

PORtalBurn Sound Policy - 2023

I. Purpose

The PORtalBurn Sound Policy is intended to protect the longevity of PORtalBurn events by establishing standards for the control of noise pollution extending beyond the boundaries of said events.

II. Scope

This policy applies to any individual, group, instrument, or device (instrument, installation, speaker system, generator, etc.) producing audible or sub-audible sound within and during a PORtalBurn event.

III. Restrictions

A. All sound at PORtalBurn events shall be limited to a 74 decibel (dB) level between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., measured at 50' from the source of the sound. Even if you are within the decibel range, you may still be asked to turn it down if the situation warrants it. Bass often travels farther than the event. If there is a neighbor complaint, we will ask you to turn down your bass at night, or possibly turn off your subs. Sound carries in unpredictable ways, so on-site judgment calls may need to happen. Let's work together!

B. The use of electronically amplified sound shall only be permitted to those approved by the Sound Lead and Theme Camp/Placement Lead prior to the event through the Theme Camp Application on the PORtalBurn Website. Applying for placement will ensure that camps do not interfere with each other's sound and most importantly do not interfere with quiet camping areas. Your Theme Camp Placement will include how to face your speakers while setting up at the event.

C. Quiet Camping Areas – The use of loud musical instruments (horns, drums, etc.), or any other disruptive sound generation is not permitted between 10 PM and 10 AM. No generators are allowed at all.

D. Play to your dance floor! If it is mostly empty, please lower the volume until such a time that it becomes more populated - there is no need to be blasting sound at an empty dance floor. It is the responsibility of the camp's Sound Sponsor (see below for definition) to ensure DJs are aware of this guideline.

E. Prior to arrival on-site Sound Sponsors will be provided with instructions on which direction to position their speakers. The system is to be set up according to these specifications and you will be required to adjust their position if it does not match. If you have any concerns once on-site, they can be raised with the Sound Lead.

IV. Roles

A. POrtalBurn Board of Directors (BOD): The POrtalBurn BOD has ultimate authority to turn down or off any and all sound as deemed necessary for the security of the event.

B. Sound Lead: The Sound Lead is responsible for POrtalBurn-wide compliance with the Sound Policy and has the authority to turn down or turn off any and all sound as deemed necessary, with deference to members of the BOD, or to a quorum of the BOD if the Sound Lead is a member of the BOD. The Sound Lead is also responsible for maintaining the sound system within the pavilion. They are also to ensure that the pavilion is following the sound policy at all times.

C. Sound Sponsors: Camp Leaders, individuals designated by a Camp Leader, or an individual bringing amplified sound to a POrtalBurn event responsible for sound levels generated by their sound system who will remain readily available within earshot of said system while it is in use.

D. POrtalBurn Attendees: Any attendee of a POrtalBurn event who perceives a violation of the Sound Policy from an individual or camp may invoke "The Sound Rule," as described in the Procedures section below.

V. Procedures

A. The Sound Rule:

Anyone who suspects another individual or camp is in violation of the Sound Policy and may pose as a disturbance to the event's landlord's neighbors may approach the camp or individual IMMEDIATELY with their concern. If satisfactory action is not taken to correct the issue, please report the issue to a Sound Patrol volunteer, the Sound Lead, or a Ranger (such that they may contact the responsible parties by radio) as quickly as possible.

If you are approached by anyone about a perceived sound policy violation, you **MUST IMMEDIATELY CORRECT or CEASE** the activity, only after which you may reach out to the Sound Patrol or Sound Lead to resolve the issue.

VI. Enforcement

A. Individuals and Camps are required to comply with any turn down request made by anyone as per "The Sound Rule" until the issue has been investigated by a member of the Sound Patrol or the Sound Lead.

B. Individuals and Camps are required to comply with any turndown or turn-off order as made by a member of the Sound Patrol or the Sound Lead. This order may be made for any reason from Sound Policy violations to formal complaints lodged against the event from local residents or county officials.

VII. Sanctions

Sanctions for violations of the Sound Policy may include but are not limited to turning down or turn off orders lasting anywhere up to the remainder of the event, removal of the offending sound source from the event, prohibition of the sound source from future events, or immediate eviction of one or more individuals as deemed necessary by the PORTalBurn BOD.

