

POLICIES

GOLDEN BEAR AMATEUR RADIO NET

ARTICLE I

GENERAL RULES

- 1) **SUGGESTIONS:** Any suggestions for improvement or betterment of the Net shall be made known to the Area Director of the member's area, in person or in writing or electronically, for future consideration by the Board of Directors.
- 2) **DISCUSSION OVER THE AIR:** Rule making, and Net policies should not normally be discussed over the air.
- 3) **RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS:** It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member to foster goodwill and understanding within the Net, as well as without, and promote Net efficiency.

ARTICLE II

CONDUCT OF NET MEMBERS

- 4) **COOPERATION:** Net Control is responsible for the conduct of the Net to insure efficient operation. All members are urged to cooperate with Net Control to allow the Net to function smoothly.
- 5) **AIRING GRIEVANCES:** The airing of personal grievances has no place during Net operations. If the member's grievance is relative to the conduct of the Net or with an officer, they should contact their Area Director stating their complaint, as one of the duties of the Area Director are to adjudicate disputes or complaints.
- 6) **CHECKING IN:** Members are urged to check in on time, within their respective areas if at all possible, and to list their traffic at the beginning of Net. Granted, this is not always possible, but the effort should be made. Listing traffic on Net late is a calculated risk, and it may not be moved.
- 7) **CHECKING OUT:** If a member leaves the Net at a time other than specified when checking in, it is incumbent on them to so notify the Net Control. Net Control assumes a station to be on frequency and available unless it has been indicated otherwise.
- 8) **OBSERVE RULES:** Net Control is responsible for Net operations. Please observe the directions of Net Control. All members should be thoughtful and considerate of other fellow operators during Net.

ARTICLE III

NET AND AREA CONTROLS

- 9) NET CONTROLS: Net Controls shall establish the Net frequency.
- 10) INTERRUPTION TO ROLL CALL: Roll call should not be interrupted except for emergency breaks, at which time the Area Control shall turn the Net over to Net Control for handling. There are times, however, depending on propagation, that relays during roll call are acceptable when requested.
- 11) TAKING CONTROL: Chief Net Control or Net Control may take over the Net at any time they consider circumstances warrant.
- 12) RELAYS: Net or Area Controls shall make the fullest use of relays when needed.
- 13) VISITOR CHECK-INS: Net and Area Controls should extend every courtesy possible to visitor check-ins.
- 14) DEVIATION FROM LIST: If conditions warrant, Net Controls may deviate from the published Area Control list.
- 15) AREA CONTROLS: Area Controls, when calling roll, shall make every effort toward speed, consistent with clarity and accuracy. Area Controls are usually selected for their outstanding signals.
- 16) FREQUENT USE OF THE PHRASE: "Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net" should be made by Net and Area Controls.
- 17) TRAFFIC LISTINGS: Traffic listings should be repeated by Area Controls. Net Control should make every effort within reason to dispose of all listed traffic, and that which cannot be moved should be referred back to the listing station.
- 18) JUDGEMENT TO BE USED: Net Control will exercise considerable judgment concerning traffic handling.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- 19) WRITTEN FORM REQUIRED: In accordance with ARTICLE IV, Line 16e of the Bylaws, Area Directors shall provide a Membership Application form to prospective applicants.

- 20) **ACCEPTABLE FORMS:** The membership application form may be:
- a) A printed hard copy, available from the Secretary/Treasurer
 - b) A blank PDF form, also available from either the Secretary/Treasurer or the Area Director.
- 21) **FORM SUBMITTAL:** Once the form is completed by the prospective applicant, it may be submitted to the Area Director by U.S mail, or electronically. Prospective members should sign the application digitally if possible. Manually signed forms are acceptable; they may be scanned and electronically forwarded.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIPS

- 22) **MEMBERSHIPS APPROVAL PROCESS**
- a) Once the Area Director has received the application and signed the form approving the applicant, the form is sent to the Chief Net Control for review and approval. The form once signed by Chief Net Control is sent to the Secretary/Treasurer for review and approval. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify Chief Net Control of the application status.
 - b) Upon approval of the applications, Chief Net Control will then add the new member to the appropriate Roll Call list.
 - c) Chief Net Control will then present a QST to the NET announcing the new member and distribute the revised Roll Call List to all officers, Area and Net Controls.

ARTICLE VI

SILENT KEYS

- 23) **SILENT KEYS:** Upon learning of the demise of a member, the Chief Net Control shall QST the Net and halt the proceedings for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased and shall direct that the call sign be carried on the roll call for a period of thirty (30) days and when called on the roll call, after the call sign the following words be added, "Is now a silent key". If a member on the inactive roll call or a previous member who is a Life Member dies, they shall be placed on active roll call and the same procedure followed as for an active member.

ARTICLE VII

QST'S

- 24) GIVEN MORE THAN ONE TIME: QST's should be given on successive nights. QST's about roll call or health and welfare of a member should be given at least three (3) times.

ARTICLE VIII

CHANGES TO POLICIES

- 25) POLICIES MAY BE CHANGED: These Policies may be changed, altered, modified, deleted or added to by majority vote of the Board of Directors. This vote shall be by mail, email, or other electronic means.

ARTICLE IX

ANNUAL MEETING

- 26) The Vice President is responsible for arranging the Annual Meeting. They are to find a place, date(s) and time. The Annual Meeting may include the Melvin S. Springer Memorial Picnic.
- 27) The President is responsible for setting the Annual Meeting agenda to include the following items:
- a) Call to Order
 - b) Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting
 - c) Report of Officers
 - d) Financial Report
 - e) Committee Reports
 - f) Communications
 - g) Old Business
 - h) New Business
 - i) Open Forum
 - j) Necrology
 - k) Adjournment

ARTICLE X

ELECTIONS

- 28) Nominations for officer position may be transmitted by e-mail, USPS mail or Radiogram during Net. Should a Radiogram be used during Net and the Secretary/Treasurer is not present, Net Control will notify the Secretary/Treasurer of the nomination.

- 29) Should there be more than one nomination for an office, the Secretary/Treasurer will prepare a ballot for the membership to cast votes. The ballots may be sent via USPS, electronically or by a combination of both. The Secretary/Treasurer will collect the ballots and present the results to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.