

## 17. Noise Management Procedure

### Purpose

LSC&PH aims to maintain good relations with our neighbours and demonstrate to them our values of:

- Fun
- Friendship
- Care
- Acceptance, and
- Belonging

Many of our activities at camp create noise that may impact our neighbours including:

- Bugles
- Announcements over the PA
- Music played over the PA
- Music played in the mess hut
- Activities on the all-purpose court
- Concerts, movies and other activities at the outdoor theatre
- Other noisy activities throughout camp.

LSC&PH aims to continue to deliver the programs and activities that benefit our participants while respecting and demonstrating our values to our neighbours and minimising noise impact on them. This Procedure provides guidance to leaders, employees, volunteers, and members of LSC&PH to ensure that noise does not become a point of contention with its neighbours.

### Scope

This Procedure applies to all people who work, volunteer, are members of, or represent Lord Somers Camp and Power House.

### Definitions

Employee	Any person employed by Lord Somers Camp and Power House.
Executive Team	The leadership team for a specific LSC&PH program or activity. Specific members /roles of an Executive Team are at the discretion of the Program or Activity Leader.
Leader	Any person (paid or unpaid) over the age of 18 who is responsible for the control and safety of members /volunteers placed in their care whilst

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	<p>holding a formal position in Lord Somers Camp and Power House. A leader could include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Leaders</li> <li>• Deputy Camp Leaders</li> <li>• Executive Officers</li> <li>• Programs Leader</li> <li>• Slushie King and Slushee Queen</li> <li>• Heads of Departments</li> </ul>
LSC&PH Management Team	Persons employed by Lord Somers Camp and Power House, holding positions of management including: Chief Executive Officer, Camp Manager, Programs and Activities Manager.
Member	Any person who has a current membership subscription to LSC&PH, including various life memberships, term membership or honorary life membership.
Participant	Any person who attends an LSC&PH program as a participant or a grouper.
Volunteers	Any non-member who attends LSC&PH activities as a member of the camp's staff under the direction of a Camp Leader.

### Responsibilities

Executive teams and employees	Ensuring that this Procedure is communicated and applied within their programs and activities.
Volunteers, members, and participants	Follow all reasonable instructions from LSC&PH employees to ensure that this Procedure is followed.

### Procedures

#### Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Regulation

The [Environmental Protection Authority \(EPA\) Regulations](#) state that musical instrument and any electrical amplified sound reproducing equipment including a stereo, radio, television and public address system. Prohibited times are:

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- Monday to Thursday: before 7 am and after 10 pm.
- Friday: before 7 am and after 11 pm.
- Saturday and public holidays: before 9 am and after 11 pm.
- Sunday: before 9 am and after 10 pm.

For example, if your neighbour turned on a radio after 10 pm on a weeknight and you could hear it – and it bothered you – it would be considered unreasonable noise. If your neighbour turned on the radio at 10 am it may not be unreasonable noise, because people are generally awake at that time. It could still be considered unreasonable if it was excessively loud or continued for too long.

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/legislation/noise-legislation#noiseregs>

### Noise limits for LSC&PH camps

- External amplifiers and speakers other than those affixed at the camp site may only be used for the purpose of games and activities and may only operate within the times outlined below.
- Music must not be amplified outside of the Mess Hut other than through the affixed speakers.
- Monday to Thursday – Noise levels must be kept to a minimum before 7.00am and after 10.00 pm, including no announcements (unless an emergency), bugles, music through the affixed speakers through camp or amplified music.
- Friday and Saturday - Noise levels must be kept to a minimum before 7.00am and after 11.00 pm, including no announcements (unless an emergency), bugles, music through the affixed speakers through camp or amplified music.
- Sunday - Noise levels must be kept to a minimum before 8.00am and after 10.00 pm, including no announcements (unless an emergency), bugles, music through the affixed speakers through camp or amplified music.
- All-purpose court: activities must not commence before 8.00am and after 10.00 pm on any day.
- Mess Hut: doors facing the grouper hut must be kept closed (unless in an emergency) when any noisy activities are occurring before 8.00am and after 10.00 pm on any day.
- Affixed speakers throughout camp may not be used before 8.00am and after 10.00 pm and volume should be limited to a reasonable level.

### Noise limits for external hire

Lord Somers Camp General Conditions of Hire document states:

- Noise for entertainment purposes especially, must be contained within the Amphitheatre/Outdoor Theatre or the Mess Hut (especially at night) and doors facing the lawn should be kept closed (unless an emergency).
- Noise levels should be kept to a minimum before 8.00am and after 10.00 pm and all noise should cease by 11pm.

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- Activities including ball sports in the All-Purpose court must not commence before 8am and must finish by 10:00 pm.
- Use of a jukebox in preference to a DJ and disco is recommended.

### Other relevant policies and Procedures

- Nil

This Procedure will be reviewed every three years by the Programs and Activities Committee or sooner if warranted by internal or external events or changes.

Changes to the Procedure will be recommended by the Programs and Activities Committee to the CEO.