

ACAFA Sound Guidelines

Standards for Entertainment and Music



ALAMEDA
COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

ASSOCIATION must approve all sound and P.A. devices, as well as location, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to any event. Amplified sound systems may not exceed noise ordinances. Noise standards will be measured at Business Property Line by ASSOCIATION staff. After the first warning by ASSOCIATION that noise levels have exceeded sound limits, LICENSEE may be subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000 per warning thereafter. If LICENSEE continues to ignore warnings of ASSOCIATION, it may result in immediate termination of event.

Indoor Music

Non-amplified Until 11:00pm, all days

Amplified Until 11:00pm, all days

Outdoor Music

Until 8:00pm, Sunday–Thursday

Until 9:00pm, Friday–Saturday in select locations

Sound Standards

Measured at ≤ 74 dBA 8:00am–8:00pm, all days

Business Property Line ≤ 70 dBA 8:00pm–9:00pm, all days

Rigging

weight hang limit in Amphitheater

Audio 1,386 lbs. per side

Lights Mid Stage = 508 lbs. total

Upstage = 1,407 lbs. total

Live Horse Racing

Quiet Zones Renting Guide



Live Horse Racing is October through the first week of July, Friday-Sunday. To accommodate horses onsite, designated quiet zones and noise guidelines will be implemented when booking an event.

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Hours

Horse training takes place Tuesday-Thursday, 5am-10:30am. These are dedicated quiet times.

Live race meets are every Friday-Sunday. Quiet time is 5am-10:30am. Racing begins at 12:30pm. Your event coordinator will work with you to plan your event accordingly.

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Noise Reduction

During quiet times, there are no horns honking, banging loud engines/speakers for announcements, loud music during training or live racing in designated areas. If there are speakers, they should be facing away from these areas.

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Areas to Avoid

Noise reduction is implemented throughout grounds, specifically around the Grandstand, Bridal Path above the Red Gate, Ivy Glen, Farmhouse, Country Plaza, and the Pavillion.

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Horse Distractions

Approval is required from your event coordinator for any expected set up, tear down, or event noise and/or horse distractions, including (but not limited to) bounce houses, stages, speakers, fireworks, animals, etc.

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Horse Racing Days

Guests attending racing events should enter through the Red Gate. Other events on the Fairgrounds must operate around the racing schedule and continue to comply with noise regulations. Guests attending non-racing events should use the Gate that has been designated by the promoter for entry.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. If there is ever any issue with racing staff, please notify your event coordinator.

Subject to change.