



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19
Series of 2023

**AN ORDER LEAVING TO THE MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THE DISCRETION
TO ALLOW THE OPERATIONS OF LICENSED COCKPITS AND THE CONDUCT OF
COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF JURISDICTION AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued Resolution No. 154 series of 2021 dated December 14, 2021, allowing the operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting in areas under Alert Level 2 provided that there are no objections from the local government units where the activity may take place and subject to observance of specific protocols;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-003 dated January 19, 2022 providing for the guidelines on the resumption of cockpit operations and cockfighting in areas under Alert Level 2 or lower;

WHEREAS, the Province of Occidental Mindoro issued Executive Order No. 7 Series of 2023 entitled "Guidelines and Protocols on the Resumption of Cockpit Operations in the Province of Occidental Mindoro Under Alert Level 1 or 2 and for Other Purposes" on February 15, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Local Government Units (LGUs), exercising sound judgment, and in compliance with the guidelines issued by the National Government, shall have the discretion in allowing operations of licensed cockpits, as well as the conduct of cockfighting activities within their areas of jurisdiction subject to strict observance of minimum public health standards at all times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. NO OBJECTION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs).

Should there be no objection from the local government units where the activity may take place, operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting may be allowed in areas under Alert Level 1 or 2, subject to the strict observance of specific guidelines and protocols provided by the IATF and the National Government.



Section 2. MUNICIPAL LGUs DISCRETION TO ALLOW COCKPIT OPERATIONS OR TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING AND THE MANNER OR CONDUCT OF COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF JURISDICTION.

The discretion to allow cockpit operations or traditional cockfighting and the manner and conduct of cockfighting activities within their areas of jurisdiction is left to the sound judgment of the Municipal Local Government Units taking into account the state of COVID-19 infection in their respective areas and strict observance of minimum public health standards at all times.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 25th day of March 2023.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor