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2024 Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad Regional Elimination Invitation

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2024 Chemistry Olympiad - Division of Capiz.pdf; PNCO Application Form.pdf; Olympiad Regional Guidelines 2024 PNCO.pdf; 23PNCO2024 MEMO- 001_ general guidelines.pdf; 23PNCO2024_NATIONAL FINALS - GUIDELINES FOR CONTESTANTS AND INVIGILATORS .pdf; A_s2024_002.pdf;

MIGUEL MAC D. APOSIN, Ed.D., CESO V

Schools Division Superintendent

Division of Capiz

Banica, Roxas City, Capiz

Dear Superintendent Aposin,

Hello! In line with the Regional Elimination round (via Zoom) on 24 February 2024 for the 2024 Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad (PNCO), I would like to extend this invitation to the schools in your Division which may be interested in joining the said event.

Attached with this e-mail are the pertinent documents with regards to registration and the overall guidelines for the regional round.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Regional Coordinator

PNCO Region VI

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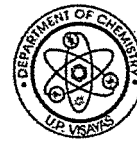
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February 12, 2024

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Dear Superintendent Aposin,

I am writing to invite the schools in the Division of Capiz to join the 2024 Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad (PNCO) Regional Eliminations on 24 February 2024. Each school can send three (3) delegates and the winners will compete in the National Round on 06 April 2024 where the top 5 delegates will represent the country in the International Chemistry Olympiad.

With this letter, I am attaching both the regional and national guidelines for those who will be interested in joining. The regional and national qualifying rounds will be conducted remotely and further instructions will be given to the coaches once they have submitted their respective application forms.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


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**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD
REGIONAL ELIMINATION ROUND
APPLICATION FORM**

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

CURRENT GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL: _____

I hereby certify upon my honor that I am a Filipino citizen and that the above information is true and correct.

Signature over Printed Name
of Applicant

Signature over Printed Name
of Coach

Signature over Printed Name
of Head/Principal of School



2024 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS

FOR: Region VI Coaches
FROM: PNCO Region VI Coordinator
RE: Regional Elimination Guidelines
DATE: February 12, 2024

Dear Coaches,

Good day. Please be guided by the General Guidelines for the upcoming 23rd PNCO 2024 Regional Elimination Exam.

A. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The participants must be Filipino citizens enrolled as high school students at the time of the 23rd PNCO 2024 Regional and National competitions.
2. To qualify for IChO – International Chemistry Olympiad, students must not be enrolled/ registered as college students during the duration of IChO).

B. REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS

1. The Regional Eliminations will be held on 24 February 2024 (Saturday) at 8:30AM via Zoom.
2. The Regional Elimination round will be conducted remotely at the respective schools of the participants.
3. The invitation for each school divisions have been sent out to the respective offices within Region VI.
4. Interested parties must inform the coordinator of their intent to participate by sending the completed application form together with a photocopy of the school ID of the participants by 22 February 2024 (Thursday).
5. A maximum of three (3) participants per school may register.
6. The coaches must provide the participants with an invigilator per student who will act as the proctor during the exam day. The invigilator will also immediately submit the results of the exam to the coordinator for evaluation.
7. The invigilator cannot be the coach or a science teacher at the school of the participant.



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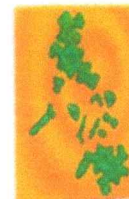
C. NATIONAL FINALS

The top five (5) winners (Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, 3rd Runner-up and 4th Runner-up) in the Regional Eliminations qualify to compete in the 23rd PNCO 2024 National Finals on 06 April 2024 (Saturday).

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

23rd Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad 2024 (23rd PNCO 2024) NATIONAL FINALS

GUIDELINES FOR CONTESTANTS AND INVIGILATORS (REMOTE ACCESS EXAM)

I. IMPORTANT DATES:

1. Regional Chemistry Olympiad 2024: **17 February 2024 (Saturday)**
2. 23rd PNCO 2024 National Finals Registration: **2 March 2024 (Saturday)** (11:59 PM, PST) - Give the complete name of each contestant and e-mail. Give the name of the invigilator, relationship to the contestant, e-mail and contact number.
3. 23rd PNCO 2024 ORIENTATION: **16 March 2024 (Saturday)** – Specific Time - TBA
4. 23rd PNCO 2024 NATIONAL FINALS: **06 April 2024 (Saturday)**– 07:30-14:30 (PST) via ZOOM
5. 23rd PNCO 2024 AWARDING OF WINNERS: **20 April 2024 (Saturday)**– TBA via ZOOM/ WEBEX
6. Preparations for the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad: **May – June 2024**
7. Trainings of Philippine Delegates: **June 2024, TBA**
8. 56th International Chemistry Olympiad: **21 – 30 July 2024**, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

II. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION FEE:

1. A Registration Form Link will be sent to the Regional Coordinators.
 - a) For COMPETING PARTICIPANTS
 - b) For NON - COMPETING PARTICIPANTS
2. The PNCO National Finals Registration fee is P 1,000.00 per region. Registration fee should be made thru bank payment. Bank details are as follows:

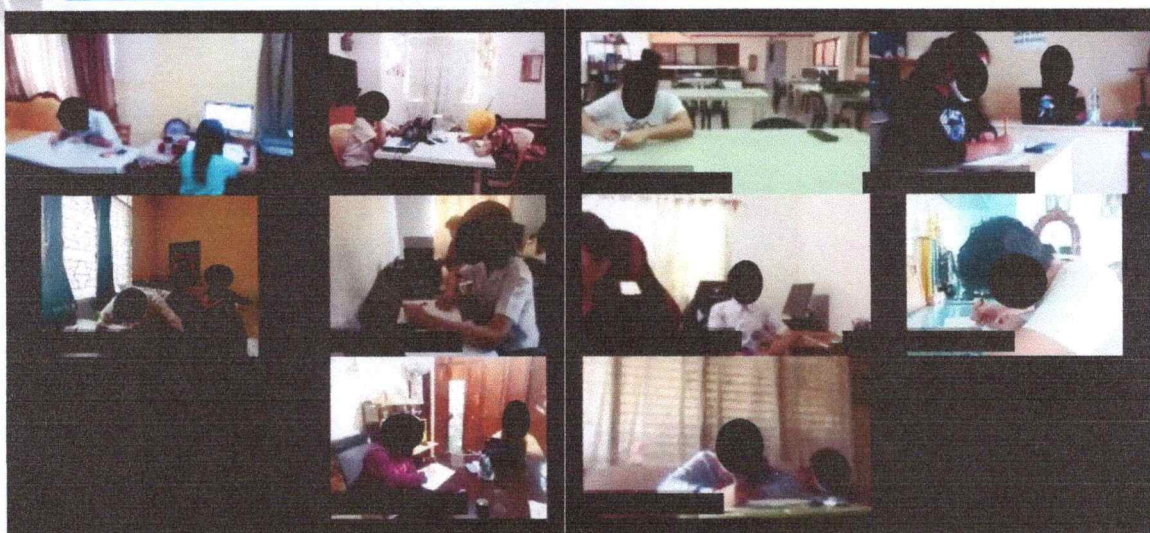
Account Name:	PHILIPPINE FEDERATION OF CHEMISTRY SOCIETIES, INC.
Current Account No.:	3081-1189-13
Bank Branch:	Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) Loyola, Katipunan Branch

- Please send a clear scanned copy/ photo of the bank transaction slip to Ms. Grace Insik, PFCS Secretary, at secretariat@pfcs.org.ph, cc pnco2021team@gmail.com.
- Please write the following details on the bank transaction slip:

Region:
Name of Regional Coordinator/ Payor – School or Office

III. EXAM MONITORING GUIDELINES:

1. For each region, the regional coordinators will pull together all their contestants in one venue (preferably any educational institutional host in the region). They will be providing the classroom, printers, bond paper, ink, camera for monitoring and internet during the nationals. Each participant must have their own desk and must be visible on the camera (half body).



NOTE: Shown in the figure above is the model video view that has to be seen in the Zoom meeting by the proctors:

The view must include: Half body of the contestant, including writing table, the immediate surroundings of the contestant and invigilator – including the printer, scanner, or other laptop to be used. The perimeter where the invigilator and contestant will be located must be within the video the whole time. This guideline and set-up must be followed else it will be grounds for disqualification from the event.

