



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05  
Series of 2021

### **AN ORDER PROHIBITING ON- SITE BETTING, SHOUTING OF BETS OR “PAGO” AND BET TAKERS OR “KRISTO” IN ALL COCKPIT ARENA OR “GALLERA” IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**WHEREAS**, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the entire Philippines, and prompting a whole-of-government approach in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, to address the growing concerns prompted by COVID-19, Local Government Units (LGUs) are mandated to act within the context of all rules, regulations and directives issued by the National Government through the NIATF, and for LGUs to fully cooperate in implementing policies to address the effects and consequences of the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, IATF Resolution No. 79 Series of 2020 allows the operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities in areas under Modified General Community Quarantine or lower, subject to the strict observance of health and safety protocols and implementing guidelines covered by DILG Memorandum Circular No 2020-140;

**WHEREAS**, the DILG has issued an unnumbered Memorandum dated 07 January 2021 directing all LGUs to further strengthen existing public health interventions to limit or prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 strain ;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 01 Series of 2021 dated 15 January 2021 was issued by the Governor, “An order establishing the detailed protocols to further strengthen existing public health interventions in preparation for the possible entry and transmission of the new COVID-19 strain in the province of Isabela” and thereby allowing cockpit operation subject to some conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order prohibiting on- site betting, shouting of bets or “pago” and bet takers or “kristo” in all cockpit arena or “gallera” in the province of Isabela.

The operation of licensed cockpits and conduct of cockfighting activities may be allowed, subject to the following conditions:

1. Strict observance of health and safety protocols, as laid down under Section V of DILG Memorandum Circular No 2020-140.
2. There shall be no- in person audience other than the fighting roosters owners, referee or "sentensyador", gaffers and handlers inside the "rueda" , on-site/"rueda" or "gradas" betting, and the live broadcasting/telecasting of cockfighting.
3. That the LGU, exercising sound judgement, upon compliance to the general conditions stated therein, decides to allow the operation of licensed cockpits, and the conduct of cockfighting activities in their areas of jurisdiction.
4. Cashless betting via e-wallet or computerized bet taking shall be allowed. Mobile phones and tablets to be used in betting and taking of bets are highly encouraged.
5. All LCEs in the province of Isabela shall be responsible in the monitoring of the cockpits, focused mainly on NO- LIVE STREAMING, and public exhibition of cockfights.

Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting

All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 29th day of January, 2021 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 