

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND SUPERVISION

- AUTHORITY:** Administrative Directive  
California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 1371
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 3-2-021, dated 08/01/13
- FORMS:** None
- PURPOSE:** To establish sports activity standards for youth and Juvenile Hall staff.

### PROCEDURE

#### I. Staff Responsibility

Before any sports activity commences, unit staff will:

- A. Ensure proper coverage in unit, and at activity, and that supervision is a coordinated effort when two staff are involved.
- B. Make duplicate list of **youth** wishing to participate in the activity. Check individuals for unit or medical restrictions, which might deny/limit their participation. Ensure that staff to **youth** ratio ( ) is not exceeded.
- C. Make the **youth** aware of behavioral expectations during the activity prior to departing the unit.
- D. Staff are not to participate in the activity, only supervise and/or demonstrate.
- E. Verify **youth** on RA or No Contact Sports and ensure they do not participate.
- F. Ensure that **youth** wear the proper clothing at all times, i.e., shoes must be worn at all times during activities.
- G. Ensure that all **youth** are aware of the rules of the game (even if instruction is necessary) and that the rules are followed.
- H. Ensure that all **youth** taken to the activity are given the opportunity to participate.

#### II. Sports Activities

##### A. Softball

- 1. Two fields available.
- 2. Each unit shall have proper equipment (bats, balls, gloves) stored in each unit away from the elements.

3. The baseball bats are aluminum. Extreme care must be taken to ensure **youth** do not use them in a dangerous manner (i.e. let the bat fly through the air or throw the bat at another person).

B. Football (flag or touch)/Soccer

1. Two fields available.
2. Each unit shall have proper equipment (flags, footballs) stored in each unit away from the elements.
3. Don't let activity get out of hand. Tackle football is not allowed at any time.

C. Volleyball

1. One area available (Behind Unit S)
2. Each unit shall have proper equipment (balls) stored in each unit away from the elements.

D. Basketball

1. Six courts are available (SRA-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and the North Basketball Court)
2. Each unit shall have proper equipment (balls) stored in each unit away from the elements.
3. Ensure **youth** do not "slam dunk" basketballs as the portable basketball posts may tip over.

E. Handball

1. Several handball courts are available within the **facility** and SRA/Patio areas of the units.
2. Only soft balls designed for this activity are to be used as hard balls may damage walls.

III. Institutional Sports League

Equipment for the Institutional Sports League shall be stored in appropriate storage locations and will only be accessible by those assigned staff involved in the sports program. Uniforms and equipment will be properly cleaned after each use and stored away from the elements. The score board is to be stored indoors only and not to be placed in one of the storage units.

**REFERENCES:**

Procedures:                    3-1-014                    Recreation/Exercise Program

3-4-038 Outdoor Sports Activities and Supervision  
Joplin Youth Center  
3-8-035 Sports Activities and Supervision Youth  
Leadership Academy

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