

# [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11470, June 09, 2020 ]

## **AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.*- This Act shall be known as "The National Academy of Sports".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Principles.*- The State recognizes its role to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. The State also recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Towards this end, the State shall establish a national sports program which shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, intramurals, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions; foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry; and develop athletes with a strong sense of patriotism and love of country. It shall institutionalize an educational system within the framework of this national sustainable sports program and provide excellent training to produce world-class athletes. Such system shall ensure that measures are in place for the admission of qualified students from all sectors, including indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized groups.

SEC. 3. *Creation and Establishment of the National Academy of Sports System.*- There is hereby created and established a National Academy of Sports System (NAS System) to develop the athletic skills and talents of students in world class sports facilities which are at par with international standards.

The NAS System is hereby mandated to implement a quality and enhanced secondary education program, integrated with a special curriculum on sports. It shall be geared to the early recognition and development of highly talented and exceptionally gifted students and those who have demonstrated the potential of excelling in the field of sports.

The NAS System shall be attached to the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the Philippine Sport Commission (PSC).

SEC. 4. *Purpose of the NAS System.*- The NAS System shall offer, on full scholarship basis, a secondary education to natural-born Filipino citizens with considerable potential in sports. The curriculum shall be designed to take into consideration the education and special training needs of the student-athletes and provide them with a holistic quality education to enable them to excel in their respective sports and likewise pursue their chosen profession or career.

SEC. 5. *Construction and Site of the NAS Main Campus.*- After a period of planning not exceeding one (1) year upon the effectivity of this Act, the main campus of the NAS System shall be established at the existing New Clark City Sports Complex, Capas, Tarlac, and shall be equipped with the necessary sports facilities, housing, and other amenities according to current international standards. School buildings with sufficient number of classrooms and facilities shall be constructed at the complex.

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) shall provide the land for the site by way of usufruct in perpetuity, subject to its utilization as provided for in the preceding paragraph.

The BCDA shall also be in charge of the construction of classrooms, dormitories, and other sports facilities, and related amenities as may be determined by the Board of Trustees at the New Clark City campus.

The NAS System shall at all times be given utmost priority in the use of these existing sports facilities, dormitories, and infrastructure which shall be free of charge as long as utilized to carry out the purposes and functions of the NAS System, without prejudice to national and international sports events which will be hosted in the New Clark City and coordinated with the NAS System management.

SEC. 6. *Executive Director of the NAS System.*- The NAS System shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall serve for a period of five (5) years. The Executive Director shall be elected by the members of the Board, based on the guidelines and qualifications set forth in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act, preferably with a Master's degree in the field of sports education, sports science, education, management, and substantial experience in managing an educational institution.

The Board shall likewise fix the compensation of the Executive Director subject to existing Compensation and Position Classification System.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the NAS System, and shall coordinate the implementation of policies and guidelines set by the Board, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act.

SEC. 7. *Board of Trustees.*- The NAS System shall be governed by a Board, which shall be composed of the DepEd Secretary as the Chairperson, the Chairperson of the PSC as Vice Chairperson, and the following as members: (a) the Executive Director of the NAS System; (b) the President of the Philippine Olympic Committee; (c) the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and (d) two (2) representatives from the private sector of known expertise in the field of sports, education or both, elected by the members of the Board.

The representatives from the private sector shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, renewable for another two (2) years, without reappointment.

SEC. 8. *Powers and Functions of the Board.*- The exercise of the powers of the NAS System is hereby vested exclusively in the Board. The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under Section 35 of Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the "Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines":

- (a) To formulate policies, guidelines and criteria in order to rationalize the establishment, administration and operation of the sports high schools under the NAS System in accordance with a national sports program;
- (b) To identify the satellite branches and regional campuses of the NAS System for later expansion after the establishment of the main campus of the NAS System as provided in Section 5 hereof;
- (c) To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline drawn up by Executive Committee as hereinafter provided. The curriculum shall be designed to address the specific training needs of a student-athlete while delivering a holistic and quality education;
- (d) To formulate policies on personnel organization, appointment, promotion, retention or renewal of contracts, compensation, removal for just cause, rewards, incentives, and other conditions of employment for administrators, faculty, and staff of the NAS System;
- (e) To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in connection with the employment of administrative officers, teachers, lecturers, and other employees of the school.
- (f) To determine the conditions of the acceptance of paying students for special programs and trainings, such as sports camps and clinics, and establish the qualifications and criteria thereof.
- (g) To provide and approve fellowships and trainings for administrators, faculty members, and staff;
- (h) To approve the grant of scholarships, stipends, and such other allowances to deserving students based on the guidelines and implementing rules and regulations of this Act;
- (i) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, national competitive trials and examinations;
- (j) To recruit the best student athletes from the different regions of the Philippines to be enrolled in the NAS System to better hone their skills and talents;
- (k) To develop the athletic potential of every student together with a sound and strong academic base;
- (l) To provide a training program for students with the end goal of producing athletes who can compete in international competitions;
- (m) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- (n) To receive and appropriate for the ends herein specified such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the NAS System;
- (o) To receive, in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the NAS System or for aid to any of its students;