

Net Control Operators Guide

1. Start on time! Tardiness indicates poor management and doesn't inspire confidence in the net control operator.
2. Begin the net with the proper logs, forms, pens, pencils and operating aids on hand.
3. Use a provided script/preamble or write your own.
4. Ask a family member to answer telephone calls or you may want to turn off the phone.
5. Turn down the volume on scanners, other radios, and electronic equipment.
6. Know how to use your radio and tune your system so you radiate the best signal you can.
7. Know how to use your microphone. Articulate and (to avoid pops and breath noise) talk across the microphone, not into it.
8. At least every 10 minutes, identify your call and the name of the net.
9. During check-ins recognize participants by name when possible to boost morale.
10. After check-ins, be sure to read the list as you heard it. Then give stations that may have doubled another chance to check-in.
11. Perform welfare checks when net members are absent for an extended period of time without explanation.
12. Do not think aloud on the air: "Ahhh, let me see. Hmmm. Well, you know, if..."
13. Use the correct ITU phonetic alphabet for official identification.
14. Do not use "10" codes, Q signals, or anything other than "plain language"
15. Give constructive radio quality reports to members who request them.
16. Plan your message in advance of transmitting. Keep it short and concise with no rambling commentaries.
17. Do not engage in on-air arguments or criticism.
18. Net control transmits only facts, not conjecture.
19. The best way to handle malicious interference is to ignore it. When they evoke no response at all, they tend to leave.
20. Treat members with respect and accept suggestions from other experienced members.

73, *Wayne WA7IGI*