



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

July 1, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 309 s. 2025

**MANDATORY USE OF ONE-INCH RUBBER MATS IN
DEPED-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO TRAINING AREAS
FOR SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD
PRACTICE**

To: **OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors (PSDS) / Principals In-Charge of
the District (PIDs) / Head Teacher In-Charge of the District (HTID)
School Heads (SHs) of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated
Schools
All Others Concerned**

1. In the interest of promoting safe, standardized, and globally-aligned training environments for student-athletes engaged in Taekwondo, all DepEd-recognized Taekwondo training areas within the Schools Division of Aklan are hereby required to be equipped with one (1) inch thick rubber mats.
2. This directive is in adherence to the official safety protocols and training standards set by the Philippine Taekwondo Association (PTA) and the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF). The use of appropriate matting ensures proper shock absorption, reduces injury risk, and supports correct execution of forms and sparring drills in both practice and competition settings.
3. Schools offering Taekwondo as part of their co-curricular or sports development program must ensure the following:



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- 3.1. Installation of 1-inch thick rubber mats in all areas used for Taekwondo instruction or sparring;
- 3.2. Mats must be clean, interlocking, and properly maintained to avoid slipping or hazards;
- 3.3. Compliance must be achieved before the start of the next training cycle or athletic season;
4. School Taekwondo Coordinators and Coaches shall report compliance to the Division Taekwondo Focal Person, Ar. Mar Bien Gregory G. Parel, Senior Education Program Specialist on or before August 15, 2025.
5. Non-compliance may lead to the temporary suspension of training sessions or disqualification from participation in official Taekwondo events under DepEd and PTA-sanctioned competitions.
6. For strict compliance.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: none

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 173, s. 2019 and DepEd Order Nos. 40, s. 2012 and 44, s. 2022

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