

AMPLIFIED SOUND GUIDELINES

Student organizations planning outdoor events where sound amplification need to complete a Facilities Request Form, which can be found at <https://mtsu.edu/mtunions/index.php> then click on Campus Organizations under the Schedule an Event heading.

OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND MAY BE REQUESTED FOR EVENTS HOSTED AT THE STUDENT UNION COMMONS AND RECREATION CENTER AND FIELDS AS FOLLOWS:

Mondays – Fridays between 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Amplified sound levels may not exceed seventy-five (75) decibels Mondays-Fridays

Amplified sound levels may not exceed one-hundred ten (110) decibels Saturdays and Sundays

OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND MAY BE REQUESTED FOR EVENTS HOSTED AT TOM H. JACKSON FRONT LAWN, WALNUT GROVE, QUAD, AND KUC KNOLL AS FOLLOWS:

Fridays: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Amplified sound levels must not exceed one-hundred ten (110) decibels during these periods.

THE USE OF SUBWOOFERS IS PROHIBITED AT ALL OUTDOOR EVENTS

EVENT GUIDELINES:

- 1) All speakers must be placed at least ten (10) feet away from sidewalks.
- 2) At a distance of forty-five (45) feet in front of staging area (or location of sound source), the sound pressure may not exceed the decibel levels indicated above.
- 3) Sidewalks must be free of congestion and accessible to pedestrian traffic. **No events are permitted to take place on sidewalks.**
- 4) Amplified sound is not permitted to last more than three (3) hours per event and must conclude at scheduled end time indicated on the group's reservation.

SOUND LEVEL VIOLATIONS:

Important Note: It will be the responsibility of the person listed as the "Day of Event Contact Name" on the **Amplified Sound Application** to monitor sound levels throughout the event to ensure compliance. A staff member will be on-site with sound meters to assist with this process.

- A. If the sound level exceeds the maximum decibel level permitted, the host group's Day of Event Contact will be required to lower the volume to the specified limit. The group is expected to comply immediately and keep the sound at the approved level for the remainder of the event.
- B. If a second warning is issued, the host group's Day of Event Contact will be required to immediately lower the volume to the specified limit, which must be retained for the remainder of the event. As consequence for failure to comply with the first request, the host group will not be permitted to host an event using amplified sound for fourteen (14) weeks.
- C. If a third warning is issued, the host group's Day of Event Contact will be required to immediately end the event AND the sponsoring organization will not be permitted to host any event using amplified sound for twenty-eight (28) weeks.

SIDEWALK ACCESS VIOLATIONS:

- A. Events may not impede pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. The host group's Day of Event Contact is responsible for keeping the pathways clear of participants and/or spectators, and other items obstructing sidewalks. If a staff member issues a warning that sidewalks are blocked, the host group has two (2) minutes to rectify.
- B. If a second warning is issued, the host group will be required to rectify the situation. As consequence for failure to comply with the first request, the host group will not be permitted to host an outdoor event for fourteen (14) weeks.
- C. If a third warning is issued, the host group will be required to immediately end the event AND will not be permitted to host an outdoor event for twenty-eight (28) weeks.

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