

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Programs, housed within the Division of Student Affairs, contributes to the general mission statement of West Chester University. We believe that our primary emphasis is to provide education and support to the total developmental growth and overall well-being of the University community. To this end, we provide a variety of quality opportunities, which foster personal, recreational, physical, ethical, and social development. These programs may be instructional, competitive, informal, social or any combination thereof. Through such programming, we believe we educate the University community towards a more positive, worthy use of their leisure time.

The goal of our recreational sports philosophies paramount in providing programs which are designed:

- . To provide a myriad of recreational sports programs, regardless of ability level or experience, which address the physical recreational and leisure needs of our diversified University community;
- . To provide an acceptable recreational atmosphere conducive to a positive interaction between and among members of the University community;
- . To provide the highest quality, as well as, safest recreational sports programs, equipment, facilities and committed personnel in order to affect a more positive recreational experience;
- . To provide recreational sports programs and opportunities which hopefully assist in the recruitment and retention of students;
- . To provide recreational sports programs, whether informal or structured, whereby participants can witness, as well as, demonstrate ethical, moral and cooperative behavior;
- . To provide educational recreational sports programs whereby all participants will experience an attractive alternative towards establishing a worthy use of leisure and self-awareness in their recreational pursuits;
- . To provide individuals, especially students, with numerous opportunities for personal and professional development through participation in the recreational sports programs, whereby they will acquire management, interpersonal, and leadership skills;
- . To provide recreational sports programs which promote the physical fitness and wellness concept associated with a healthy lifestyle;
- . To provide leadership, as well as, cooperate with, and share knowledge and resources with our public services within the local community;
- . To provide "recreation for all" whereby participants will experience and demonstrate fun, fun, fun!

"Exercise and recreation are as necessary as reading. I will say rather more necessary because health is worth more than learning." - Thomas Jefferson