

PIR fact sheet

History and General information

- Portland international Raceway (PIR) is built on the former location of Vanport, Oregon, which was destroyed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1948, when a dike on the Columbia River broke and flooded the city. After the flood, all that remained were the paved streets and concrete foundations of destroyed buildings. The first races took place on these old city streets in 1961 during the Portland Rose Festival.

http://www.ohs.org/education/oregonhistory/learning_center/dspresource.cfm?resource_ID=000BC26B-EE5A-1E47-AE5A80B05272FE9F

<http://vimeo.com/851414>

- PIR is owned and operated by the City of Portland Parks and Recreation.
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/finder/index.cfm?ShowResults=yes&SubAreas=1&AmenityTypeID=33>
- PIR is Portland's second largest park at 291.15 acres
- PIR is an Enterprise Fund. This designation means that the raceway is run and managed by the City of Portland, but it does not receive any General Fund subsidy (taxes). PIR covers its cost through the revenue it generates.
- The primary use for the PIR site is for a broad spectrum of race-related events. Major Event Entertainment is the City Code's use category that most closely fits the primary use at PIR. The PIR Plan District, and the master plan, allows uses that would typically not be allowed in the Open Space zone. In addition to race events, other uses exist at PIR which are generally secondary or accessory to the race-related activities, *e.g.*, offices for racetrack employees, concessions, racetrack-related motor vehicle repair and servicing, and parking.
- PIR has 650 event days per year. The park hosts multiple events in a single day making this possible. To put this in perspective, Pioneer Courthouse Square has 322 event days per year.

- PIR's "race season" runs 9 months per year, February-October.

Noise Information

- Except for four events, the track operates with the same noise restrictions as any industrial site in the city in relation to residences.

The maximum decibel level at trackside is 105 dBA, which in theory should translate to no more than 65 dB at the property line of the closest residence to the track.

In other words, except for four events, the track operates with the same noise restrictions as any industrial site in the city in relation to residences. The four varied events include one event at 110 dB, two at 112 dB and one at 115 dB. At 115 dB trackside: sound levels at the closest residence to PIR should be 70-75 dB. This equals normal traffic noise levels measured for homes along Columbia Boulevard. It is 10 dB higher than basic City Code allows for commercial/industrial noise to a residence

A great majority of event days operate at 90 dBA or less, meaning they aren't audible at any point in the neighborhood, and if measurable would be 50 dBA or less in the neighborhood.

- PIR has an online trackside noise monitor (a neighborhood noise monitor is coming soon). This information can be found at www.portlandraceway.com. Click on "About" then "Noise Information". If you have a noise complaint or concern you can contact the City Of Portland's Noise Control office, 503-823-7350 ext. 6 or noise@portlandoregon.gov