

Policy number	Policy 403
Policy title	Management of noise emissions from events at Belmont Racecourse – Other than horse racing
Strategic outcomes supported	EC1 – A desirable place for commerce and tourism that supports equity, diverse local employment and entrepreneurship. EC2 – A clean, safe and accessible place to visit. CL1 – Everyone receives appropriate information in the most efficient and effective way for them.

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the management of noise emissions from events at the Belmont Racecourse.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy applies in relation to events at the Belmont Racecourse.

DEFINITIONS:

Belmont Racecourse means that property located at 1 Graham Farmer Freeway, Burswood, WA, 6100.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Applications for events at Belmont Racecourse (other than horse racing) made in accordance with Regulation 18 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* may be approved without prior approval of the Cities of Perth, Bayswater and Belmont and the Town of Vincent provided such approval is made in compliance with the following Procedure.
2. All events to be held at Belmont Racecourse, other than those conducted by the WATC, shall be assessed under Regulation 18 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* and approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Victoria Park, subject to compliance with this procedure.
3. Not more than six (6) events shall be approved per calendar year and notwithstanding the number of events, no more than 20 cumulative hours of actual event time for events held outside the venue building. If more than 6 events are proposed in any calendar year, the details of the additional proposed event(s) shall be submitted to the Council of the Town of Victoria Park, the Cities of Perth, Bayswater & Belmont, the City of Vincent and the Department of Environmental Protection for appraisal.
4. The Cities of Perth, Bayswater, & Belmont and Vincent and the Department of Environmental Protection shall be advised in writing of any events proposed under this policy at least 30 days prior to the event. These authorities will be advised of the type of event, hours of operation, and contact numbers for anyone wishing to lodge a complaint. Where the above-mentioned local governments have endorsed this policy and procedure, the conditions of an approval given will be taken to have been agreed to by them under Noise Regulation 18(12).

5. Any organisation or statutory authority adversely affected by this policy, including the Cities of Perth, Bayswater, & Belmont and Vincent, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Western Australian Turf Club, may request a review of the policy. The Town of Victoria Park will undertake not to approve any further events for a period of 60 days after receiving such a submission, except those applications that the Town of Victoria Park had already received prior to a request for such a review.
6. A request for a review should be addressed in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Victoria Park, and will be assessed in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection within 30 days of receiving the submission.
7. The starting time and the completion time for an event shall be specified on the application and will only be agreed to if it can be shown that compliance can be made with this procedure. For the purpose of this procedure the start and finish times of an event will be determined in consultation with the Town of Victoria Park, the Department of Environmental Protection and the applicant. For any event held outside the venue building the following time constraints will apply:

Friday and Saturday	10am – 11pm
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday	11am – 10pm.
New Years Eve	until 1.30am New Years Day

8. The duration of any rehearsal sessions and sound checks for an event shall not exceed two (2) hours on or before the event day.
9. Rehearsal sessions and sound checks for an event shall be held at times acceptable to the Town of Victoria Park and the Department of Environmental Protection, and under no circumstances shall commence before 9 a.m.
10. The public address system and stage for an event held outside the venue building shall be installed in compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. Any stage shall be located such that, as far as practicable, it faces the Belmont Racecourse grandstand or towards the south-east; and
 - b. For outdoor concerts the mixing desk shall be located in front of, but not more than 30 metres from, the primary speaker banks or at a location approved by the Town.
11.
 - a. Subject to Clause 10 (d) below, the sound level resulting from music associated with an event held outside the venue building shall not exceed LAeq,1min level of 100 dB(A) measured at the mixing desk, where LAeq,1min is an average value taken over 1 minute, whose level contains the same energy as the fluctuating noise during that period.

- b. Subject to Clause 10 (e) below, the sound level resulting from music associated with an event held inside the venue building shall not exceed the levels prescribed in the following table:

Time Period	Measurement Position	Sound Pressure Level – L _{Ceq,1min}
Before 12.00am on any day other than New Years Day, or before 2.00am on New Years Day	Position 1	97
	Position 2	103
	Position 3	105
12.00am to 2.00am on any day other than New Years day, or 2.00am to 4.00am on New Years Day	Position 1	92
	Position 2	98
	Position 3	100
After 2:00am on any day other than New Years Day, or after 4:00am on New Years Day	Position 1	89
	Position 2	95
	Position 3	97

where L_{Ceq,1min} is the C-weighted average value taken over 1 minute, whose level contains the same energy as the fluctuating noise during that period.

- c. The measurement positions referred to in Clause 10 (b) are located external to the venue building and are in the following positions:
- i. Measurement position 1:- 10 metres directly in front of any ground level external door;
 - ii. Measurement position 2:- 4 metres directly in front of any level one external door or window; and
 - iii. Measurement position 3:- 1 metre directly in front of any level two external door or window.
- d. Up to 5 percent of the L_{Aeq,1min} levels may exceed, by not more than 5 dB, the levels specified in Clause 10 (a) over the period of the Event.
- e. Up to 5 percent of the L_{Ceq,1min} levels may exceed, by not more than 5 dB, the levels specified in Clause 10 (b) over the period of the Event.

12. Monitoring shall be carried out by persons approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Victoria Park. The monitoring shall be carried out continuously during the sound system tests for an event and over a period of 10 minutes before an event, during an event and for 10 minutes after the event.

13. For outdoor events the monitoring shall be carried out at the mixing desk position. For indoor events, monitoring shall be carried out at the measurement positions referred to in Clause 10 (c).
14. Provision shall be made to enable the approved person free access in and out of the venue, access to all sound engineers and stage management personnel.
15. The monitoring of sound levels shall be carried out using monitoring equipment that complies with Regulation 22 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*. The public address system used at an event shall be operated so that the readings of the sound levels recorded by the monitoring equipment do not exceed the sound levels stipulated in Clause 10 (a) and (b) regardless of the accuracy of the monitoring equipment.
16. If any person authorised to monitor the noise levels - including any Inspector appointed under Section 88 of the Act, the Police or an employee of the Town of Victoria Park – issues a direction to reduce the sound levels, including low frequency sound levels generated by the public address system, the event organiser shall immediately comply with such direction.
17. Prior to the application for an event being processed by the Town of Victoria Park, the applicant shall pay the Town of Victoria Park the prescribed noise monitoring fees and any other costs estimated to be incurred to monitor an event in relation to noise.
18. The applicant shall provide a complaint response service for persons who wish to lodge complaints regarding noise from the activities associated with an event. This shall comprise a telephone service, which must always be answered in person by an operator. The complaint response service may also be handled by a Town of Victoria Park representative in which case a complainant shall also have access to the Town's after hours pager service.
19. The complaint response service shall be attended at all times when the event is in progress and during rehearsal sessions and sound system tests for the event. All complaints received will be logged.
20. Notice of the starting and completion times for the event and the establishment of the complaint service, its telephone number and the times of operation, shall be publicised not later than 5 days prior to the event by means of a "flyer" distributed to all noise sensitive premises (as defined in the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*) including –
 - a. All noise sensitive premises with addresses in the following locations in the **City of Perth**:
All streets within the area bounded by East Parade, Claisebrook Cove and the Swan River, and all streets within the area bounded by Nile Street, Trafalgar Road, Claisebrook Cove and the Swan River; and
 - b. All noise-sensitive premises with addresses in the following location in the **City of Vincent**:
All streets within the area bounded by East Parade and the Swan River; and
 - c. All noise-sensitive premises with addresses in the following locations in the **City of Bayswater**:
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All streets within the area bounded by Guildford Road, Peninsula Road and Tranby Road and the Swan River; and

- d. All noise-sensitive premises with addresses in the following locations in the **City of Belmont:**

All streets within the area bounded by Riversdale Road and the Swan River;

- e. The premises known as Mercy Hospital - Ellesmere Road, Mt Lawley ; and
- f. Any other locality deemed necessary by the Town of Victoria Park, the Department of Environmental Protection, or another potentially affected local authority.

21. The approved person monitoring the noise for the event shall deliver a report on the noise monitoring to the Town of Victoria Park by not later than 5 working days after the event.

22. After the event the Town of Victoria Park shall submit a copy of the noise report to the Cities of Perth, Bayswater, & Belmont and Vincent and the Department of Environmental Protection for information

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

[Environmental Protection \(Noise\) Regulations 1997](#)

Policy manager	Manager – Development Services
Responsible officers	Principal Environmental Health Officer Environmental Health Officer
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Next Evaluation Date	

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