

CCARC Repeater Use Policy

1. The Clark County Amateur Radio club currently owns, operates and maintains eight (8) repeaters in the 50, 144, 220, 440 and 1200MHz amateur radio bands. Repeater specifics are shown on the www.w7aia.org website.
2. Repeater use guidelines:
 - a. Although club repeaters are there for the use of the club and its members, repeaters may be requested for use by other organizations by contacting the Repeater Manager.
 - b. Long-winded conversations (defined as those greater than ten minutes in duration) are highly discouraged
 - c. Where communications occurs between stations both operating in fixed locations with power greater than 25 watts, they shall check to see if contact is feasible on a simplex frequency and move to that alternative if reasonable to do so.
 - d. When a single QSO lasts for longer than 10 minutes, users are requested to defer to breaking stations who wish to use the repeater. When inviting breaking stations, a gap of at least 3 seconds between transmissions should be utilized to permit interruptions.
3. Communications involving a club-sanctioned event or an emergency are exempt from the guidelines outlined in paragraph 2.
4. The CCARC, CCARES-RACES, and EYEWARN relationships:
 - a. Based on the long standing relationship between the CCARC and the CCARES/RACES group, the CCARC agrees that any, or all, of the CCARC owned repeaters are available for use by the CCARES/RACES group on an exclusive basis to conduct scheduled CCARES Nets, EMCOMM exercises and for use as needed for a no-notice basis during actual EMCOMM events when tasked under a WA state EMD mission number.
 - b. Reciprocally, the CCARES agrees that all of the CCARES owned and operated voice and digital repeaters, PACKET and Winlink 2000 data systems are available for general amateur use or scheduled to support a club sponsored activity or community support event when not being used in an EMCOMM exercise or actual event.
 - c. CCARC agrees that the 147.24 repeater is available for exclusive use by the EYEWARN net to conduct scheduled exercises and no notice actual event support to CRESA for visual situation reporting. The 147.24 repeater is normally linked to the 443.125 repeater in Yacolt but the link to 443.125 may be unlinked by the CCARES-RACES group if needed for EMCOMM purposes.

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