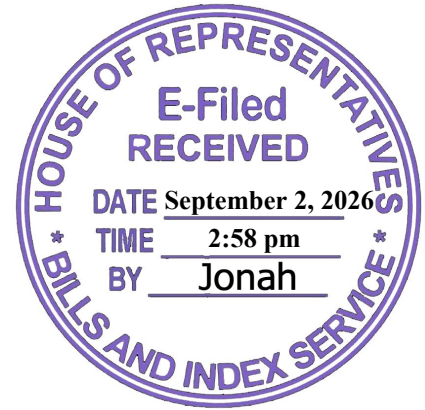




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HOUSE BILL NO. 11090



Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL DIGITAL SPORTS ARCHIVE FOR THE
SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, AND PUBLIC
DISSEMINATION OF SPORTS RECORDS AND DATA INVOLVING
FILIPINO ATHLETES AND PARA-ATHLETES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the importance of preserving and promoting the achievements of Filipino athletes and para-athletes as part of the nation's cultural, historical, and sporting heritage. Sporting events, whether at the international or local level, document the journey, performance, and progress of athletes and serve as valuable resources for public engagement, education, and future development.

Pursuant to Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources. Complementarily, Section 24, Article II recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building, underscoring the need for accessible platforms for the dissemination and preservation of information.

Despite the increasing participation of Filipino athletes and para-athletes in both international and local competitions, there is currently no centralized and accessible repository of sports records, game footage, athlete profiles, and related

data. Existing materials are often fragmented across various platforms, inconsistently documented, or entirely unavailable to the public. This results in the loss of valuable historical records and limits opportunities for analysis, recognition, and sustained engagement.

Moreover, the absence of a unified digital archive, supported by standardized records management and archival practices, hinders the ability of coaches, researchers, policymakers, and aspiring athletes to access reliable data for performance analysis, training development, and evidence-based decision-making.

This proposed measure seeks to establish a National Digital Sports Archive that will serve as a centralized, publicly accessible platform for the systematic collection, preservation, and dissemination of Philippine sports data and audiovisual materials, in coordination with relevant agencies, including the National Archives of the Philippines, to ensure proper records management and long-term preservation.

By institutionalizing a digital archive, the State affirms its commitment to preserving the nation's sporting heritage, promoting transparency and accessibility, and strengthening the overall sports ecosystem.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



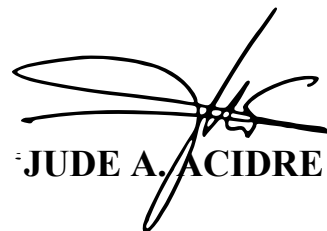
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*National Digital Sports Archive Act.*”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- a. Preserve and promote the achievements and contributions of Filipino athletes and para-athletes as part of the nation’s cultural and sporting heritage;
- b. Ensure the systematic collection, documentation, and preservation of sports records, data, and audiovisual materials;
- c. Provide accessible and reliable information to support athlete development, research, policymaking, and public engagement;

- d. Utilize digital technologies to enhance transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in sports information management; and,
- e. Strengthen the overall sports ecosystem through data-driven development and historical preservation.

Section 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined:

- a. *Digital Sports Archive* refers to a centralized and publicly accessible digital repository of sports-related records, data, and audiovisual materials;
- b. *Sports Records* refer to official results, statistics, rankings, and performance data of athletes and teams;
- c. *Audiovisual Materials* refer to recordings of sporting events, including video footage, photographs, and related media;
- d. *Athletes* and *Para-Athletes* refer to individuals engaged in organized sports at all levels, including those representing the Philippines in international competitions; and
- e. *Sports Organizations* refer to public or private entities involved in the administration, training, development, and promotion of athletes, para-athletes, and sporting events, including, but not limited to, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), the Philippine Paralympic Committee (PPC), recognized National Sports Associations (NSAs), local government units (LGUs), educational institutions, collegiate athletic associations, and professional sports leagues.

Section 4. *Establishment of the National Digital Sports Archive.* – A National Digital Sports Archive, hereinafter referred to as Archive, is hereby established as a centralized platform for the collection, preservation, and dissemination of sports records, athlete information, and audiovisual materials involving Filipino athletes and para-athletes.

Section 5. *Coverage of the Archive.* – The Archive shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Records and data from international and major local sporting events;
- b. Athlete and para-athlete profiles, including participation history and achievements;

- c. Statistical data, rankings, and performance metrics;
- d. Audiovisual materials documenting competitions and authorized training activities; and,
- e. Historical records of Philippine sports.

