



**RESOLUTION NO: 2021-003**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN HEALTH PROTOCOLS AND INTRODUCING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES IN THE OPERATION OF LICENSED COCKPITS AND IN THE CONDUCT OF COCKFIGHTING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF CEBU AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS EMBODIED IN COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002**

**WHEREAS**, in pursuance to IATF-MEID Resolution No. 079, dated 15 October 2020, allowing the operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities in areas under MGCQ or lower subject to the strict observance of the health and safety protocols and implementing guidelines as may be issued by the DILG, the honorable City Mayor Edgardo Labella issued Memorandum No. 2020-425 on October 20, 2020 directing this Commission to come up with certain guidelines in the operation of licensed cockpits and in the conduct of cockfighting activities in the City of Cebu which was then under a MGCQ status;

**WHEREAS**, this Commission thus passed Resolution No. 002 recommending to the City Mayor the gradual resumption of the operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities in the City of Cebu as well as the guidelines relative thereto;

**WHEREAS**, through a Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Philippines, dated 01 January 2021, President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-MEID) maintaining the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) status of the City of Cebu from 01-31 January 2021;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding this maintained MGCQ status, this Commission sees the need to amend its recommended health protocols as well as introduce additional guidelines in the operation of cockpits and in the conduct of cockfighting activities in the City of Cebu as embodied in its Resolution No.2020-002 so as to ensure zero coronavirus transmission in those establishments and at the same time allowing the gradual recovery of the local gamefowl industry;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, by the Cebu City Gamefowl Commission, to amend certain health protocols and introduce additional guidelines in the operation of cockpits and in the conduct of cockfighting activities in the City of Cebu amid the coronavirus pandemic as embodied in its Resolution No. 2020-002 entitled "A resolution recommending to the Honorable Mayor Edgardo Labella the gradual resumption of the operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities in the City of Cebu subject to the health and safety protocols as well as implementing guidelines consistent with pertinent issuances of the IATF-MEID and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)".

**RESOLVED**, further, that the following health protocols and guidelines, consistent with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-140, and as amended, shall read:

- A. Facemask
  - i. Face masks must be worn at all times.
  - ii. Masks with vents should not be used.
  - iii. Cloth masks, with additional filter such as tissue paper or similar material, may be used as long as they are clean and washed daily. The filter should be changed daily or after every sneezing or coughing episode, and should



- be properly disposed of after use. Hands should be washed/disinfected before replacing the filters.
- iv. Frequent mask handling and manipulation should be avoided.
- v. No face mask, no entry.
- B. Face shields
  - i. Face shields shall cover the entire face (completely cover the sides and length of the face).
  - ii. Visor-type face shields shall not be allowed.
  - iii. Face shields and masks should be worn together at all times.
  - iv. No face shield, no entry.
- C. Physical Distancing
  - i. Physical distancing based on existing or prevailing guidelines as to minimum distance shall be observed at all times. This must be practiced in combination with the wearing of masks and face shields.
  - ii. A MAXIMUM of EIGHT (8) persons are allowed INSIDE THE ARENA / RUWEDA. This includes the owners, handlers, assistants, and the referee (*koyme*).
- D. Temperature Check
  - i. Temperature check shall be mandatory prior to entry.
  - ii. Persons with fever or with COVID-19 symptoms shall not be allowed entry.
- E. Disinfection
  - i. Frequent hand washing with soap and water or the application of alcohol-based disinfectants shall be mandatory.
  - ii. Foot and wheels bath sanitation shall also be mandatory prior to entry.
  - iii. Regular sanitation of facility shall be conducted before and after every event.
- F. The following disinfecting/washing resources, supplies/materials should be made available to employees and clients/visitors:
  - i. Hand washing stations, and
  - ii. Soap and sanitizers.
- G. Display of signage/visual cues and reminders to practice proper hand washing, and other hygiene behaviors among employees is mandatory. These include:
  - i. Hand washing with soap and water, or use of hand disinfectants with alcohol-based sanitizers specifically, but not limited to, the following instances:
    - a. Before and after handling food or eating;
    - b. After using the bathroom;
    - c. Before and after taking off their face mask and/or face shield;
    - d. After touching frequently-touched surfaces and objects (e.g. stair railings, elevator controls, door knobs); and
    - e. Before and after touching their face.
  - ii. Discouraging sharing of personal items or utensils to prevent possible transmission.
- H. Adequate ventilation should be enforced.
  - i. Natural air flow exchange (opening windows, opening doors, turning off air-conditioning units to reduce air recirculation) is highly encouraged.
  - ii. If possible, the installation of exhaust fans, installation of air filtration devices with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters or the recalibration of building heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems should be explored.



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- I. Other issued guidelines on the operation of workplaces to manage the impact of COVID-19 must also be complied with.


The following recommended guidelines, as amended, shall read:

- A. No audience shall be allowed. Only the owner, one (1) handler and two (2) assistants are allowed inside the cockpit per entry or team. A maximum of only ten (10) entries or teams are allowed inside the cockpit at any given time.  
Once the fight (*sultada*) is concluded, the entry or the team involved shall immediately exit the cockpit. The cockpit shall be sanitized and disinfected every two (2) hours.
- B. Only invited patrons shall be accommodated and allowed to enter the arena;
- C. Visitor's information log sheet shall likewise be provided at the entrance for contact tracing purposes;
- D. No persons below 18 years old and above 65 years old shall be allowed entry;
- E. Access points shall be designated as either an entry or exit;
- F. Food establishments within the premises of the arena such as cafeterias, canteens or restaurants shall only serve individually-packed meals and snacks;
- G. Barriers shall be installed in the designated gaffing area between the gaffer and the handler of fighting cocks to reduce risk of possible transmission.
- H. Matching process shall be based on weight to minimize contact between handlers. Thus, the traditional *taparay* of cocks is prohibited.
- I. Uniformed marshals shall be deployed to oversee and ensure that implemented guidelines are enforced;
- J. Arenas are allowed to operate daily but no cockfighting activities shall go beyond 10 o'clock in the evening;

CARRIED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution

ATTESTED:

  
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