

## SOUND POLICIES

We respect sound as an interactive art form; however, unlike other forms of interactive art, if amplified in excess, sound has the ability to infringe upon other participants' right to not engage in this particular art form. Element 11 wants to honor our participants' radical self-expression, but also wants to ensure that we respect our neighbors and encourage healthy communication and celebration amongst community members in the small space we are limited to.

Our sound policy has been revised and simplified. The overall guiding principle of our sound policy is "Don't be a Dick!" – meaning, please be respectful of your neighbors when playing music or creating sound and discuss problems with anyone whom you feel is being offensive with sound. A quick, friendly, respectful discussion with someone often goes a long way – we are empowering you to respectfully resolve sound disputes around you..

We do have some basic rules:

- No Renegade Sound – if you plan to bring a sound camp with high decibel amplified sound, please talk to the Element 11 BOD if you haven't already registered as a sound camp. You can email the BOD at [info@element11.org](mailto:info@element11.org). We will work with you on placement so that we are in compliance with the requests for sound direction from the landowners.
- De-coupling of Sub-woofers – all sub-woofers MUST be elevated off the ground to prevent bass from traveling a distance that could disturb campers in the area. Bass is not directional, thus pointing the subs away from campers does no good in diffusing your whomp! We require a minimum lift of 6-12" with some sort of padding under the sub-woofer or something similar to reduce your noise pollution.
- You must turn your sound down if asked by Rangers or Element 11 BOD. We reserve the right to monitor and adjust volume levels at any time of day for any reason we feel necessary. Please remember how small our city is and that sound bleeds easily across our Utah playa, thus we ask you keep your volume level at a modest and considerate level for your neighbors. Speakers will be required to face

a specific way in order to keep sound directional.

And we have a suggestion:

- Wear ear plugs! Ear plugs will be provided to you at the entrance to the festival or you can bring your own. Whether you appreciate loud music or not, someone at the festival surely will be playing it. Remember music is art and to respect others' time and effort to create and project it. Also respect your ears by wearing protection for them around all loud sound equipment.

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