

Santa Ana College Amplified Sound Policy

Preamble:

To assist in the maintenance of Santa Ana College's academic environment, it is important that policy and procedural guidelines are established for the use of amplified sound equipment when classes are in session. The following is proposed to both protect the delivery of instructional programs from intrusive sound and yet provide an opportunity and a forum for a variety of student services support programs. An appropriate balance of these two goals may be achieved by observing the following conditions.

Definition:

Amplified sound is defined as any sound that is broadcast through electronically amplified equipments or sound that is electronically enhanced. Amplified sound in the amphitheatre or the Fountain area is permitted from 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.; exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require the approval of the appropriate student services administrator.

Sound Level Control:

- A. With speakers mounted facing the stage, from the back of the amphitheatre:
- From the front of the stage, the sound pressure level will be no more than 90 decibels utilizing the "B" scale for outdoor performances.
- B. With speakers mounted on the amphitheatre stage or at the fountain area:
- At a distance of 30 feet, the sound pressure level will be no more than 80 decibels utilizing the "B" scale for outdoor performances.
 - Speakers are to be positioned at an angle facing the parking lots rather than a building structure.

Procedures:

1. Complete an Activity Approval/Permit for Use of Facilities form. This form is due at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. All requests for amplified sound must be approved by the Student Activities Office & Administrative Services.
2. Student Activities staff will notify departments that may be impacted at least one (1) week in advance as to the dates, times and types of activity to be presented. The receiving department will prominently display this notice.

Enforcement:

1. Student Activities and/or appropriate college personnel retain the right to monitor and/or limit the sound levels generated by amplification systems. Enforcement will be the responsibility of Student Activities and/or Safety & Security staff.
2. The performing group(s) and/or the sponsoring organization must provide a signed acknowledgement of their awareness and willingness to abide by the Amplified Sound Policy by signing a copy of this agreement.
 - a. A warning will be issued if the sound level exceeds the designated decibel limit. No more than three (3) minute will be allowed to correct the volume to the acceptable level.
 - b. If a second warning must be issued, an additional one (1) minute will be allowed to correct the volume at the acceptable level.
 - c. A third warning will not be issued. If the volume is exceeded for a third time, the electrical power supply will be shut off and not turned back on. Groups should be advised that this process may damage their equipment and that Student Activities and/or the College assumes no responsibility for repairs caused by this action.
 - d. Non-adherence to these guidelines will result in the approval of the activity being revoked and possible loss of future activity reservation privileges.

Club President/Representative Signature	Name (Please Print)	Club/Organization
Club Advisor/Event Supervisor Signature	Name (Please Print)	Date