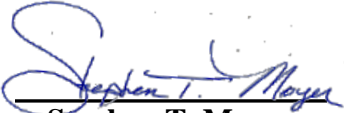
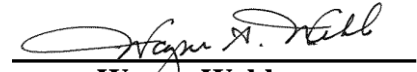


Executive Directive



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.01 Purpose.

This directive establishes policy for a supervised recreation and leisure time program for inmates in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Department).

.02 Scope.

This directive applies to all Department correctional and detention facilities.

.03 Policy.

- A. The Department shall provide a structured and supervised program for inmate recreational and leisure time opportunities.
- B. The Department shall provide special confinement inmates the opportunity to exercise and participate in recreational activities consistent with the security regulations and mandates of the inmate's assigned correctional or detention facility.
- C. The Department may not require that an inmate participates in activities offered as part of an inmate recreational program.

.04 Definitions.

- A. In this directive, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
- B. Terms Defined.

(1) Recreation.

- (a) "Recreation" means non-mandated activities that provide an inmate opportunities for exercise, diversion, or relaxation.

- (b) “Recreation” activities may include:
 - (i) Access to the gymnasium or outdoor recreation courtyard;
 - (ii) Providing board games and video equipment; or
 - (iii) Out of cell time, such as, passive recreation in a common room.
- (2) “Special confinement housing” means an inmate is assigned to administrative segregation, disciplinary segregation, protective custody, or other special needs housing.

.05 Responsibility.

A. A managing official, or a designee, shall ensure that:

- (1) The facility has equipment and personnel to manage an inmate recreation program.
- (2) Notice of available inmate recreation program opportunities is provided to an inmate as part of the inmate’s orientation and in the handbook.
- (3) Standard operating procedures and post orders are in place, and annually reviewed, that provide for control of inmate recreation program equipment that, at a minimum, address:
 - (a) Guidelines for distribution and a sufficient allotment of equipment;
 - (b) A master list, inventory, and issue and return;
 - (c) Accounting for equipment lost or damaged due to vandalism, destruction, or inmate or employee negligence, such as being documented in a matter of record and, if appropriate the inmate or employee disciplinary process;
 - (d) Proper storage; and
 - (e) Replacement and repair.
- (4) Inmate recreation program documentation is properly reviewed and maintained for program assessment and audit purposes.
- (5) If appropriate and in line with the Volunteer Program requirements and facility security, volunteers, working under the direction of inmate recreation program staff, facilitate inmate participation.

B. At a minimum, an inmate recreational program shall provide for the following:

- (1) Supervised activities;
- (2) Designated areas for indoor or outdoor activities;

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- (3) Equipment used for available activities that is in good condition and proportionate to the inmate population;
- (4) An established schedule for the available activities for:
 - (a) General population inmates, to permit a minimum of 1 hour per day, for 5 days each week; and
 - (b) Special confinement housing inmates, to afford the opportunity to participate in activities consistent with requirements specific to status and the security regulations related to the special confinement housing assignment;
- (5) A requirement to document:
 - (a) Each inmate's participation in the program; and
 - (b) When an established recreation period is cancelled or abbreviated due to exceptional circumstances.
- (6) Inmate participation and cancellation or curtailed activities related activities scheduled to be conducted:
 - (a) In a gymnasium or courtyard shall be recorded in the recreation log book for that location; and
 - (b) At other locations shall be recorded in the log book for the participating inmate's assigned housing unit.

.06 Attachment(s)/Links.

There are no attachments or links to this directive.

.07 History.

This Directive rescinds DOC.145.0001 (formerly DCD# 145-1) dated September 1, 2007, DPDS 145.0001 dated August 27, 2010, and PATX.145.0001 dated November 1, 1991 and supersedes provisions of any other prior existing Department or unit communication with which it may be in conflict.

.08 Operations Distribution.

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