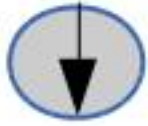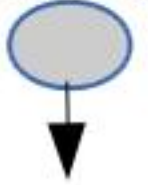# Interaction Patterns Inherent in Recreation Activities
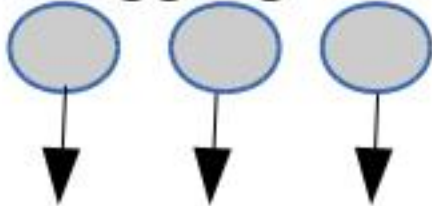
Intra-individual

Action taking place within the mind of a person or action involving
The mind and a part of the body, but requiring no contact with
Another person or external object (Avedon, 1974, p. 164).
*RPG Application:To try to transition to Extra-Individual: Read adventure
stories to participant, trying to monitor/create some facial or other reaction.*

Extra-Individual

Action directed by a person toward an object on the environment,
requiring no contact with another person (Avedon, 1974, p. 164).
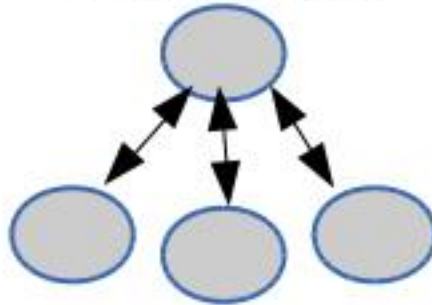*RPG Application: SABM*, SRPG*, SCRPG*.*

Aggregate

Action directed by a person toward an object in the environment while
in the company of other persons who are also directing action toward
objects in the environment. Action is not directed toward one another,
and no interaction between participants is required or necessary
(Avedon, 1974, p. 165).
*RPG Application: SABM, SRPG, SCRPG, with possible addition
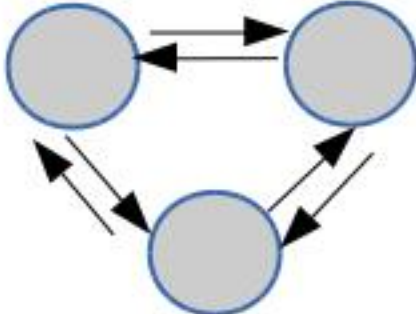of competitive variants.*

Inter-Individual

Action of a competitive nature directed by one person toward another.
(Avedon, 1974, p. 166).
RPG Application: CCG/TCG, PBP, PvP TRPG, PvP CRPG, PvP MMORPG,
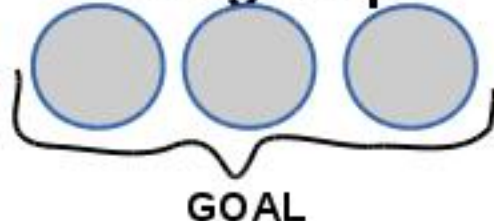PvP LARP*.*

Unilateral

Action of a competitive nature among three or more persons, one of
whom is an antagonist, or "it". (Avelon, 1974, p. 167).
RPG Application: PBP, GvP TRPG, GvP MMORPG, GvP LARP.
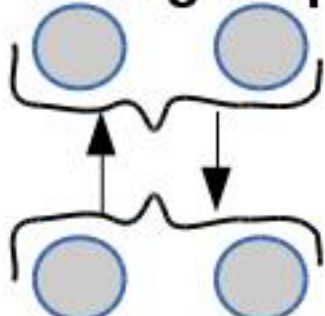
Multilateral

Action of a competitive nature among three or more persons, with no one
person as an antagonist (Avedon, 1974, p. 168).
RPG Application: PBP, PvP TRPG, PvP MMORPG, PvP LARP.

Intragroup

Action of a cooperative nature by two or more persons intent upon reaching
A mutual goal. Action requires positive verbal and nonverbal interaction
(Avedon, 1974, p. 169).
RPG Application: PBP, TRPG, MMORPG, LARP.*

GOAL

Intergroup

Action of a competitive nature between two or more intragroups
(Avedon, 1974, p. 170).
RPG Application: GvG TRPG, GvG MMORPG, LARP.*

* = Standard for this RPG variant.
SABM = Solo Adventure Books/Modules
RPG = Role-Playing Game
TRPG = Tabletop RPG
SRPG = Solo RPG
CRPG = Computer-based RPG
SCRPG = Solo Computer-based RPG

CCG/TCG = Collectible/Tradeable Card Game
PvP = Player versus Player
GvP = Group versus Player
GvG = Group versus Group
LARP = Live-Action Role-Playing
MMORPG = Massive Multiplayer Online RPG
PBP = Play by Post / Mail / E-mail / Forum

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