USMA POLICY MEMORANDUM NUMBER 151-08

SUBJECT: Headphone Policy

1. PURPOSE. To establish policy and assign responsibilities for the use of headphones while walking, running or jogging on West Point.

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy supersedes USMA Policy 151-08 Headphone Policy dated 1 October 2008. This policy applies to all personnel walking, jogging or running on West Point.

3. BACKGROUND. The Defense Department and Army prohibit the use of headphones by walkers, runners, joggers, bicyclists, motorcyclists, skaters and skateboarders on their Installation’s streets and roads. The reason stems from the increasing number of pedestrian accidents involving headphone use. The use of headphones can reduce the pedestrian’s situational awareness and mask street noise.

4. POLICY. On West Point use of headphones by pedestrians (walkers, joggers and runners) is prohibited with the following exceptions:

   a. Pedestrians may walk, run, jog, bicycle, skate or skateboard while using headphones in areas closed to vehicle traffic, such as running tracks and practice fields.

   b. Walkers, joggers and runners may use headphones on sidewalks. Headphone use while walking, jogging, running or bicycling in streets and roads is still prohibited. Headphone use is also prohibited on sidewalks during periods of reduced visibility (darkness, fog, rain, snow, etc.)

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. Commanders and supervisors are responsible for communicating this policy to their subordinates and enforcement.

6. REFERENCES.


   c. USMA Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 1 August 2005.
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7. **EXPIRATION.** This Policy Memorandum is in effect until superseded or rescinded.

FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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