Section 6. *Data Collection and Mandatory Submission.* – All government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, LGUs, and private sports organizations covered under Section 3(e) of this Act shall regularly submit, upload, and update official sports records, historical data, and public-domain audiovisual materials to the Archive. The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), shall establish secure digital submission protocols and data templates to ensure the standardization and interoperability of all submitted files, subject to the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of this Act.

Section 7. *Archival Standards and Records Management.* – The National Archives of the Philippines (NAP) shall provide technical guidance on records management, archival standards, metadata systems, and long-term preservation of materials under the National Digital Sports Archive, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9470, otherwise known as the “*National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007*,” and other applicable laws and regulations.

Section 8. *Digital Preservation and System Security.* – The PSC, in coordination with the DICT and the NAP, shall establish and maintain appropriate digital infrastructure, cybersecurity protocols, backup storage systems, interoperability standards, and long-term preservation strategies for the protection, maintenance, and continued accessibility of records and audiovisual materials contained in the Archive.

The implementing agencies shall likewise undertake the digitization and preservation of historical and legacy sports records, subject to the availability of funds and applicable intellectual property laws.

Section 9. *Public Access.* – The Archive shall be made accessible to the public through a digital platform. Access to materials contained therein may be subject to tiered or restricted viewing classifications, consistent with applicable laws on data privacy, intellectual property, licensing agreements, commercial broadcasting rights, and national security concerns.

Publicly available materials may include official statistics, historical records, athlete profiles, and other non-restricted content, while copyrighted or commercially protected audiovisual materials may be subject to controlled, limited, delayed, or research-only access, in accordance with this Act and other applicable laws.

Section 10. *Inter-Agency Coordination.* – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) shall serve as the lead implementing agency of this Act. In the management, operationalization, and technical development of the Archive, the PSC shall act in close coordination with concerned public and private entities, including, but not limited to, the DICT, the NAP, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), the Philippine Paralympic Committee (PPC), recognized NSAs, and concerned LGUs.

Section 11. *Data Privacy and Intellectual Property Protection.* – The collection, processing, storage, and dissemination of data under this Act shall comply with Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the “*Data Privacy Act of 2012*,” and applicable intellectual property laws.

No protected materials shall be reproduced or distributed without proper authorization from rights holders, except as may be allowed under law.

Section 12. *Protection of Commercial Licensing, Broadcasting, and Intellectual Property Rights of Private Leagues and Media Networks.* – The collection and preservation of sports records, statistics, and audiovisual materials by the Archive shall not diminish, alter, transfer, or infringe upon the exclusive intellectual property rights, copyrights, and related rights of professional sports leagues, collegiate athletic associations, tournament organizers, and their authorized media broadcast partners, as protected under Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the “*Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines*.”

To safeguard these commercial and proprietary interests, the implementation of this Act shall be governed by the following parameters:

- a. Retention of Ownership and Exclusive Exploitation – The submission of broadcast footage, photographs, or related media to the Archive shall not constitute a transfer of copyright or a waiver of the right holder's exclusive authority to commercially exploit, license, sell, or syndicate such content. Professional leagues and media networks shall retain

- absolute ownership over their respective tape vaults and archival properties;
- b. Digital Rights Management (DRM) and Access Restrictions – Audiovisual materials submitted to the Archive that are subject to active commercial licenses or proprietary copyrights shall be protected by appropriate digital protection measures. Public access to copyrighted or broadcast-protected materials within the digital platform shall be strictly limited to non-commercial, academic, historical, and research purposes, in accordance with the principles of Fair Use under Section 185 of Republic Act No. 8293. The Archive shall strictly prohibit the unauthorized reproduction, downloading, distribution, or rebroadcasting of such secured media files;
 - c. Moratorium on Public Availability – Commercial broadcast networks and private leagues may negotiate a reasonable moratorium period with the PSC, during which time newly submitted high-value commercial broadcasts or footage shall remain sealed from public viewing to protect primary broadcast windows and commercial syndication cycles; and
 - d. Exclusion of Proprietary Commercial Data – The mandatory data submission requirements under Section 6 of this Act shall apply strictly to public performance statistics, tournament results, and historical achievements, and shall not compel private leagues or sports organizations to disclose proprietary sports analytics software, confidential corporate data, trade secrets, or financial records.

Section 13. *Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting.* – The Philippine Sports Commission shall establish a monitoring and evaluation system to ensure the continuous updating, maintenance, and effectiveness of the Archive.

An annual report shall be submitted to Congress, through the House Committee on Youth and Sports Development and the Senate Committee on Sports, detailing implementation status, utilization of the Archive, challenges encountered, and recommendations for improvement.

Section 14. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Philippine Sports Commission, in coordination with relevant agencies, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules, and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

Section 18. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,