

San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association Net and NCS Guidelines

PRE-NET ANNOUNCEMENT:

It is advised, but not required to make announcements both 15 and 5 minutes prior to the start of the SARA Net, that the net will be starting in xx minutes:

This is (your call letters). Please be advised that the SARA net is scheduled to begin on this frequency in xx minutes. Thank you.

OPENING THE NET:

Calling the San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association Net, calling the SARA Net.

**This is amateur radio station _____,
phonetically _____.**

My name is _____,

I am located in _____.

This net is a directed net.

The SARA Net meets every Thursday evening at 8 PM on the 449.625 Mhz repeater located in Monte Vista, Colorado.

NOTE: If the repeater is linked to another system, mention them here. If not, then skip this part.

The SARA net is also a part of the _____ linked repeater system.

Any Technician or higher class amateur radio station is free to check in. You do not have to be a member of SARA to check in.

This net is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio and primarily exists to serve those amateur radio operators in the San Luis Valley region of south-central Colorado. However, anyone who is receiving this net on either our primary repeater or through any of the linked repeaters, are welcome to check in.

CALL FOR TRAFFIC:

While this net is not primarily a traffic handling net, we will recognize any and all emergency or priority traffic at any time. If an emergency should arise at any point during this Net, please say "Break!" The

NCS will acknowledge you and all stations will stand by to allow those in need, access to this frequency in order to pass your emergency or priority traffic.

Is there any emergency or priority traffic at this time?

NOTE: If any station comes back with emergency or priority traffic, acknowledge them and allow them to pass their traffic.

Do we have any stations with announcements, bulletins, or news of general interest to the net? If so, please check in now and we will hear your announcement, bulletin or news right after everyone checks in.

GENERAL CHECK INS:

NOTE: This can be done two ways and is at the discretion of the Net Control. You can either take check ins using a roster and call the stations one at a time, or let stations check in, in a general manner.

ROSTER:

Follow the roster, give each call one at a time and ask for each individual station to check in as they are called for. Annotate on your check in list the stations that check in and whether they have any traffic or announcements.

It's time to take check ins to the SARA net. As I give your calls, please respond and when you do, let me know if you have any traffic or announcements for the group.

GENERAL:

General check ins are typically done in groups, starting with the first letter of your call letter suffix; an example follows.

It's time to take general check ins to the SARA net. Please speak slowly, give your call phonetically, along with your first name and location.

- 1. Stations with the first letter of your call suffix from A through M, please call now.**
- 2. Stations with the first letter of your call suffix from N through Z, please call now.**

Once all stations have checked in, go back to those that have announcements, bulletins, or news of general interest, in the order they checked in.

Once all stations with announcements, bulletins or news of general interest have conveyed their traffic, go back and ask if any other stations has any news or information they would like to share with the net.

Are there any other stations who would like to check in at this time?

DISCUSSION:

This is also at the discretion of the NC for each net, but a topic of discussion is also recommended. The NC can either pick and host the discussion topic or coordinate with another station ahead of time to do so. Topics can range in scope but should typically be related to amateur radio and the SARA group. If another station is handling the discussion, control of the net would be temporarily turned over to that station for the duration. Once the topic has been covered, open the net up to further discussion by other stations.

CLOSING THE NET:

Once all traffic is passed the topic for the net has been fully discussed and all stations have said what they want to, it's time to close the net.

This is the last call for any stations wishing to check-in to the SARA Net, or make any final comments or questions.

If you don't hear any replies.

Thanks to all for participating.

NOTE: If the repeater was linked during the net, thank the other system or people responsible, here. If not, then ignore this part.

Special thanks to the good folks associated with the _____ linked repeater system for allowing us to link up with them for this net.

There being no further check-ins or comments, this is *(your call sign)* _____ closing the SARA Net. This frequency is now returned to regular amateur use.

73's to everyone.

NET NOTES:

A net or directed net, in radio-amateur operating procedure, is an organized meeting of multiple stations on a common frequency at a scheduled time. One station is designated to serve as net control; all requests to message the net are initiated by sending a call sign to the control station and waiting for them to reply before continuing.

The directed net structure reduces the number of message collisions, where multiple stations attempting to transmit simultaneously could otherwise cause unwanted interference to communication within the group.

Directed nets are commonly used for scheduled on-air meetings of individual radio-amateur groups.

A scheduled net will often use a pre-defined script which identifies the purpose of the net, invites stations to "check in", allocates time for individual stations to send their traffic sequentially, delivers any announcements and then ends the directed net once all traffic is completed.