

“Counsel substitute” means an individual, such as an inmate paralegal, teacher or social worker, who represents and defends an inmate at a disciplinary hearing proceeding which is conducted within a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

“Disciplinary Detention” shall mean removal of an inmate from the general population to a short term close custody unit because of a disciplinary infraction(s).

“Extra duty” shall mean a task(s) other than those related to an inmate’s work or program assignment(s) to which an inmate has been assigned as a result of a violation of a prohibited act.

“Fact witness” means a witness who provides a factual account of the incident based upon his or her being personally involved in, or having personally observed the incident or aspects thereof. For example, a Department of Corrections staff member who administers a test for prohibited substances may be considered a fact witness if a question of fact exists with regard to the taking, initial testing or custody of the specimen.

“Major violations” shall mean the violation of a prohibited act that is preceded by an asterisk.

“Minor violations” shall mean the violation of a prohibited act that is not preceded by an asterisk.

“Repetitive witness” means a witness who is expected to provide substantially the same testimony as a previous witness.

“Serious bodily injury” shall mean bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ (see N.J.S.A. 2C:11-1).

“Special Classification Committee” (S.C.C.) shall mean the body composed of representatives from the Prison and Youth Complexes within the Division of Operations, which considers the transfer of inmates between complexes.

“Unavailable witness” is a witness who is unable, for medical, leave or other valid reason, to attend the disciplinary hearing.

“Weapon” shall mean anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury (see N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1).

Amended by R.1991 d.276, effective June 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 658(a), 23 N.J.R. 1797(b).

Added definitions for “administrative close supervision unit”, “Capital sentence unit” and “counsel substitute”; amended definition for “superintendent”.

Amended by R.1994 d.182, effective April 4, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 727(a), 26 N.J.R. 1506(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.237, effective May 20, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1464(a), 28 N.J.R. 2555(b).

Deleted “Superintendent” and “Vroom Readjustment Unit”, added “Inmate handbook”, and amended “Extra duty”, “Handbook on Discipline” and “Special Classification Committee”.
Amended by R.2004 d.180, effective May 3, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 6(b), 36 N.J.R. 2241(b).

Deleted “Institutional Classification Committee (I.C.C.)” and “Inter-Institutional Classification Committee (I.I.C.C.)”
Amended by R.2004 d.293, effective August 2, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1867(a), 36 N.J.R. 3551(a).

Inserted “Fact witness”, “Repetitive witness” and “Unavailable witness”.

Amended by R.2006 d.151, effective May 1, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 96(a), 38 N.J.R. 1836(a).

Deleted a comma in the introductory paragraph; deleted the definitions for “Asterisk offense”, “Capital Sentence Unit”, “Close custody unit”, “Commissioner”, “Custody status”, “Department”, “Disciplinary Hearing Officer”, “Disciplinary report”, “Disciplinary Sanction”, “Handbook on Discipline”, “Inmate handbook”, “On-the-spot correction”, “Prehearing detention”, “Prison Complex”, “Prohibited acts” and “Youth Complex”.

10A:4-1.4 Forms

(a) The following forms related to Inmate Discipline are printed by the Bureau of State Use Industries—DEPTCOR and each correctional facility shall purchase a supply of these forms by contacting the Bureau:

1. 254-I Discipline Record Card;
2. 259 Disciplinary Report;
3. 259A Adjudication of Disciplinary Report.

(b) The following forms related to Inmate Discipline shall be reproduced by each correctional facility from originals that are available by contacting the Administrative Rules Unit:

1. 251-I Chronic Violator Notice;
2. 251-II Chronic Violator Adjudication Notice;
3. 252 Inmate Disciplinary Hearing Attendance Refusal Notice;
4. 253-I On-The-Spot Disciplinary Report/Adjudication;
5. 255-I Authorization for Prehearing Detention;
6. 256-I Appeal of Disciplinary Decision;
7. 256-II Disposition of Disciplinary Appeal.

(c) The following form related to inmate discipline shall be reproduced by each correctional facility from an original that is available by contacting the Health Services Unit:

1. HSU-010 Request for Psychological/Psychiatric Evaluation.

Administrative Correction, effective January 27, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 558(a).

Institutional name change.

Amended by R.1996 d.237, effective May 20, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1464(a), 28 N.J.R. 2555(b).

Amended by R.1999 d.187, effective June 7, 1999 (operative July 1, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 831(a), 31 N.J.R. 1487(b).

Added (c).

Administrative change.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1137(a).

SUBCHAPTER 2. PUBLICATION OF RULES

10A:4-2.1 Notification of inmates about rules and regulations

(a) At the time of reception into the New Jersey Department of Corrections, each inmate shall receive a copy of the Handbook on Discipline and thereby be advised in writing of his or her rights and responsibilities, the acts and activities which are prohibited, the rules which must be followed and the disciplinary process within the correctional facilities of the Department of Corrections. Each inmate shall be required to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the Handbook on Discipline. A refusal by the inmate to sign shall be noted on the form by the issuing staff member.

(b) At the time of arrival at a correctional facility, each inmate shall receive a copy of the correctional facility Inmate Handbook which contains correctional facility rules, procedures and information about services and programs. The correctional facility Inmate Handbook shall be provided as part of the admission-orientation program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10A:8. Each inmate shall be required to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the correctional facility Inmate Handbook. A refusal by the inmate to sign shall be noted on the form by the issuing staff member.

(c) All changes in disciplinary rules shall be posted in housing units and other areas of the correctional facility and

incorporated into the next revision of the Handbook on Discipline and when appropriate, in the correctional facility Inmate Handbook.

(d) When a correctional facility has a large number of inmates in the population who speak a foreign language, the rules shall be printed and presented verbally in the foreign language.

(e) For illiterate inmates or inmates otherwise unable to read or write due to a physical/medical inability, the rules shall be verbally communicated and assistance shall be provided to those inmates unable to provide written acknowledgement.

Amended by R.1991 d.276, effective June 3, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 658(a), 23 N.J.R. 1797(b).

Corrected internal N.J.A.C. cite to Handbook.

Amended by R.1996 d.237, effective May 20, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1464(a), 28 N.J.R. 2555(b).

10A:4-2.2 Review of inmate rules

The Administrator of the correctional facility shall be responsible for maintaining an ongoing rule review process to ensure that the rules are current and appropriate.

Amended by R.1996 d.237, effective May 20, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1464(a), 28 N.J.R. 2555(b).