer, shall compile records of all individuals who have been on-site or who have close contact with the suspect cases;
3. If the suspect case is confirmed COVID-19 positive, the promoter shall provide the records to the concerned provincial, municipal LGU through its Provincial Epidemiology Unit (PESU) or Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) to facilitate contact tracing;
4. All close contacts shall be notified and undergo a 14-days self-quarantine with specific instructions from the Health and Safety Officer and/or health authorities on monitoring of symptoms and possible next steps;
5. All facilities, surfaces, and equipments used shall be rigorously disinfected; and
6. In the event that an individual is confirmed COVID-19 positive, the conduct of training and other activities shall be suspended.

SECTION 7. Penal Provision – Any person or entity found to have violated the provisions of this ordinance are subject to penalties and other legal actions as follows:

First Offense – Fine of 200 pesos

Second Offense – Fine of 300 pesos

Third Offense – Fine of 500 pesos

Minors violating this Municipal Ordinance will undergo diversion program under Republic Act 9344 – The Juvenile Justice and Welfare Acts- a system dealing with children at risk and children in conflict with the law which provides child appropriate proceedings including programs and services for prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, re- integration and aftercare to ensure their normal growth development.


SECTION 8. Repealing Clause- Other related ordinances and issuances not consistent with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby revised, modified, or rescinded accordingly. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a limitation or modification of existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause – Should any provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

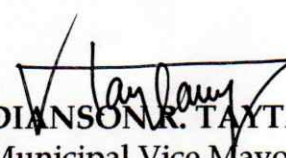
SECTION 10. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved:10 September 2021/95TH Regular Session.


CERTIFIED to the correctness of the aforesaid Ordinance.



REYAM A. REYES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:



DIANSON R. TAXTAY
Municipal Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

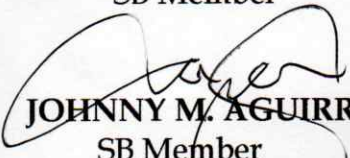
Concurred:


PERIANO R. BERNARDO
SB Member



ISMAEL S. OSORIO, JR.
SB Member


BENROL M. PALACIO
SB Member


TEODULO G. TIROL, JR.
SB Member


JOHNNY M. AGUIRRE
SB Member

HERMIE G. LACHICA
SB Member


MICHAEL P. FRANCISCO
SB Member


ROLANDO F. BAUTISTA
SB Member


JOSEFINA G. MORTEL
LnB President


ANGELIC F. CONDES
SK Federation President /
Sponsor

APPROVED:


ATTY. LISETTE M. ARBOLEDA
Municipal Mayor