

ABSTRACT

SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION OF SPORTINGFACILITIES IN TRINIDAD

Sports play an important role in the lives of people all over the world and this statement holds good in Trinidad and Tobago.

In this report, the existing recreational facilities in Trinidad are examined with a view to assessing not only their utility to the communities in which they lie, but also the avenues which they open to the population for development in various sporting pursuits.

Chapter 1 provides definitions and distinctions between recreation and sport. The benefits of sport are also identified. Attention is then given to the historical development of sport in Trinidad and Tobago in general, and the roles played by both the public and private sectors in the development of sport in Trinidad and Tobago in particular. The Chapter also provides a review of the available literature on sport in Trinidad and Tobago with close scrutiny on the Recreation Grounds and Pastures Act. The role of women in sport, the impact of the school building programme and the nationalisation process on sport in Trinidad and Tobago are also given attention. There is also a lot of

supplementary information in the form of appendices.

Chapter 2 documents the information obtained from the survey of recreational facilities in Trinidad. This Chapter establishes a system for comparing the conditions of recreation grounds and the types of pavilions found. Sanitary facilities, a necessity in any recreation area are also classified.

Chapter 3 documents the data obtained from the actual survey of recreational facilities. It relates to facilities directly controlled by the Local Government bodies. Chapter 4 analyses that data.

Chapter 5 pertains to facilities under the control of other State Agencies, municipalities and private owners. Chapter 6 attempts to document trends and patterns which exist in the provision of recreational facilities in Trinidad and also justifies the popularity of some games as opposed to others.

Chapter 7 generates a format for mapping the locations of all recreational facilities in Trinidad, it identifies the symbols to be used on the maps along with the choice of scales and reasons for these choices. This Chapter concludes with perceptions of the author on need areas and possible development systems for further development of sporting facilities.