

# OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND REGULATIONS



The following are Regulations for Use of San Diego State University Buildings and Grounds pertaining to outdoor amplified sound. The complete list of regulations can be found at <http://bfa.sdsu.edu/policies/>

## 8.0 Sound Amplification

Amplified Sound in outdoor space is restricted and must be approved in advance in order to preserve the academic and research mission of the University.

### 8.1 Amplified sound is permitted as follows:

- 8.1.1. **Bands, Bullhorns, DJ Systems, Amplifiers, Boomboxes, Musical Instruments, and CD Players** — Permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- 8.1.2. **Boomboxes, Musical Instruments (*acoustic only*), CD Players (*portable only*) and Microphones** — Permitted on the Aztec Center Steps from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- 8.1.3. **Microphones** — Permitted in designated campus outdoor locations from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday, on the Aztec Center Patio Stage, Aztec Center Steps, Campanile Walkway Flagpole, and Scripps Cottage Patio

### 8.2 Approval Process

#### 8.2.1 Requests for Amplified Sound in Campus Outdoor Spaces

Requests for amplified sound in campus outdoor spaces, including the Aztec Center Patio Stage, are to be submitted with a reservation request for use of campus outdoor space through Student Life and Leadership located in Student Services West, Room 1661 (594-5221).

8.2.2 **No approval** for Amplified Sound will be granted during Final Examination periods.

### 8.3 Sound Amplification Equipment

The University does not provide sound amplification equipment.

### 8.4 Requests for Exceptions

Requests for exceptions to the permitted locations or times and/or type of sound amplification may be submitted for consideration with a reservation request for use of outdoor space through Student Life and Leadership (SSW-1661, 594-5221).

8.4.1 The type of sound requested and the proximity of the location to classrooms, outdoor instructional area, and residential halls will be taken into consideration before any exception is granted.

8.4.2 Approval by the Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs is required.

### 8.5 Noise Complaints

Complaints regarding outdoor amplified sound should be directed to Student Life and Leadership (594-5221).

8.5.1 Upon receipt of a complaint about amplified sound, Student Life and Leadership shall verify the amplification sound level complies with the standards below.

8.5.1.1 The sound level shall not exceed 90 dBA, 50 feet from the source.

8.5.1.2 The sound level inside the nearest classroom or office shall not exceed 65 dBA.

8.5.2 If the sound levels exceed the above standards, the sound amplification shall be immediately reduced to a level in accordance with the above or the amplification shall be turned off.

8.5.2.1 Associated Students will assist Student Life and Leadership in regulating sound levels according to the above standards from amplified sound equipment permitted on Aztec Center Patio Stage.

8.5.2.2 Environmental Health & Safety will assist Student Life and Leadership in regulating sound levels according to the above standards from microphones permitted in all other outdoor spaces.

8.5.3 Noise complaints received by Public Safety will be directed to Student Life and Leadership for regulating according to approved decibel levels, as noted in 8.5.1.

8.5.4 A representative from the requesting organization must be available throughout the event to respond to requests from Student Life and Leadership should complaints be received about sound amplification.

**AN OPEN SPACE RESERVATION REQUEST MUST ACCOMPANY  
THE REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND FORM**

# REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED SOUND



# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

**AN OPEN SPACE RESERVATION REQUEST MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**

Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of On-Site Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

***This must be the person who will be available throughout the event, as required per section 8.5.4***

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Time: \_\_\_\_\_

***Amplified sound is permitted 12:00pm to 1:00pm only, Monday - Friday, per section 8.1***

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location:

- Campanile Walkway Flagpole       Scripps Cottage Patio  
 Aztec Center Patio Stage       Aztec Center Steps

Type of Sound Amplification Equipment (*check all that apply*):

Band — # of performers \_\_\_\_\_

Describe type of band \_\_\_\_\_

***Permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage ONLY***

Amplifier (*this includes all forms of sound reinforcement equipment*)

Equipment provided by \_\_\_\_\_

***Permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage ONLY***

Musical Instruments — # of instruments \_\_\_\_\_

Describe type of instruments \_\_\_\_\_

***Permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage (sound amplification) and Aztec Center Steps (acoustic ONLY)***

Bullhorn       Boombox       CD Player (*portable ONLY on Aztec Center Steps; no sound amplification*)

***Bullhorn, Boombox and CD Player permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage and Aztec Center Steps***

Microphone

Equipment provided by \_\_\_\_\_

***Permitted on the Aztec Center Patio Stage, Aztec Center Steps, Scripps Cottage Patio and Campanile Walkway Flagpole***

*Our organization agrees to abide by the Regulations for Use of San Diego State University Buildings and Grounds:*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Aztec Center Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Life and Leadership

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_