

Christchurch Runners Christmas 10k

12th December 2021

NOTICE OF DISQUALIFICATION

This Notice of Disqualification applies to the following Runners who entered the Christmas 10k held on 12th December 2021. Your Race Number and time have been deleted from the Race Results. Your name will be passed to Dorset County Athletics Association (DCAA) for the information of other Race Organisers.

Race No	Photo No
42	6255-JL-0391
92	6255-JL-2139
111	6255-JL-0163
115	6255-JL-0321
299	6255-JL-0379
328	6255-JL-1199
413	6255-JL-0604
415	6255-JL-1636

The reason that you have been disqualified is because you were reported to be wearing a Personal Music Device whilst taking part in the Race, and this is supported by photographic evidence that can be seen on the Race website. When you entered the Race, you agreed to abide by the Race Rules listed in the Race Information, and this you have failed to do.

The wearing of Personal Music Devices (PMD) is forbidden by the Race Rules and by UK Athletics who grant the Race License, without which there would be no Christmas 10k. It is essential when taking part in Road Races that you can hear the following.

- Instructions given by the Marshalls
- Warnings given by other competitors and pedestrians
- Traffic noise, even e-cars that are almost silent
- Warnings given by cyclists
- Calls for HELP

The Race Committee work long and hard to make this a SAFE and enjoyable event. By taking the decision to ignore the Rules, you have invalidated their efforts. In addition, you have:

1. Put your safety at risk
2. Put the safety of other competitors at risk
3. Put the safety of pedestrians and other road users at risk
4. Put the future of the Race at risk; we are obliged to prove to UK Athletics that we are worthy of the Race License. If the Race License is not granted, the Race cannot go ahead, and 600 Runners will be extremely disappointed.

There is no excuse for wearing PMD in the same way that there is no excuse for using a mobile phone when driving.

You may apply for the Christmas 10k in 2022, but you are advised that a repeat offence will mean a ban from all future Christmas 10k Races.