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## Recreation Activity Programs

Comprehensive programs of leisure time activities have been established to ensure that all inmates have the opportunity to spend their leisure time in a positive, creative manner in such a way that does not interfere with normal inmate work assignments. (4-4481) Leisure time activities are conducted in such a manner that the inmates integrate these pro-social activities into a healthy lifestyle upon reentry into the community. Access to leisure time activities are available to all inmates regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or political views. (4-4277, 4-4429, 4-ACRS-6B-01)

### I. Definitions

#### A. Correctional Activities Officer

The activity program will be supervised by a qualified person who has the education, correctional experience, training in recreation and/or leisure activities and the ability to manage the program. In an institution with more than 100 inmates, this position is full time. (4-4482)

#### B. Inmate Activities Program Assistants

The correctional activities officer is responsible for the selection, training and assigned duties of inmate assistants. Related training will be provided by the facility to job duties to match the inmate job description. (4-4483)

### II. Activities Program

Activities shall be coordinated to ensure use of designated space for all activity events in order to fulfill the objectives of activity programming of the facility. (4-ACRS-5A-23)

A. Availability

1. The facility head will ensure that written goals and objectives for recreation activities of the facility are reviewed annually and are included in the activities program plan. The activities program plan will be submitted to the facility head by January 1 of every year for review in order to determine its contribution to the overall mission. (2-CO-1A-21, 2-CO-1A-22, 4-4107, 4-ACRS-7D-02)
2. Varied forms of activities, such as yard activities, individual activities, outdoor exercise, team sports, hobby crafts and library will be designed to reflect inmates' interests and needs. (2-CO-1A-23, 2-CO-5C-01, 4-4481, 4-ACRS-5A-21)
3. Inmates confined to administrative segregation, disciplinary detention and protective custody will have access to programs such as library services and regularly scheduled indoor/outdoor exercise in accordance with [OP-040204](#) entitled "Segregation Measures." (4-4269, 4-4273)

B. Equipment

1. Equipment suitable for the planned leisure activities are available in proportion to the inmate population and are maintained in good condition. (4-4484)
2. Equipment may include but is not limited to the following: an outdoor activity area; a gymnasium with seats for spectators; an auditorium with stage equipment; game rooms with game tables such as table tennis, shuffleboards, chess, checkers and cards; physical fitness conditioning equipment; a music room and areas for hobby crafts. All equipment will be regularly inspected and repaired as necessary.
3. Equipment and/or supplies will be maintained and controlled in accordance with [OP-040107](#) entitled "Tool Control Standards" and [OP-040108](#) entitled "Control and Use of Flammable, Toxic, and Caustic Substances" when applicable.

C. Activities

1. Exercise and Body Conditioning
  - a. Both outdoor and covered/enclosed exercise areas for general population inmates will be provided in sufficient number to ensure that each inmate is offered at least one hour of access daily. Use of outdoor areas is preferred but covered/inside areas shall be available for use during inclement weather. (4-4154, 4-ACRS-5A-21)

- b. Facilities will develop a schedule for individual exercise which is appropriate for all levels as defined in [OP-060107](#) entitled "Systems of Incarceration."
- c. Inmates in segregation will receive recreation/exercise in accordance with [OP-040204](#) entitled "Segregation Measures." (4-4155, 4-4270)

2. Team Sports

Organized, supervised and competitive activities, such as sports leagues and tournaments may be conducted on a regularly scheduled basis. As a planned activity, participation is allowed for those inmates on systems of incarceration levels II through IV.

3. Hobby Craft Activities

Organized, supervised activities involving hobby craft activities such as beadwork, leather, pottery, small craftwork and painting may be offered as space dictates or through in cell hobby craft agreement. Participation shall be allowed for those inmates as outlined in [OP-060107](#) entitled "Systems of Incarceration." Facilities will outline the process for requesting, approval and supervision of such activities in the facility orientation handbook.

4. Inmate Initiated Activities

Inmates may initiate organized activities regulated by written guidelines that define the activity, purpose, and scope. All such activities will be under staff supervision. (4-4486) As a planned activity, participation is allowed for those inmates on systems of incarceration levels III and IV.

D. Space

- 1. Day rooms may provide added opportunities for light exercise and activities, including physical therapy, in accordance with an inmate's treatment plan. (4-4407)
- 2. Day rooms will provide sufficient seating and writing areas. Consideration will be given to furnishings that promote their incorporation into a range of activities.

III. Community Interaction

- A. Community interaction may include bringing in, recruiting, and utilizing volunteers to provide instruction and support for various activities occurring at the facility. (4-4485, 4-ACRS-7F-07)

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- B. Community interaction may include taking inmates into the community for recreation activities as applicable to the inmate's classification. (4-ACRS-7F-07)
- C. As authorized by facilities, inmates may also participate in group activities at the facility, such as the "Run against Child Abuse" or "Race for the Cure," which support local community organizations. (4-4485, 4-ACRS-7F-07)

IV. References

Policy Statement No. P-030100 entitled "Provisions of Services/Inmates' Rights and Responsibilities"

OP-040107 entitled "Tool Control Standards"

OP-040108 entitled "Control and Use of Flammable, Toxic and Caustic Substances"

OP-040204 entitled "Segregation Measures"

OP-060107 entitled "Systems of Incarceration"

V. Action

The appropriate regional director is responsible for compliance with this procedure.

The regional director, Region II, is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this procedure will require prior written approval from the director.

This procedure is effective as indicated.

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