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OPR: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SERVICES

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 facilities.

III. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

This section is not used.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Warden/Designee is responsible for:

1. Developing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as necessary for the implementation of this AR;
2. Designating a staff member to develop comprehensive recreation program that includes leisure time activities of interest to the inmates.

B. The Facility Recreation Program Coordinator is responsible for:

1. Maintenance of a monthly comprehensive schedule of recreation programs available at the facility;

2. Issue, control, and maintenance of a current inventory of all recreational equipment and supplies;
 3. Securing proper approval for all recreational activities, including tournaments, and provide necessary coordination with all sections affected;
 4. Training inmates who will assist staff in various aspects of the recreational program;
- C. ADOC employees and inmates are responsible for complying with this regulation.

V. PROCEDURES

A. Staffing:

1. The work schedule of the recreational staff shall be flexible to ensure inmate access to facilities and supervised programs;
2. Community interaction through recreation activities is encouraged;
3. Recreational activities shall not interfere with work, academic, and vocational programs.

B. Facilities and Equipment:

1. Suitable space for recreation or leisure time activities shall be available as designated by the Warden/Designee at each facility for inmate use;
2. Equipment and supplies shall be available at each facility 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 where participation may be temporarily restricted for reasons of discipline, security, or health;
2. An inmate shall not be forced or coerced into participation.
3. Inmates shall forward all requests for recreational/leisure time activities to the Warden/Designee. The Warden/Designee shall have the authority to grant permission for these activities, provided they are consistent with security needs of the facility and that adequate staff is available for supervision;

4. Inmates may not participate in martial arts, boxing, wrestling, or any activity deemed inappropriate by the Warden/Designee.

VI. DISPOSITION

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

VII. ANNEXES AND FORMS

There are no forms prescribed in this regulation.

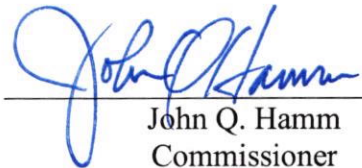
VIII. SUPERSEDES

This Administrative Regulation supersedes AR 447, *Recreation Programs*, dated August 17, 2005, and any changes.

IX. PERFORMANCE

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

B. Code of Alabama 1975 § 14-1-1.1 *et seq.*



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