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IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8757, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Pursuant to the mandate given to the Philippine Sports Commission under Section 6 of Republic Act 8747, otherwise known as the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame Act of 1999, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated and issued to implement the provisions of the said act for guidance and compliance by all concerned.

RULE I [GENERAL PROVISIONS] TITLE, PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1. Title and Purpose. These rules shall be referred to as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8757", otherwise known as "An Act establishing the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame and providing funds therefor". These rules are hereby promulgated to govern the nomination and enshrinement of qualified athletes, coaches and trainers to the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame.

SECTION 2. Statement of Policy. The State shall promote excellence in sports to uplift the life of all Filipinos. It shall acknowledge and recognize the efforts of athletes, coaches and trainers who have garnered international prestige and instilled national pride by winning in international competitions such as the Southeast Asian Games, Asian Games, Asian Cup or regional games, Olympic or World Games or World Championship Games. Further, to promote excellence in sports, recognition and reverence is awarded to those sporting greats who made remarkable achievements in their particular field of sport as well as inspire the Filipino nation

SECTION 3. Construction. Any doubt in the interpretation of these Rules shall be resolved by the Philippine Sports Commission.

RULE II DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms - As used herein, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) *Act* - refers to Republic Act No. 8757, otherwise known as "An Act establishing the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame and providing funds therefore".

(b) *Athlete* - refers to a Filipino amateur athlete who has represented the Philippines and won in any international competition as defined in letter (c) hereof: Provided, that the athlete has been or is a member of the Philippine National Team, and recognized and accredited as such by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC); and

The term shall also refer to a former Filipino professional athlete who had represented the Philippines and won in any international competition as provided herein, provided that the athlete had been accredited and recognized by the Games and Amusement Board (GAB).

(c) *Coach and Trainer* - refers to a Filipino coach and/or trainer who was a member or former member of the national coaches and trainers, recognized and accredited by the PSC and the POC, and has represented the Philippines as an official coach and/or trainer of the athletes or teams who won in international competitions as provided herein.

(d) *Games and Amusements Board (GAB)* - refers to the government regulatory body that governs the conduct of all professional sports and games locally and the activities of professional athletes, game officials and officiating sports personnel.

(e) *International competitions* - refer to the Southeast Asian Games, Asian Games, Asian Cup or regional games, Olympic Games and World Championship Games.

(f) *Philippine Olympic Committee (POC)* - refers to the private, nongovernmental organization which serves as the National Olympic Committee in the Philippines.

(g) *Commission* - refers to the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines.

(h) *Philippine Sports Hall of Fame or Hall of Fame* - refers to the group of athletes, coaches and trainers who have distinguished themselves in their particular field of sport and have provided invaluable contribution to sports development and promotion and adjudged outstanding, famous and illustrious based on the criteria set forth in the Act.

RULE III ESTABLISHMENT AND COVERAGE

SECTION 5. Establishment of the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame - The Philippine Sports Hall of Fame is hereby created to enshrine Filipino athletes, coaches and trainers who have distinguished themselves in their particular field of sport. The Hall