



Republic of the Philippines
MIMAROPA Region
Province of Occidental Mindoro
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7
Series of 2023

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.

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 on 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 the 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 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;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and in order to avert the possible spread of COVID-19 in the province, it is imperative to adopt these guidelines and protocols on the resumption of cockpit operations/traditional cockfighting in the province of Occidental Mindoro under Alert Level 1 or 2.

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 hereunder.

Section 2. GUIDELINES OR PROTOCOLS ON THE RESUMPTION OF COCKPIT OPERATIONS OR TRADITIONAL COCKFIGHTING.

For the above purpose, guidelines on the resumption of cockpit operations or traditional cockfighting as provided under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-003 dated

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January 19, 2022, are hereby reiterated and adopted and shall be implemented in the province, as follows:

I. Protocols

Operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting may be allowed, subject to strict observance of the following specific protocols:

1. Maximum of fifty percent (50%) venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals only;
2. All on-site workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
3. Betting shall be cashless and shall use technology-based platforms only, i.e., no physical exchange of cash anywhere in the cockpit and no oral placing of bets.

II. Minimum Public Health Standards

The Minimum public health standards (MPHS) and technology-based betting shall include the following:

1. Proper wearing of face masks within the cockpits and strict enforcement of NO FACEMASK; NO ENTRY;
2. Physical distancing of at least one meter; and
3. Hand hygiene, such as regular washing of hands or use of alcohol-based sanitizers. In this regard, disinfecting/washing resources/materials should be made available to employees and clients/visitors.

Section 3. MONITORING.

Municipal Mayors with cockfighting activities and operations in their areas shall ensure that all the guidelines and protocols provided in this Order are strictly implemented.

Section 4. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2022-003.

Failure to comply with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-003 shall result in the automatic closure of cockpits, and concerned officials and employees shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations, as per Item No. 6 of the aforementioned DILG Memorandum Circular.

Section 5. 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 6. 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.

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Section 7. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 15th day of February 2023.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor