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## The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland

### ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKER LIMITATIONS

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## Introduction

The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland manages several Sport and Activities across the academic year. It is recognised the spirit in which these fixtures are conducted. This guideline outlines what limitations are in place with artificial noisemakers, including what is and isn't permitted at a GPS Sport and Activities fixture.

This guideline will be used by both home and visiting schools for any fixture approved by the GPS Association.

The recommendations in this guideline are to be used for all participants involved in GPS Sport and Activities, including students, teachers, coaches, parents, old boys, officials, referees, umpires, scorers, volunteers, staff and spectators.

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## Previous amendments

Name	Effective	Approved date
GPS Artificial Noisemaker Limitations	1 Jan 2022	18 Oct 2021

The GPS Executive Office, in conjunction with the Member School host representative, will have authority in implementing decisions relating to artificial noisemakers utilising the following guidelines.

## 1 DURING ACTIVE PLAY

Artificial noisemakers (including megaphones, cowbells, thunder sticks, air horns, sirens, etc.) are not to be used and bands are not to play (including the beating of drums) **while the game is in progress**, indoors or outdoors.

The use of whistles, propane tanks, air-horns, vuvuzela, plastic horns, cowbells, and any instrument or items used as instruments (buckets, lids, etc.) is prohibited at all times by spectators.

Spectators are permitted to use non-electronic megaphones for voice amplification only. Crowd noise may not drown out the officials' whistles or disrupt the officials' management of the game.

## 2 DURING BREAK-IN PLAY

The playing of musical instruments, amplified music, canned music or artificial noisemakers during break in play is permitted by an organised school approved group managed by staff. This includes:

- Drum-line
- Concert band
- Big Band
- Bagpipes
- DJ
- Organist

Break-in play refers to:

- Pre-game
- Timeouts
- Intermission
- Half time
- Postgame

The participating schools are to inform the opposition if their bands will be performing pre-game or at halftime. Each will be entitled to equal minutes of performance time, with the visiting school being first. Bands should be prepared to enter the field immediately following the conclusion of play before half time break.

## 3 MONITORING

In conjunction with field/ court marshalls/ school leadership, the head official is authorised to regulate or eliminate crowd noise if the head official determines that the noise is interfering with the reasonable conduct of the fixture.

If the GPS Association, host or visiting school administration questions the safety or appropriateness of any noisemaker, it shall not be permitted.