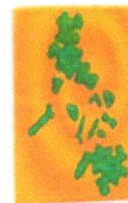
2. The regional coordinators will tap at least 1 invigilator for every two contestants. The invigilator should not be a science/STEM teacher. They must be computer literate and can manage the use of google.
3. A Zoom link will be given to each region for monitoring. The event will be recorded. Participants have to be in the meeting room 30 mins before the start of the event.
4. The exam document will be sent to only one e-mail address (regional coordinator) and the regional coordinator will be in-charge of printing the document. This must be done, one hour before the event. The printed document must be checked for its completeness.
5. A maximum of three cameras may be used/three separate zoom accounts may be used to join the Zoom link provided that none of the accounts belong to the contestants.
6. The whole event will be recorded on Zoom and the recordings only accessible to the 23rd PNCO 2024 Organizing Committee.
7. After the examination, invigilators will collect the whole exam document and will scan all answer sheet pages, convert to pdf and send to the google form provided. The file size must be less than 10 MB.
8. Filename is “ContestantCodePNCO2024” For example: C000PNCO2024
9. The exam will last for 5 hours and the submission of the answer sheets should be done immediately after the exam until 1 hour after the exam. If the answer sheets were not received within the given time, no submission will be accepted anymore.



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10. A communication blackout has to be implemented for all contestants – from 2hrs before the start of the exam until 2 hrs after the exam has ended. All digital devices of the contestant must be turned off and surrendered to the proctors and will only be returned after the exam. This should remain to be turned off until two hours after the exam.
11. Failure to join the Zoom link 30 mins before the exam start will mean forfeiture of the qualification to join the Nationals
12. Any form of cheating will lead to disqualification – as decided by the Judges
13. Failure to submit the answer sheets within the time provided will result in disqualification.

IV. EXAM MATERIALS AND AREA

Make sure that you have prepared all materials needed for the exam:

1. Area must be clean and void of clutter.
2. Laptops to be linked to the Zoom meeting room for recording of the entire exam from **PRINTING – UNTIL UPLOADING** must be placed at a good vantage point (be guided by the dry-run that we did)
3. Food and water are prepared in advance for both invigilator and contestant.
4. Materials of the contestant are complete:
 - a) Pen (have extra black pens ready).
 - b) **NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATOR** (make sure battery is still okay and maybe just another **NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATOR** back-up – just in case)
 - c) **RULER**
5. Printer – no need to be colored – good black and white quality print setting is enough – make sure that upon printing the figures and text are clear.
6. Papers – a lot of paper – **A4 SIZE**.
7. Scanner – place the appropriate resolution setting – do test the appropriate resolution setting before the exam. The resolution must be of good reading and clear images are seen on the screen upon scanning and converting to pdf of the document – again test this beforehand.
8. Extra recording devices – fully charged and placed in the proper areas to record simultaneously as the Zoom meeting is also being recorded. Time on the recording devices should follow PST and must be similar to the laptop used for the online link as well.
9. If possible (it really will be good) provide a visible **WALL CLOCK** that reflects the time that is also similar on all recording devices.
10. Internet connections must be good and have back-up in case it will be lost – place already the wifi links into the laptop so connectivity can easily be accessed.
11. Attire – school uniform for contestants and smart casual or business attire for invigilators.

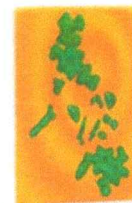




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V. OFFICIAL CONTESTANTS:

1. Only those who will be able to join 30 mins before the start of the exam will be considered officially part of the 23rd PNCO 2024 NATIONAL FINALS. The Proctor and contestant must simultaneously be present once the invigilator has joined the Zoom meeting.
2. If upon entering the meeting, the contestants fail to still show the proper video view for the contest, they will be asked to comply with the proper arrangement before the questionnaire will be given to them. This will be allowed for only 10 mins. Non-compliance to the proper room structure and arrangement will lead to disqualification.
3. If a contestant/invigilator fails to follow any of the guidelines however minor it may be, the proctor will be counting 3 instances of any disobedience or deviating actions by the participants. For each instance the proctor will give a warning through the tech support team/Zoom chatbox. If there will be another violation after the second instance (3rd violation) the contestant will be ineligible to continue in the contest and will be asked to stay for the remainder of the time for security purposes but will not anymore be considered a competing participant in the event.

ASKING QUESTIONS DURING THE CONTEST PROPER:

The proper channels for asking questions (which can only be done by the invigilators) is through the following:

1ST OPTION: Invigilators may first ask questions through the Zoom chatbox and this will be answered by the proctors. DO NOT unmute and voice out your question because this will disturb the other examinees.

