I. DEFINITIONS

“Recreation Supervisor” means a full-time qualified person whose education, correctional experience, training in recreation and leisure activities as well as supervisory skills are utilized to oversee an institutional recreation department.

II. POLICY and PROCEDURE

This policy shall ensure that all Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions provide a comprehensive recreational program that includes leisure time activities, incorporating gym and outside activities comparable with those in the community.

A. Institution Responsibilities shall include:

1. Maintain facilities in good condition suitable for recreational activities available to the inmate population;

2. Encourage interaction with the community through recreational opportunities;

3. Assess recreational needs of inmates on an annual basis through the recreational committee;

4. Post a daily schedule of available events for the inmate population; and

5. Provide rules and regulations for the gym approved by the institutional Warden or designee.

B. Inmate participation in recreation activities and programs shall be strictly voluntary.

C. An evaluation of the effectiveness and utilization of recreational programs shall be completed by the Recreation Supervisor for submission to the Warden of the institution. This evaluation shall be completed at least annually and include recommendations concerning personnel requirements, program improvement,
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equipment needs or excesses, and future requirements in maintenance, security and budgetary items.