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JJ 02/01.00 **GENERAL**

JJ 02/01.01 **Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide policy, procedure, and rationale regarding leisure activities for inmates within the WCCF.

JJ 02/01.02 **Cross Reference**

JD 02 Classification (Custody Standards Matrix)

JD 08 Privilege Levels

JE 01 Mail

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JJ 02/01.03 **Definitions**

<b>Cell</b>	Individual cubicle within a cell block or in a dorm area
<b>Common area</b>	area within a housing unit which is outside individual cells and accessible to all inmates in the housing unit
<b>Day room</b>	see “common area”
<b>Recreation yard</b>	space in each pod adjacent to housing units which provides for enclosed outdoor activity
<b>Book cart</b>	portable cart containing books which can be moved from housing unit to housing unit

JJ 02/02.00    **RECREATION: LEISURE TIME**

JJ 02/02.01    **Policy**

It is the policy of the WCCF to:

- A.    provide inmates with the types of leisure activities that will minimize boredom, allow them to interact with others in a positive way, and reduce idle time;
- B.    provide staff to control and supervise leisure activities to ensure that order and discipline are maintained;
- C.    provide inmates a structured process of interacting in a social setting by allowing inmates to play board games or cards in their housing units;
- D.    provide inmates with reading material;
- E.    provide inmates with facilities and equipment to facilitate leisure activities, ie., tables, chairs, etc.; and
- F.    provide inmates with a means to stay current on events occurring in the free world via television.

JJ 02/02.02    **Rationale**

- A.    Inmates with too much idle time are more likely to experience boredom and frustration and, in some cases, engage in violent activities. The WCCF benefits directly by providing leisure time activities that reduce mental, physical and emotional discomfort. Leisure time activities are intended to limit idle time and reduce inmate activities which may be contrary to safety, security and management of the WCCF.
- B.    The process of staff actively encouraging and programming leisure activities for inmates increases supervision and control of inmates. All inmate activities must be directed and controlled by staff to ensure that WCCF rules and policy requirements are enforced.
- C.    Reading is a productive use of inmate idle time.
- D.    To facilitate inmate leisure activities authorized by the WCCF, chairs, tables, games, etc., are provided by the WCCF.

JJ 02/02.03    **Procedure: General**

- A.    The WCCF recognizes exercise as an identifiable human need. Exercise standards are defined in WCCF policy JJ 01, Exercise. Leisure activities are important for incarcerated persons.

- B. Most leisure activities take place outside of the inmates' cell. Common areas, tables, and seating are provided by the WCCF for leisure activities.
- C. Inmates are expected to comply with WCCF rules and regulations when participating in leisure activities.
- D. The WCCF provides other programs and activities consistent with WCCF policy, see JJ 03, Education, JJ 06, Religious Access, JE 02, Visitation, and JE 03, Telephones.
- E. Leisure time activities may be restricted or denied when situations or conditions exist which could jeopardize safety, security or management of the WCCF.

JJ 02/02.04 **Procedure: Leisure Time Activities**

A. Board Games or Cards

- 1. Inmates may purchase cards through commissary.
- 2. Board games are available in housing units consistent with the housing unit classification level and privilege level.
- 3. Board games provided for inmate use are maintained on a schedule determined by WCCF Inmate Services staff. Inmates may request replacement game pieces through Inmate Services staff by forwarding an inmate request to the Inmate Services office.
- 4. WCCF housing unit staff should supervise leisure time activities to ensure that board games or cards are not used for gambling. Gambling frequently results in violence when inmates accrue gambling debts.

B. WCCF Library

- 1. Inmates are allowed access to WCCF library materials.
- 2. Library carts are rotated through housing units on a regular basis. Inmates may check out up to 5 books at a time from the library cart.
- 3. Selected inmates, consistent with WCCF Custody and Privilege Levels, may visit the WCCF library.
  - a. Inmates may check out 2 books during their library visit and may keep the books for 1 week. If the inmate has not finished the book after 1 week, the inmate may check the book out for an additional week until finished.
- 4. Other reading materials may be obtained by inmates consistent with

WCCF policy JE 01, Mail.

C. Television

1. Access to televisions is a privilege and is currently available to all inmates except level I inmates.
2. Televisions are located in housing unit common areas and may be accessed by inmates consistent with Housing Unit protocols.
3. Televisions use shall be controlled by staff and televisions may be turned off for management reasons as necessary for counts, meal service, medical commissary distribution, changeouts, or when it is necessary to maintain order and management of the WCCF.

JJ 02/02.05 **Procedure: Staff Duties**

A. Housing Unit Staff

Housing unit staff are responsible for supervising inmates participating in leisure activities and may restrict activities which may jeopardize the safety, security or order in any housing unit.

B. Inmate Services Staff

1. Inmate Services Staff are responsible for:
  - a. maintaining an inventory of board games authorized for use by inmates;
  - b. rotating or replacing board games and determining the schedule for replacement;
  - c. receiving and responding to inmate requests for replacement games or game pieces.

JJ 02/02.06 **Procedure: Facilities and Equipment for Leisure Activities**

A. Cell Areas

Reading, drawing, cards, and exercise activities may be done in cells.

B. Common Areas

Inmates are not allowed to enter cells other than their assigned cell. Common areas are provided where inmates may participate in leisure activities such as

playing cards, board games, watching television, etc. Games and game pieces should remain in the common areas and are not to be stored in individual cells or dorms.