INSTITUTIONAL INFRACTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY SEVERITY SCALE

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A. MAJOR INFRACTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY SEVERITY SCALE

Major Infractions involve violations of rules and regulations which constitute serious offenses against persons and property, and pose a serious threat to institutional order and safety. Examples of Major Infractions are as follows:

1. **Acts Classified as Offenses** under the laws of the State Of Texas, such as:

   Murder    Sexual Assault
   Escape    Theft
   Riot       Arson
   Assault    Criminal Mischief

   SCALE: Highest

2. **Acts Classified as Offenses in Violation Of Federal Law Riotous Behavior**: The advocacy, promotion or participation in a major disturbance

   SCALE: Highest

3. **Inciting Riotous Behavior**: Encouraging, abetting or instigating riotous behavior

   SCALE: Highest

4. **Fighting**: Combative behavior resulting in physical confrontation such as pushing, shoving or striking another

   SCALE: Highest

5. **Inciting a Fight**: Encouraging, abetting or instigating combative behavior through verbal, written or physical means.

   SCALE: High

6. **Threatening**: Placing a person in fear of physical injury or death, including verbal and physical overtures

   SCALE: High
7. **Coercion:**

   Attempting to control the behavior of others by force, threat or intimidation

   SCALE: High

8. **Setting Of Fires:**

   The setting of fire to any material of a combustible or incendiary nature

   SCALE: Highest

9. **Sexual Abuse:**

   Committing, inciting, or forcing others to participate in sexual activities

   SCALE: Highest

10. **Sexual Solicitation:**

    Approaching, requesting, urging, enticing or propositioning another to engage in sexual activities

    SCALE: High

11. **Nudity:**

    Being fully unclothed, devoid of covering

    SCALE: Moderate

12. **Indecent Exposure:**

    Exposing the breasts, buttocks or genitals to arouse others or offend others

    SCALE: High

13. **Possession of Stolen Property:**

    Possessing or controlling any property appropriated from another, including property belonging to another inmate as well as department or agency property

    SCALE: Highest
14. **Trafficking:**

Buying, selling, trading or transferring such items as:
- Tattoo Paraphernalia
- Chemical Agents
- Weapons
- Altered Items
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Unauthorized Drugs, to include Tobacco if applicable
- Intoxicants
- Unauthorized Medications
- Inhalants
- Narcotics
- Escape Devices
- Narcotic Paraphernalia
- Contraband as Defined

**SCALE:** Highest

15. **Impeding Inmate Headcounts:**

Behavior which impedes performance of headcounts such as hiding, moving or impersonating another inmate

**SCALE:** Moderate

16. **Impeding the Security of Housing Units:**

Behavior which impedes staff efforts to secure housing units such as avoiding, delaying or obstructing staff action

**SCALE:** Moderate

17. **Falsely Reporting an Emergency:**

**SCALE:** High

18. **Bribery:**

Giving or promising to give money or favors to a staff member for the purposes of inducing, impairing or influencing judgment or conduct

**SCALE:** Highest

19. **Recklessness:**

An action or behavior which endangers self or others, including hanging or jumping from tiers, railings, fixtures or vaulting down a flight of stairs

**SCALE:** High
20. **Tampering:**

Altering or tampering with such items as:

- Fire Equipment
- Alarms
- Monitoring Devices
- Safety or Security Devices
- Televisions
- Telephones
- Locking Devices
- Doors
- Plumbing
- Intercoms
- Light Fixtures

**SCALE:** Highest

21. **Destruction of Property:**

Deliberately destroying, damaging, altering, modifying, misusing, tampering or abusing material or property belonging to others, including department or agency property

**SCALE:** Highest

22. **Mutilation:**

Self-inflicted injury induced through granting permission or assisting in the physical injury or mutilation of a person, including tattooing, cutting or piercing self or others, or similar behavior

**SCALE:** Highest

23. **Possession of Tattoo Paraphernalia:**

**SCALE:** High

24. **Possession of Altered Items:**

Possessing or controlling items which have been altered or changed from its original condition

**SCALE:** Moderate

25. **Possession or Manufacture of Weapons:**

Possessing or manufacturing weapons, including all items which could be used to inflict injury

**SCALE:** Highest

26. **Possession or Manufacture of Escape Devices:**

**SCALE:** Highest
MAJOR INFRACTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY SEVERITY SCALE (continued)

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   SCALE: Highest

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   SCALE: Highest

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   Possessing or manufacturing unauthorized drugs or medications, including prescription drugs
   SCALE: Highest

31. **Possession or Manufacture of Narcotics or Narcotic Paraphernalia:**
   SCALE: Highest

32. **Hoarding Medication:**
   The storing, keeping, distributing, trafficking or selling of unconsumed medication
   SCALE: Highest

33. **Feigning Injury or Illness:**
   Pretending or self-inducing an injury or illness
   SCALE: High

34. **Excessive Noise:**
   Inappropriate behavior such as:
   
   Screaming, Aggressively Loud or Boisterous Talking
   Yelling, Pounding
   Kicking, Striking Windows, Walls, Doors, Table Tops
   
