RECREATION PROGRAMS

I. GENERAL

This Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) Administrative Regulation (AR) establishes responsibilities, policies, and procedures for the management of recreation and leisure time programs for inmates.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the ADOC that recreation and leisure time programs for inmates shall be available in all institutions.

III. DEFINITION(S) AND ACRONYM(S)

This section not used.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Warden/designee is responsible for developing the institutional operating procedures (SOP) as necessary for the implementation of AR 447.

B. ADOC employees and inmates are responsible for complying with this regulation.

V. PROCEDURES

A. Staffing and Responsibilities

1. Each institution shall have a staff member designated by the Warden/designee to develop a comprehensive recreation program that includes leisure time activities of interest to the inmates. This staff member shall be qualified on the basis of his/her academic training and/or experience. The staff assigned shall have the following responsibilities:
a. Maintain a monthly comprehensive schedule of recreation programs available at the institution.

b. Issue, control, and maintain all recreational equipment and supplies.

c. Encourage community interaction through recreation activities.

d. Securing proper approval for all recreational activities, including tournaments, and provide necessary coordination with all sections affected.

e. Maintain a current equipment inventory.

f. Train inmates who will assist staff in various aspects of the recreational program.

2. The work schedule of the recreational staff shall be flexible to ensure inmate access to institutions and supervised programs. Recreational activities shall not interfere with work, academic, and vocational programs.

B. Institutions and Equipment:

1. Suitable space for recreation or leisure time activities shall be available as designated by the Warden at each institution for inmate use.

2. Equipment and supplies shall be available at each institution in proportion to the inmate population. Equipment and supplies shall be maintained in good condition.

C. Inmate Participation:

1. All inmates shall be encouraged and permitted to take part in leisure time and recreation activities, except were participation may be temporarily restricted for reasons of discipline, security, or health.

2. An inmate shall not be forced or coerced into participation.

3. Segregated inmates shall have access to recreational and leisure time activities as is consistent with the institutional security level, custody level, and the institutional standard operating procedures (SOP).

4. Inmates shall forward all requests for recreational/leisure time activities to the Warden/designee. The Warden shall have the authority to grant permission for these activities, provided they are consistent with security needs of the institution and that adequate staff is available for supervision.
5. Inmates may not participate in martial arts, football, boxing, or wrestling.

VI. DISPOSITION

Any forms used will be disposed of and retained according to the Departmental Records Disposition Authority (RDA).

VII. FORMS

There are no forms prescribed in this regulation.

VIII. SUPERCEDES

This regulation being a new regulation does not supercede any other regulation at this time.

IX. PERFORMANCE

A. Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 14-1-1 and 14-1-2

B. ACA Standards: 4-4258, 4-4381, 4-4423, and 4-4428