

VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL EVENT

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. A report will be made to the Board's Recreation Services Committee on the debriefing of each event. Outstanding issues will be reported to the Board.
5. An annual calendar of the major special events conducted on parkland will be prepared for Board approval in the Fall of each year. All related organizations and people connected with or concerned with the different events will be informed in advance about the process and the date on which the Board will be considering the approval of the annual Special Event Calendar.

These guidelines were approved in the Park Board Minutes dated March 18, 1991.