2nd OPTION: If you suddenly lose connection with the Zoom meeting, you may send a message through Viber to the tech support assigned for your room. (Be sure to inquire about this at the start if you have not been included in the Viber group). If you will be sending an inquiry, please type your invigilator code then the inquiry. For example: IN001: Where do we submit the exam?

3rd OPTION: If you do not have internet, you may text or call the Viber number of the tech support assigned to your room. They will immediately answer your concern. Please indicate your invigilator code upon texting and upon calling.

The tech support will contact the invigilator in some cases when an urgent concern must be addressed regarding their contestant or with regards to matters about the event.

Your numbers will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purposes of the event.





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QUESTIONS FROM CONTESTANTS:

Contestants are **NOT ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS** during the exam period. They can only signal if they wish to go to a bathroom break/eat/if they need extra sheets by raising their hand and asking permission from the INVIGILATOR.

If there are any rules that are not clear to the contestants these have to be clarified before 08:15 (PST) to the proctors in the Zoom meeting.

ROLE OF PROCTOR in Zoom:

1. The proctors will be the main arbiters of the contest. They are the immediate authority to decide on whether the contestants have violated any guidelines/rule for the event. They have the authority to deem the contestant ineligible due to violations and non-compliance after 2 warnings. The third warning will be the last warning given, upon committing a 3rd violation, the contestant will no longer be considered in the competition but will need to stay in the meeting until the event finishes for security purposes.
2. The proctors will need to verify the identity of the contestants and invigilators before granting access to the questionnaire. Once the identities have been verified, the regional coordinator will receive the questionnaire as a single document sent to the official registered e-mail of the regional coordinator. You need a gmail e-mail account for this. The questionnaire will NOT be sent to the e-mail of the contestant.
3. The proctors will be the first to address any problems encountered. If the problem is too difficult to attend to, they will send the concern to the tech support and the tech support will address the concern.
4. The proctors will signal the start of the event and when it finishes as well. All contestants must start promptly at 08:30 and end at 13:30.
5. The proctors will oversee the entire process from downloading the questionnaire until uploading.
6. The proctors will need to check the submitted answer sheets if they are complete and readable. They must give immediate feedback if there is a need to re-upload a particular file.

ROLE OF THE INVIGILATOR:

1. You have to make sure that the submitted answer sheets are in the proper order before scanning and that the files have been scanned clearly. Please be guided by the table of contents to check the pages.
2. Make sure to affix the correct file name for each file of answer sheets that corresponds to that particular part of the exam. Please be guided by the table of contents to check the pages.
3. Monitor the time that the contestant takes bathroom breaks, start and end of the exam, etc. This must be placed in the record chart that will be provided together with the questionnaire. This must have the sign of both the invigilator and the contestant.





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CONTEST RESULTS:

The contest results (checked papers) will not be made available to the participants. The judge's decision and grades will be deemed final. The judges will ensure that the checking process will be triple checked to avoid biased distribution of points.

DATA PRIVACY AND CONFORME DOCUMENTS:

All participants – contestants, invigilators and coaches need to submit two documents:

1. Declaration of Conformance sheet (Document which states that the participants will abide by the contest rules)
2. Press and Publicity Consent (Consent form for the use of the information solely for the purpose of the contest and will not be shared outside the PNCO organizing committee)

VI. AWARDS

1. Each participant, coach and invigilator will be given certificate of participation.
2. Announcement of winners will be done two a weeks after through official PFCS letter.
 - a) The upper 50% of the participants will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards.
 - b) Alex A. Tardaguila Awards will be given to the top three (3) winners.
3. The composition of the Philippine delegation to the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) shall be announced by PFCS according to the revised PFCS guidelines. IChO 2024 will be held on 21 – 30 July 2024 to be hosted by Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

For inquiries, you may contact: PNCO Secretariat (Jennifer Sy) pnco2021team@gmail.com.

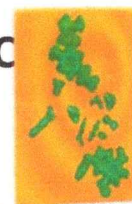
Jennifer C. Sy
PNCO Secretariat

cc: PNCO COMMITTEE





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23PNCO204 MEMO – 001

FOR: ALL 23rd PNCO 2024 REGIONAL COORDINATORS

FROM: PNCO SECRETARIAT

RE: 23rd PNCO 2024 General Guidelines

DATE: 10 December 2023

Dear Coordinators,

Good day!

Please be guided by the General Guidelines for the upcoming 23rd PNCO 2024.

