Amplified Sound Guidelines

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted at the Union Commons, as follows:
South Commons: Monday–Friday 4:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
North Commons Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted at the KUC Knoll as follows:
Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Amplified sound levels may not exceed seventy-five (75) decibels Mondays-Fridays.
Amplified sound levels may not exceed one-hundred ten (110) decibels Saturdays and Sundays.

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted in all other outdoor spaces by special permission through Event Coordination or through the appropriate scheduler. A list of campus schedulers can be found on the Event Coordination website. Amplified sound levels in restricted areas are dependent on academic course schedules and are determined in advance by the scheduler and MTSU Event Productions Department.

- All sound sources must be placed at least ten (10) feet away from sidewalks.
- Sidewalks must be free of congestion and accessible to pedestrian traffic.
- Events must never disrupt the normal functions of MTSU or unreasonably disturb the surrounding community.
- Amplified sound is not permitted to last more than three (3) hours per event and must conclude at scheduled end time indicated on the confirmation. This timeframe does not apply to MTSU athletic facility events.
- All student-sponsored events must be approved by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL).

Outdoor Event Guidelines

Students and Student Organizations gather and use the generally accessible, open, outdoor areas of campus as traditional public forums for free speech and distribution of literature consistent with the requirements of MTSU Policy 103, Free Speech on Campus. Standard outdoor spaces (Walnut Grove, Commons and KUC Knoll) are generally accessible or open for spontaneous student use. Such use of space is on a space available basis and no request is required pursuant to this policy. Even if not required, MTSU departments and student organizations who wish to reserve outdoor standard or restricted spaces may do so pursuant to MTSU Policy 100. Approved events have precedence over spontaneous usage. All events must be compliant with University Polices and routed through the University Scheduling System 25live.

Any use of generally accessible, open, outdoor areas of campus without an approved application may be terminated if:

- The space has been reserved for use by another group;
- The use causes a material and substantial disruption to the learning environment;
- The use impedes pedestrian or vehicular traffic; or
- The event involves fifty (50) or more participants, including participants and audience.

Application forms are required under for the following uses of outdoor space:

- Large Events. Any use of outdoor space that will involve fifty (50) or more participants, including expected participants and audience;
- An event where food will be served, provided, or distributed by the user;
- An event that will involve the use of particular equipment (e.g., tables, stages, etc.) or utilities (e.g., water, electricity, etc.); or
- Events involving amplified sound.

Failure to comply with these guideline could result in revocation of future scheduling privileges.