

14th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

RULES FOR NOISE LEVEL AND ENDING TIMES

The Board of Directors has established the following policy to ensure appropriate sound levels during all concerts, shows, and events held on the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Because of the nature of sound; i.e. bass sounds ability to travel great distances, sound reflective inversion layers, etc., there may be instances where sound levels may be lowered to mitigate noise nuisance. In such an instance, the CEO shall have the right to request a lowering of the sound decibel levels.

Events in the J.J. Crosetti and Harvest Buildings - sound levels shall be measured at the farthest distance from the stage or music production area within the walls of the building and will not be allowed to exceed (85) eighty five decibels.

Events in the Heritage Hall and Fine Arts Buildings - sound levels shall be measured at the farthest distance from the stage or music production area within the walls of the building and will not be allowed to exceed (85) eighty five decibels.

Outdoor Events - sound levels shall be measured one hundred (100) feet from the front of the stage and will not be allowed to exceed ninety five (95) decibels. Speakers shall be angled in such a way to decrease the amount of sound leaving the Fair grounds. The Contractor shall use towers with speakers directed downward for maximum sound absorption when so directed by the CEO.

All Events - A fairground staff person designated by management will measure the sound levels with a decibel meter approved by fair management. Fairgrounds staff will communicate with the renter about any sound level adjustment needed.

In the event that a second request to lower the sound level is made to the renter and the request is not honored the fairgrounds staff will disconnect the power to the sound equipment.

If the renter and his entertainment provider agree to comply with fairgrounds rules power will be restored. Should the renter fail to comply with sound policies after the power has been restored the power to the sound equipment will be turned off again and the event will be shut down.

Ending times for **indoor** events are:

Monday thru Saturday night – 11:00 PM

Sunday night – 10:00 PM

Beginning and ending times for **outdoor** events are 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Management reserves the ability to allow outdoor events to operate later in the night as long as the renter controls the sound levels so that noise does not negatively impact fairgrounds neighbors.