

Proposed HMRRRC Headphone Policy

Proposed Policy: Wearing of headphones will not be allowed during HMRRRC sponsored events. Violation of this policy will result in disqualification.

Rationale for Policy:

- The wearing of headphones prevents participants from hearing important instructions from race officials, requests from other participants (e.g. when being passed) and traffic on courses not closed to vehicles. This presents a significant safety hazard not only for the participant but for other participants and race officials.
- HMRRRC is a member of USATF and as such must abide by their rules and regulations.

....rules changes adopted by USATF at its 2006 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

144.3(b) Prohibition of electronics is extended to LDR (long distance running) (2007 Competition Rules, USATF, p. x)

The visible possession or use by athletes of video or audio recorders or players, TV's, CD or DVD players, radio transmitters or receivers, mobile phones, computers or any similar devices in the competition area shall not be permitted. (2008 Competition Rules, USATF, p. 59; 144:3(b))

Policy Enactment Date: This policy will become effective on the date of the race immediately following approval at a monthly HMRRRC meeting.

Policy Enforcement:

- This policy will be written on every HMRRRC race application
- Signs will be posted at each event and the policy will be announced during the pre-race instructions.
- Race officials, who will be placed at unannounced, random locations along the race course, will document the bib number of the participant(s) violating the policy.
- The race officials will immediately turn this information into the race director and/or results personnel after the last participant has passed their location.
- The names of those who violated the policy will be replaced by "disqualified - headphones" in the results and they will not be eligible for any awards or Grand Prix points (at those designated events).
- The ruling of the race director(s), coordinators and race officials is final and not open to debate or negotiation.