

PRINCIPLES OF AMATEUR RADIO NET CONTROL

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Open Net Stations call each other directly to pass traffic

Directed Net Stations call only net control directly,
go direct only with net control permission

Net Control...

- must have a commanding signal
- is in charge of the net
- activates and assigns resources
- must keep track of resources
- assigns tactical calls
- keeps a good log
- has a clear speaking voice
- controls his or her tone of voice
- has good command of the English language
- can handle physical and mental stress for long periods
- can listen and respond in a noisy/chaotic environment
- has good hearing
- writes legibly
- enforces net discipline
- uses tactical calls
- uses plain English - no "10" codes or "Q" signals
- uses standard phonetics
- performs welfare checks
- thinks before keying
- is as concise as possible
- knows how to operate the radio
- frequently identifies name and reason for the net
- transmits only facts, not conjecture
- takes frequent breaks
- when transmitting, key up, take a breath, then talk