

## **Portalburn Sound Policy**

### **Summer 2016**

#### **I. Purpose**

The Portalburn (Portal) Sound Policy is intended to protect the longevity of Portal 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 Portal event.

#### **III. Restrictions**

**a.** All sound at Portal 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. Otherwise,

**b.** The use of electronically amplified sound shall only be permitted to those approved by the Sound Lead or Sound Committee prior to the event through the Theme Camp Application on the Portal 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.

**c.** The use of subwoofers, woofers, or any device capable of producing sound at or below 100Hz is not permitted between the hours of 2AM and 10AM.

**d.** Quiet Camping Areas – The use of generators, loud musical instruments (horns, drums, etc.), or any other disruptive sound generation is not permitted between the hours of 10PM and 10AM.

#### **IV. Roles**

**a.** Portal Board of Directors (BOD): The Portal 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 Portal 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.

**c.** Sound Sponsors: Camp Leaders, individuals designated by a Camp Leader, or an individual bringing amplified sound to a Portal 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.** Sound Patrol: The Sound Patrol are volunteers tasked with enforcement of the above restrictions during a Portal event with the authority to temporarily turn down any sound causing a perceived violation of the sound policy, reporting as necessary to the Sound Lead for any necessary further intervention or policy dispute resolution.

**e.** Portal Attendees: Any attendee of a Portal 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.

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#### **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 events landlord's neighbors may approach them IMMEDIATELY

with their concern. If satisfactory action is not taken to correct the issue, please report the issue to the Sound Patrol volunteer, Sound Lead, Portal BOD member, or 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, the Sound Lead, or a member of the Portal BOD.

**b.** Individuals and Camps are required to comply with any Turn-Down or Turn-Off order as made by a member of the Sound Patrol, the Sound Lead (Lead), or a member of the Portal BOD. 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: Turn-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 Portal BOD.