

**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION  
GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL EVENT**

These guidelines were approved by the Park Board in March of 1991 and were amended in November of 2001. Having received Board approval, these guidelines represent Park Board policy.

These guidelines have been drawn up to assist the Board in reducing the negative impact from special events which occur in close proximity to a residential area. They address issues which go beyond the regular coordination, facilitation and approval of site arrangement and permit conditions for special events. Non compliance with noise guidelines will require special Board approval.

1. The amplification of sound for special events will be limited to between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in areas where residents can be impacted except for the Vancouver Folk Festival which will go to 11:00 p.m.
2. The amplification of sound in the English Bay area will be limited to the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and to concert type performances, rallies, short announcements. Rock concerts will not be permitted. All speakers will be directed away from buildings. Sound level will be in accordance with the City Noise By-law.
3. The set-up for the triathlon transition areas will be required to be completed by 10:00 p.m. the preceding night and the early morning preparations will be completed without unnecessary or inappropriate noise.
4. A debriefing session will be conducted between event organizers and Park Board/City staff for each major event. Outstanding issues will be reported to the Board.
5. The Board approve major special events for the first three years of an event's operation; or significant changes to existing major special events with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.