Erb Memorial Union Facilities Use Policy

EMU AMPHITHEATER SOUND POLICY & RESERVATION ADDENDUM


The user of this space understands that:

- The University is an educational institution. Classes, registration and other academic uses take priority over all other uses of all facilities. All users of the EMU Amphitheater and other University facilities are expected to respect the institution's mission.
- Noise disturbance (defined as any sound which injures or endangers the safety/health of a human or personal/real property; or annoys/disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities) is prohibited.
- The code requires the person responsible for a noise disturbance to eliminate or cease the disturbance within 30 minutes of receiving notice of the violation.
- Operating any device designed for sound production, amplification, or reproduction (this is understood to include any musical instrument!) on public property or on a public right-of-way so as to be plainly audible 50 feet or more from such device is prohibited. "Plainly audible" means that the listener clearly can hear the content of the sound produced by the noise source. Sounds which may be clearly audible include, but are not limited to: musical rhythms, spoken words, and vocal sounds.

RULES:

[1] Sound levels of events scheduled in the Amphitheater and other outdoor spaces may be restricted at any time if a potential conflict with a previously-scheduled event exists, as determined by UO Event Services (Scheduling).

[2] No amplified sound is permitted in the EMU Amphitheater between 10 PM and 7 AM, unless a specific variance is obtained from the City of Eugene.

[3] Between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through Friday, the following restrictions apply:
   - The maximum sound pressure level produced by the event shall not exceed 83 decibels (A-weighting) at a point 5 feet above the seating area located 40 feet from the stage edge.
   - Any amplification equipment (including, but not limited to, instrument amplifiers and public address/sound reinforcement systems) must be regulated by UO Event Services staff to ensure that the maximum acceptable limit is not exceeded. This entails an hourly charge.

[4] The sponsoring group must provide a designated representative (event liaison) for the duration of the event to communicate information to and from performers, support personnel, technicians, and University or City officials responding to noise complaints.

[5] If, during an event, sound levels exceed the limits in force at the time, or violate appropriate sound levels as defined by this policy, the sound must be reduced to an acceptable level. Should the situation not be rectified immediately, and a second complaint is received, the event will be shut down by the appropriate authority.

- 'Responsible Person' as listed on Reservation agrees to abide by this policy and distribute copies to all performers and associated support personnel at least two days prior to the event:

  SIGNATURE ____________________________ DATE __________________

  Violation of this policy will result in sanctions imposed by the EMU Board – up to and including suspension of scheduling privileges.

SOUND AMPLIFICATION FOR THIS EVENT: [check one box only]  
- NO AMPLIFIED SOUND
- “FREE SPEECH” SOUND SYSTEM [No charge – can be used only on Amphitheater stage; make arrangements for use through UO Event Services (Scheduling).]
- UO EVENT SERVICES
- OTHER SOUND PROVIDER [name]

EVENT REPRESENTATIVE/LIAISON __________________________ PHONE NO. __________________
PERFORMER NAME(S) __________________________ PHONE NO. __________________

Please submit a completed copy of this document to UO Event Services (Scheduling) at least 15 days prior to the scheduled event.

EMU APPROVAL: SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________________

Approved by EMU Board Of Directors 5/14/03