

Delta Club Information Net and NCS Protocol

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NCS: Net Control Station



The protocol for the nightly net and Net Control Stations includes the following elements:

- The Team (Net Controllers)
- NCS Minimum Requirements
- The NCS Manager Duties
- Announcements
- Guidelines of Service
- NCS Application
- The Delta Club Information Net Preamble

The Team

Minimum:

- Four (4) full time (scheduled once each week)
- Three (3) part time (scheduled less than once each week)
- Three (3) back up (not scheduled, cover as needed)

These are the minimums, below which triggers a replacement. Ideally, there are more in each category. No more than a total of fifteen (15) on the team.

Net Control Station (NCS) Minimum Requirements

1. Have an amateur radio license and an approved application.
2. Have and maintain radio equipment capable of appropriate signal quality.
3. Maintain Delta Club membership and attend a club meeting at least twice in a year.
4. Email the dates they called the net in the previous quarter to the NCS Manager by the 10th of the following month.
5. Minimally, each quarter the net must be called:
 - a. Seven (7) times for full time NCS
 - b. Three (3) times for part time NCS
 - c. Once for back up NCS
6. Adhere to Delta Club NCS Guidelines of Service.
7. The NCS must find their own replacement in the event that he /she cannot make their assignment. (If possible, the replacement must be an approved NCS on the NCS active roster.)

The Net Control Station Manager Duties

1. Must be a current full or part-time NCS and meet those requirements.
2. Approves NCS applications.
3. Assigns NCS schedules.
4. Receives emails from NCS on their participation quarterly.
5. Enforces the NCS requirements and notifies stations no longer on the NCS roster.
6. Reports annually to the Director of Training (DOT) the NCS roster activity and any other information at his or her discretion.
7. Reports any NCS changes by email to all net controllers and the DOT.
8. The NCS Manager is appointed by the DOT and approved by the Board of Directors.

Announcements

Announcements during the net by the NCS are limited to scheduled club activities. Other events, including public service, are to be made by the person assigned to coordinate those events. Training announcements may be made by the NCS if the DOT is unavailable.



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Guidelines of Service

Delta Club Net Control Stations represent not only the best of amateur radio, but also the Delta Club. The following Guidelines of Service are in keeping with standard amateur radio practices, but also to further the mission of the Delta Club and the net.

- Start promptly at 8:00 pm (W4BS Repeater time).
- Respond to stations checking into the net with courtesy and respect.
- Avoid sidebar conversations (as the time of all stations is to be considered).
- Extend additional consideration for new amateurs or other stations requiring additional patience.
- Be willing to accept late check-ins after the net is closed if the NCS is still on frequency.
- Adhere to the order of the net and maintain control, but without expressing anger or being rude.
- Relinquish the net immediately if asked to do so for NWS weather reporting or for emergencies.
- Profanity, religious and political commentary, and sexual and ethnic innuendos should be ignored.
- Provide feedback about signal quality if appropriate and helpful.
- Only acknowledge stations complying with FCC rules (e.g. must give full call sign at end of transmission).
- Adhere to the Delta Club preamble.



Delta Club Net Control Station (NCS) APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

- Circle the days you are willing to commit to calling the net:

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

- Check which category you are most interested in:

- Full time (scheduled once each week)
 Part time (scheduled but less than once each week)
 Back up (not scheduled, cover as needed)

Minimum requirements to remain a NCS: *You will be removed from the NCS Roster if you do not maintain these requirements or fail to adhere to the Delta Club NCS Guidelines of Service.*

1. Have a valid amateur radio license.
2. Maintain Delta Club membership and attend a club meeting at least twice in a year.
3. Must email dates that you called the net the previous quarter to the NCS Manager by the 10th of the following month.
4. Minimally, each calendar quarter the net must be called:
 - a. Seven (7) times if you are a full time NCS
 - b. Three (3) times if you are part time NCS
 - c. At least once if you are a backup NCS

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9. Provide feedback about signal quality if appropriate and helpful.
10. Only acknowledge stations complying with FCC rules (e.g. must give call callsign).
11. Adhere to the Delta Club preamble.

"I have read and understand the requirements to be a Delta Club Net Control Station"

X _____

Signature

_____ Date