   SCALE: Moderate
35. **Throwing or Propelling Objects or Substances** such as:
   
   Furniture  Televisions  
   Books  Water  
   Food  Beverages  
   Spitting  Body Fluids and Wastes  

   **SCALE:** Highest

36. **Interference With Court Related Proceedings:**

   **SCALE:** Highest

37. **Interference With Official Communications or Communication Devices:**

   **SCALE:** Highest

38. **Interference With Security Operations:**

   **SCALE:** Highest

39. **Disruption of Any Institutional Activity:**

   **SCALE:** High

40. **Violation of Feeding Procedures:**

   **SCALE:** Moderate

41. **Violation of Mail Procedures:**

   **SCALE:** Moderate

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   **SCALE:** Moderate

43. **Violation of Program Procedures:**

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44. **Violation of Recreation Procedures:**

   **SCALE:** Moderate
45. **Violation of Commissary Procedures:**

   SCALE: Moderate

46. **Violation of Medication Consumption Procedures:**

   SCALE: Moderate

47. **Violation of Work Assignment Procedures:**

   SCALE: Moderate

48. **Violation of Treatment Program Activities:**

   SCALE: Moderate

49. **Inciting or Encouraging Communications with Persons Outside the Facility, such as:**

   - Yelling
   - Signaling
   - Pounding
   - Gesturing

   SCALE: Moderate

50. **Refusal to Follow Written or Oral Directives:**

   SCALE: Moderate

51. **Disrespect to Staff:**

   Inappropriate behavior such as the use of profanity or indecent, vulgar or derogatory remarks or gestures to or about staff, including but not limited to:

   - Cursing
   - Refusing To Answer Questions from Staff
   - Shouting
   - Lying To or About Staff
   - Arguing

   SCALE: Moderate
MINOR INFRINGEMENTS AND DISCIPLINARY SEVERITY SCALE

B. MINOR INFRINGEMENTS

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1. **Gambling:**
   Staking or risking something of value based upon the outcome of a contest or game of chance
   SCALE: Moderate

2. **Abuse of Intercom System:**
   Unnecessary or continuous pressing of intercoms for reasons of a non-emergency nature
   SCALE: Moderate

3. **Present in an Unauthorized Area:**
   Being in or at any location not designated by job assignment, scheduled activity or staff directive
   SCALE: Moderate

4. **Entering or Exiting an Area Without Permission** such as:
   Entering Elevators   Walking Away From Staff Members
   Leaving Housing Units
   SCALE: Moderate

5. **Unauthorized Equipment Use:**
   SCALE: Moderate

6. **Unauthorized Taking of Items Into or Out of Units:**
   SCALE: Moderate

7. **Unauthorized Absence from Work or Activity:**
   Unauthorized absence from work or activity without a verifiable reason or having been officially excused
   SCALE: Moderate
8. **Malingering:**

Failure to complete assigned tasks, failure to keep assigned living areas clean or slow movements apparently intended to impede operational activities

**SCALE:** Low

9. **Smoking:**

Smoking tobacco products without staff directive

**SCALE:** Low

10. **Unauthorized Changing of Bed Assignment:**

**SCALE:** Low

11. **False Self-Identification:**

Failure to identify self correctly to staff by purporting to be another inmate or using a fictitious name

**SCALE:** Moderate

12. **Failure to Respond to Staff Questions:**

**SCALE:** Moderate

13. **Possession of Unauthorized Clothing, Linen or Bedding:**

**SCALE:** Low

14. **Possession of Contraband:**

Possessing or controlling any items not sold, issued or authorized

**SCALE:** Moderate

15. **Defacing Property:**

The marking or disfigurement of department or agency property or the property of others

**SCALE:** Moderate

16. **Unauthorized Contact** such as:

Including verbal or physical gestures or contact between inmates

**SCALE:** Low

17. **Unauthorized Passing of Items:**

Trafficking, trading, passing or transferring of unauthorized items among inmates or between inmate living areas, such as food, commissary, notes, messages and property

**SCALE:** Low
18. **Horseplay:**
   Inappropriate behavior such as teasing or verbally harassing another
   SCALE: Low

19. **Disrespect to Other Inmates:**
   Inappropriate behavior such as the use of profanity or indecent, vulgar or derogatory remarks or gestures to or about other inmates
   SCALE: Moderate

20. **Lying To or About Other Inmates:**
    SCALE: Moderate

21. **Yelling at Other Inmates:**
    SCALE: Moderate

22. **Disorderly Cell or Bunk Area:**
    SCALE: Low

23. **Inadequate or Partial Uniform:**
    SCALE: Low

24. **Inadequate Personal Hygiene:**
    SCALE: Low

25. **Violation of a Written or Posted Rule:**
    SCALE: Low

26. **Sexual Activity:**
    Participating in the following types of behavior:
    - Intercourse
    - Masturbation
    - Kissing
    - Fondling
    - Touching
    - Holding Hands
    - Lying in the same bed as another
    - Manipulation of a person's private parts
    SCALE: Low

27. **Obstruction of View:**
    Covering cell or unit windows, impeding visibility into the cell or unit
    SCALE: Low