

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Department of Corrections
(Amended at ARRS Committee)

501 KAR 6:420. Corrections policies and procedures: inmate rules and discipline.

RELATES TO: KRS Chapters 196, 197, KRS 197.045

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 196.035, 197.020, 197.110

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: ~~NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY:~~ KRS 196.035 authorizes the secretary to promulgate administrative regulations deemed necessary or suitable for the proper administration of the functions of the cabinet or any division in the cabinet. KRS 197.020(1)(a) and (b) require the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations for the government and discipline of the penitentiary, government and official conduct of all officials connected with the penitentiary, government of the prisoners in their department and conduct, and preservation of the health of the prisoners. KRS 197.110 ~~requires~~*authorizes* the department to promulgate administrative regulations for purposes as the department deems necessary and proper for carrying out the intent of KRS Chapter 197. This administrative regulation establishes policies and procedures concerning inmate rules and discipline for the Department of Corrections.

Section 1. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) "Department of Corrections Policies and Procedures, Chapter 15", November 19, 2025~~[October 15, 2024]~~, are incorporated by reference. Department of Corrections Policies and Procedures Chapter 15 includes:

- 15.1 Hair, Grooming and ID Card Standards (10/15/24)
- 15.2 Rule Violations and Penalties (10/15/24)~~[(11/19/25)]~~
- 15.3 Meritorious Good Time (11/19/25)~~[(10/15/24)]~~
- 15.5 Restoration of Forfeited Good Time (11/19/25)~~[(10/15/24)]~~
- 15.6 Adjustment Procedures and Programs (10/15/24)
- 15.7 Inmate Accounts (10/15/24)
- 15.8 Possession or Use of Unauthorized Substance and Substance Abuse Testing (10/15/24)

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