

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
830**

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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AUTHORITY: NRS 209.131; NRS 209.246; NRS 209.501

PURPOSE

To establish the agency's recreation and activities program for inmates, including program coordination and supervision, facilities and equipment, community interaction and activities initiated by inmates. This regulation works to establish best practices for a recreational program that includes activities and outdoor exercise for inmates for best correctional management to ensure public, inmate and staff safety.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of Operations is responsible to ensure the administration of this regulation.

Wardens/Facility Managers or Association Wardens are responsible to implement the recreational activity regulation as well as establish and monitor all recreational and athletic activities for inmates at their assigned institution/facilities.

Athletic and Recreational Specialists are responsible to manage all athletic and recreational activities of the inmates of their assigned institution.

830.01 GENERAL PROCEDURES.

1. Recreational activities may include individual, dual, and team sports, hobby-craft, entertainment, social and group activities and other programs.
2. Inmates should be encouraged and permitted to take part in leisure time and recreational activities.
3. Any program that involves the joint participation of inmates and the community must be approved by the Warden.

A. Members of the community who are visiting offenders will not be allowed to participate in these activities.

B. Upon the Warden's request and Deputy Director approval, community interaction(s) may include bringing in volunteers to provide instruction and inviting local teams to compete with institution teams, per ACA 4-4485. This requires the identification of the resources.

4. Safety Precautions

A. The recreation specialist will ensure all recreational facilities and equipment are safe for inmate use.

B. All injuries to inmates resulting from participating in the recreation program will be immediately reported to the shift commander and medical staff by the recreational specialist.

1) A follow-up written report will follow in accordance with AR 332.

2) Inmates will be charged for medical costs for recreational injuries.

830.02 RECREATIONAL STAFF, SUPERVISION AND ACCESS

1. The institutional Athletic and Recreation Specialist will be under the direct supervision of an Associate Warden.

2. All fiscal matters are governed and controlled by Inmate Services.

3. Inmates assigned to the recreation program may assist the Athletic and Recreation Specialist in various aspects of the program under their direct supervision. The Athletic and Recreation Specialist shall be responsible for orienting each new inmate worker of their duties, expectations, rules and regulations of the program.

4. All activities sponsored by the recreation program (gym or athletic field) must be provided with proper supervision and security.

5. The Athletic and Recreation Specialist will submit plans for all activities to the Warden and Associate Wardens in advance for approval.

A. Any event that involves outside community members or an event that involves a significant portion of the inmate population or significantly impacts daily operation must be approved by the Warden.

B. All other events may be approved by an Associate Warden.

6. Organized recreational activities and recreation equipment shall be available on a weekly scheduled basis to all segments of the inmate population.

7. Inmates in segregated housing will be provided with a secure yard. The availability of funds and security will determine the extent of recreation supplies and equipment they will receive.

8. All inmates shall be informed of the rules and regulation governing participation in all athletic and recreational programs.

9. Random inspections will be conducted throughout the year by security, fiscal and program staff.

830.03 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

1. Recreational facilities for recreational use should be available at each institution and facility for inmate use.

2. Recreational facilities should be maintained in good condition with daily cleaning provided by inmate workers.

3. Warden/designee will inspect all facilities periodically for safety hazards and sanitation.

4. Equipment should be available at each institution/facility for inmate use.

A. Equipment must be maintained in good condition.

B. All equipment must be free of safety and security hazards before it is approved for use.

C. The amount of athletic and recreational equipment depends on institutional security, the availability of funds, space and inmate preference. Equipment should include such items as:

1) Supplies and equipment for dual and team activities, i.e., softball, basketball, and volleyball.

2) Supplies and equipment for individual activities, e.g., weight lifting, and track and field.

3) Supplies and equipment for social games, e.g., checkers, chess, card games, dominoes, and backgammon.

5. The Athletic and Recreation Specialist will use a process for checking equipment in and out.

A. Each facility will develop written institutional procedures to control the checking in and out of equipment.

B. The Athletic and Recreation Specialist/designee will ensure all equipment is returned prior to departure from the institution.

6. The Warden shall approve all donations of recreation equipment and supplies to the recreation program from staff, inmates, or outside groups.

7. Inmates who abuse equipment of facilities will be restricted from the program and disciplined accordingly.

8. On an annual basis, all Athletic and Recreational Specialists will submit an inventory of all recreational equipment. This inventory will:


- A. Be submitted in June of each year;
- B. Be submitted to the appropriate staff of the institution they are assigned and to the Chief, Inmate Services; and
- C. Note the condition of the equipment in use.

APPLICABILITY

- 1. This Administrative Regulation requires an Operational Procedure.
- 2. This Administrative Regulation requires an audit.

REFERENCES

ACA 4th Edition: 4-4481 through 4-4486


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