A. IMPORTANT DATES:

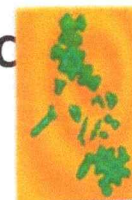
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C. REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS

1. The 23rd PNCO 2024 Regional Eliminations will be held across the country on **17 February 2024 (Saturday)** to be hosted by their respective Regional Organizer/s. The Region may hold the Eliminations on a later date as long as they will meet the deadline in registering the regional delegates for the National Finals on or before **02 March 2024 (Saturday)**.
2. Regional organizers have the authority to set their own modality on how to conduct the Regional Eliminations.
3. The regional organizers are expected to send out an invitation. Interested parties must feel free to inform the organizers of their intent to participate.
4. A maximum of **three (3)** participants per school may register.
5. A school may have a maximum of three (3) coaches (**one coach per student**).



D. NATIONAL FINALS

1. The top **FIVE (5)** winners (Champion, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, 3rd Runner-up and 4th Runner-up) in the Regional Eliminations qualify to compete in the 23rd PNCO 2024 National Finals on **06 April 2024 (Saturday)**.
2. Those who have participated in an IChO and who remain eligible for the same are automatically qualified to join the National Finals without having to compete in the regionals. This means that the schools whose student/s represented the Philippines in the previous year's IChO can still send a maximum of three other candidates to the regionals on top of the IChO participant.
6. Deadline for the submission of names of participants for the Nationals, to be endorsed by the Regional Coordinator, is on **02 March 2024 (Saturday)**. Please provide the following details in the endorsement:
 - Date and Venue of Regional Eliminations, Modality
 - Name of Student, School, Rank, email, contact number
 - Name of School Coach, email, contact number
 - Name of Invigilator, relation to the student, email, contact number

Note: Submission of school ID and ID pictures is via Google Forms.

Filename format for ID / picture.

- For Student ID and Picture: Region_Name of Student_School Abbreviation
e.g. NCR_Ana Santos_DLSU
- For Coach ID: Region_Coach_Name of Student_Coach
e.g. NCR_Coach_Jun Reyes_DLSUAna Santos
- For Invigilator ID: Region_Name of Student_Invigilator
e.g. NCR_Inv_Juan Santos

E. CONTEST COVERAGE:

Matter and its properties	Electronic Structure and Periodicity	Thermochemistry
Measurements	Chemical Bonding - Ionic Bonds	Chemical Kinetics
Atoms, Molecules, and Ions	Covalent Bonds	Chemical Thermodynamics
Stoichiometry	Organic compounds	Chemical Equilibrium
Gases	Intermolecular Forces and Liquids and Solids	Acid-Base Equilibria and Salt Equilibria
Electronic Structure of Atoms	Physical Properties of Solutions	Electrochemistry

Questions involving more advanced topics may also be included. These advanced topics may cover:

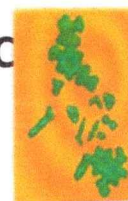
1. Solid state and coordination chemistry (e.g., crystal structures, crystal field theory, and isomerism of inorganic complexes)
2. Thermodynamics (e.g., gases, liquids, solids, temperature dependence of equilibrium constants, electromotive force, and Gibbs free energy)
3. Electrochemistry and electrochemical analysis (amperometry, voltammetry, and conductometry, and potentiometry)



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4. Kinetics (catalysis, the Arrhenius equation, and integrated rate laws)
5. Organic chemistry (stereoisomerism, simple stereocontrolled organic transformations, [4+2]-cycloaddition, and [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement)
6. Spectroscopy (correlation of simple organic structures with their $^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$, or IR data.)
7. Analytical Chemistry (acid-base titrations, complexometric titrations, redox titrations, spectrophotometry, and Beer-Lambert's Law)

Please see attached list of Regional Coordinators for the 23rd PNCO 2024, and the 23rd PNCO 2024 Guidelines and Mechanics for Student, Coach, and Invigilators.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,


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PNCO Secretariat

cc:

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23rd PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD 2024

The Philippine Federation of Chemical Societies (PFCS) will hold the 23rd Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad (PNCO) 2024 on April 6, 2024, via Zoom.

PNCO is an annual competition in Chemistry (theory and laboratory skills) that aims to promote chemistry at the secondary level and has been the selection and training venue for the Philippine delegates to the International Chemistry Olympiad.

Students and teachers/coaches from both public and private schools in the country are encouraged to participate in the competition.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 34, s. 2022 titled School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023 and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

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