

General Regulations 2026/2027 Sound Community (rules for the music lessons)

1: The teacher may be sick 2 times per season. In case of prolonged illness or absence, the teachers will arrange a substitute. This will of course be done in consultation with the parents.

2: If the teacher is absent due to performances, among other things, make-up lessons will be arranged on his/her initiative.

3: If the teacher proposes a make-up lesson, the student is expected to attend. Should the student not show up, the make-up opportunity is forfeited.

4: Students are expected to attend as many lessons as possible.

5: If a student is unable to attend due to illness or other circumstances, he/she (or their caregivers) must notify the teacher via email or WhatsApp. Missed lessons will not be compensated. In case of prolonged illness/absence of the student, arrangements can be made in consultation with the teacher.

6: Lesson rates will be increased annually by at least the CBS consumer price index.

7: A lesson year consists of 39 weeks, for which the parent pays the annual rate (depending on lesson duration).

8: Payment of lesson fees can be made in two ways. 1) the annual amount in one payment, upon receipt of the invoice. 2) payment in 12 installments via direct debit. The amount will then be debited at the end of each month: (installment 1: September 30, installment 2: October 31, installment 3: November 30, installment 4: December 31, installment 5: January 31, installment 6: February 28, installment 7: March 31, installment 8: April 30, installment 9: May 31, installment 10: June 30, installment 11: July 31, installment 12: August 31).

9: No lessons are given during holiday weeks. Naturally, no lesson fees are charged for these weeks. Lessons may possibly be made up during holiday weeks, in consultation with the teacher.

10: During the course year, the student will have the opportunity to participate in recital concerts organized by the teaching staff at external locations. For the recital evening, we ask for a contribution of 28 euros per family of the participating student.

11: Privacy of music videos and photos: As you know, we regularly make videos of students' achieved results (via Vimeo). We share these videos with the student's parents or with the student, via WhatsApp. Should we wish to use a video for social media, we will ask the student's parents for permission.

12: The course year runs from August 31, 2025 to July 11, 2027.

13: After an average of 2 years of private lessons (in consultation with the parents), a student can join our band lesson program (all disciplines participate). This means that, in addition to private lessons, the student receives a band lesson once a month instead of the private lesson. The bands consist of our students of approximately the same age. The teachers organize the bands. The band lesson program usually starts halfway through the season (January). Naturally, the bands perform at the recital evenings (see point 10).

14: During the summer months, a summer course is organized for all students (Sound Community Summer Sessions). Students may sign up for this voluntarily. For more information, info@soundcommunity.nl.

15: At Sound Community, we work with annual contracts (1 season = 39 lesson weeks). Cancellation is not possible during the first 3 months. After 3 months, lessons can be cancelled. A notice period of 1 month applies.

A note: point 12 states the course year runs from August 31, 2025 to July 11, 2027 — that's about two years, which seems unusual for what's described as a single-season document (2026/2027). This may be a typo in the original Dutch text (possibly meaning 2026 and/or 2027 instead of 2025), but I've translated it exactly as written since I can't confirm the intended dates.

