



Tri-State 2 Meter Amateur Net *Net Control Operator's Guide*

The Tri-State 2 Meter Amateur Net is sponsored by the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Assoc, (NIARA) headquartered in Auburn, Indiana.

NIARA owns and maintains the W9OU repeater in Auburn. The repeater antenna is at 350 feet and transmits an effective radiated power of approximately 200 watts. The Repeater Trustee is Dick Toy, WB9VDK.

A “preamble” (script) is provided by the net manager. While net control operators are free to personalize their script, it is important to follow the outline of the script provided in order to maintain consistency among NCO’s and avoid confusion for net participants.

NET ELEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: All NCO’s should be aware of all NIARA activities and events and include appropriate announcements before taking check-ins. Activities, meetings, etc. are publicized at club meetings and on the W9OU@groups.io list. Please check your e-mail regularly.

MOBILES: Mobile check-ins are taken first since there is always a chance of their moving out of range of the repeater if they are forced to follow other check-ins.

SHORT TIME; Short time check-ins are those who prefer not to participate in the comments round but still want to be counted as a check-in. NCO’s may make use of the “alphabetical” check-in process (as listed for “regular” check-ins) to slow down the “rapid fire” check-in process.

REGULAR CHECK-INS: The “alphabetical” check-in process is optional. After all check-ins are recorded, start the “comment round” at the top of the list.

GENERAL OPERATION

Attendance: NCO’s also “have a life” beyond the net. Absence from net duty may be necessary for many reasons. If an absence is known in advance, it should be included in prior net announcements and through yahoogroups e-mail in an effort to recruit a substitute. *The net manager does not assume your responsibility to make this effort.*

Courtesy: Net Control Operators become the on-air ambassador for the repeater owner (in this case NIARA) and are expected to observe and encourage all FCC regulations and good operating practices as well as repeater courtesy.