

USATF Bans “Audio/Video” Devices

Chamber Country Classic to follow rules as a USATF Sanctioned event.

Maryville, MO - A recently passed ruled change will keep runners from wearing headphones or using any other audio/video device on race courses.

Maryville Chamber Country Classic officials have announced that items like MP3 players, iPod's, CD players, head phones will not be allowed on the race course. These devices can be used before and after the race and a secure location for you to store the device at the start/finish line will be available at this year's race.

“As a sanctioned event of USATF, we have no choice but to ban audio devices from the course,” said Race Director Matt Gaarder. “As runners we understand the desire to have music or other audio with you on a long road run, but we must follow the rules of road racing's governing body.”

USATF passed rule 144.3b in an effort to improve safety on road race courses. Some of the large marathons, including Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota, are also complying with the ban.

If you have any questions about the new rule you can contact the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and speak with race officials at (660) 582-8643.

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