

Superior Court of California County of Orange

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST SANTA ANA, CA 92701

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20/21 SPORTS AND EXERCISE PROHIBITION

Purpose and Findings

The World Health Organization, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of California, and the County of Orange have recognized that the world, country, state, and county face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. The Orange County Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of court users, court staff, judicial officers, security personnel, and the public while performing its constitutional duties. In order to prevent the transmission of disease and the potential for injuries or accidents, this Order prohibits all physical exercise, workouts, sports, and physical fitness activities on Court Property.

Prohibited Activities Order

In order to prevent the transmission of disease, the potential for injuries or accidents, and potential liability exposure, all physical exercise, including but not limited to weight-lifting, kickboxing, wrestling, martial arts, rollerblading, skateboarding, aerobics, dancing, yoga, pilates, Zumba, basketball, team sports, jogging, running, power-walking, recreational stair-climbing, jumping-rope, group workouts and other physical fitness activities are prohibited on Court Property.

Court Property

For purposes of this Order, "Court Property" means the real property at the site of a courthouse that is the subject of a transfer or deferred transfer agreement between the Judicial Council of California and the County of Orange, including the hallways, courtrooms, break rooms,

physical fitness areas, basketball courts, parking areas, chambers, offices, jury rooms, gyms and recreation rooms on Court Property, and other areas inside and adjacent to courthouses.

Who Is Subject to Order

This Order applies to any person physically present on court premises, including but not limited to, court staff, judicial officers, court users, sheriff's department personnel, members of the public, and public defenders and district attorney personnel.

Notice

This Order shall be distributed to all judicial officers, court staff, lessees of Court Property, and sheriff's department personnel assigned to the Court. This Order shall also be posted on the Court's website, and at the entrances to courthouses.

Penalties

Any person found to be engaging in any of the prohibited activities identified in this Order will be asked to cease and desist immediately. If the person does not immediately stop the activity, the person will be escorted off Court Property by Sheriff's department personnel. Individuals who violate this Order may also be subject to sanctions for contempt.

Effective Date

This Order is effective immediately. It applies to all persons on Court Property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This Order shall remain in effect through December 31, 2020 or as ordered otherwise.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date

Kirk H. Nakamura

Presiding Judge