

STANDARD 5.2

RECREATION

I. POLICY

The facility shall provide detainees with access to recreational programs and activities, within the constraints of the safety and security of the facility.

II. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

A. Requirements for Recreation

1. If outdoor recreation is available at the facility, it shall be offered at a reasonable time of day. Weather permitting, each detainee shall have access for at least one hour per day, five days per week; or, six or more hours per week, at least four days per week.
2. If only indoor recreation is available, detainees shall have access for at least one hour each day and shall have access to natural light.
3. All facilities shall provide equal access to recreational opportunities for detainees with disabilities.
4. Under no circumstances will the facility require detainees to forgo basic law library privileges for recreation privileges.

B. Recreation Specialist

All facilities shall have an individual responsible for the development and oversight of the recreation program.

C. Program Content

1. Exercise areas shall offer a variety of fixed and movable equipment.
2. Cardiovascular exercise shall be available to detainees for whom outdoor recreation is unavailable.
3. Recreational activities shall be based on the facility's size and location, and may include limited-contact sports, such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, table games, and may extend to competitions between units.

4. Dayrooms in general-population housing units will offer board games, television, leisure reading materials, and other sedentary activities.
5. All detainees participating in outdoor recreation shall have access to drinking water and toilet facilities.
6. Programs and activities are subject to the facility's security and operational guidelines and may be restricted.
7. Recreation areas shall be under continuous supervision by staff.
8. Where television or other broadcast programming is available to detainees, facilities are encouraged to provide these in Spanish and languages spoken by significant portions of the detainee population.

D. Recreation for Special Management Unit (SMU)

Recreation for detainees housed in the SMU shall occur separately from recreation for the general population.

Facilities are encouraged to maximize opportunities for group participation in recreation and other activities, consistent with safety and security considerations. Recreation for certain detainees may occur separate from other detainees when necessary or advisable to prevent assaults and reduce management problems.

Detainees in the SMU shall be offered at least one hour of recreation per day, scheduled at a reasonable time, at least five days per week. This privilege shall be waived only if the detainee's recreational activity would unreasonably endanger safety or security, as follows:

1. A detainee may be denied recreation privileges only with the facility administrator's written authorization.
2. The facility shall provide the detainee with written notification of the suspension of recreation privileges, the reason for the suspension, any conditions that must be met before restoration of privileges, and the duration of the suspension (assuming the requisite conditions are met).
3. Denial of recreation privileges for more than 15 days requires the concurrence of the facility administrator and a health care professional. The facility shall notify ICE/ERO when a detainee is denied recreation privileges in excess of 15 days.

E. Volunteer Program Involvement

A volunteer group may provide special recreational or educational programs consistent with security considerations, availability of detention personnel to supervise participating detainees, and sufficient advance notification to the facility.