

PART 1: CLALLAM COUNTY ARES NET CONTROL GUIDELINES

Net Control Instructions are presented in two parts: Part 1 provides instructions for Net Control Operators and Net participants in how to best operate on the CC-ARES Net. Part 2 is the Net Control Operator's Script.

Net Control Operator (NCO) should:

1. Have a commanding signal, so everyone on the net is able to hear them.
2. Be in charge of the net while the net is in session and be responsible for controlling who uses the frequency.
3. Download the most recent copy of this document from the web site and follow the Protocol on the following page.
4. Download a copy of the most recent "ARES Net Check-In Roster" from the web site. Use **phonetics** to call each full call sign in order from the list. Missed or new members who are not called will be picked up in "Late or Missed."
5. Download or view the current "Net Control Operator Schedule" on the web site to determine whom the NCO will be for the next Net and announce that at the appropriate time on the net.
6. Keep a written record of the Net check-ins and traffic in a systematic manner, reporting total check-ins to the Net Coordinator. Do not "check-in" stations that break the repeater but are unreadable.
7. Keep track of which stations are on the net, who has cleared the frequency and who has **Traffic for the Net**,
 - a. EMERGENCY traffic is always handled as it is presented,
 - b. Other traffic or announcements are handled if appropriate to the purpose of the Net.

Participants in the Net should:

1. Have an adequate signal so the NCO can hear the check-in call
2. Strive to make station improvements, such as an external antenna, fully charged batteries, quality microphone, etc.
3. Listen for the assigned NCO and do not announce presence until called by the NCO
4. If the assigned NCO does not start the Net on time, a self-nominated participating station should begin the Net
5. Refrain from transmitting until directed to do so by the NCO
6. Listen for a break to avoid "doubling" with other stations
7. Repeat the call as necessary for acknowledgement by the NCO
8. On the SIMPLEX nets, offer to relay a weak station not heard by Net Control
9. Remain on the Net until released or ask NCO to leave if necessary, saying "recheck" upon return for recognition by the NCO.

All Radio Amateurs registered in Clallam County ARES are expected to take their turn operating the Net and when unable, to find a suitable replacement.

All stations are reminded to make transmissions clear and precise. Use clear text. Do not use HAM Q-phrases (QTH, QSL...) or CB slang.