

# Northwestern Ontario ARES HF Net

## Net Control Duties

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1. **Availability:** Ensure that you are available and able to operate at your scheduled time. If you are unable to act as Net Control Station (NCS) for your scheduled net, you should do your best to find an alternate NCS, starting with the list of regional Emergency Coordinators (ECs).

The net schedule can be found at [www.ve3rib.ca/nwoares.html](http://www.ve3rib.ca/nwoares.html).

If changing the schedule, please notify the Net Manager at [ve3fyn@winlink.org](mailto:ve3fyn@winlink.org).

2. **Five Minutes Prior to Net:** On the net frequency, announce:  
“This is (**your callsign**). The Northwestern Ontario ARES HF Net will begin in five minutes.”
3. **Net Management:** Read the net preamble. Take check-ins and ask for any traffic. Read net closing upon conclusion of net.
4. **40 Metre Operation:** If conditions on 80 metres are poor, you may QSY to 7.135 MHz LSB. Alternately, QSY to 7.135 MHz at the end of the net to test conditions.
5. **Record-Keeping:** During the net, record the callsigns of stations that check-in, including the frequency.
6. **Chat:** Log into [tlk.io/nwoares](http://tlk.io/nwoares), and encourage stations to do the same. This chat group may be used during the net, especially during poor propagation, for coordination purposes.
  - a. Set your user name as CALLSIGN FirstName
7. **WinLink practice and logging:** Following the net, e-mail the list of check-ins to the Net Manager, Warren Paulson VE3FYN and cc the regional ECs. For training purposes, send the e-mail from WinLink where possible.

This is a work in progress. Please send your comments to [ve3fyn@winlink.org](mailto:ve3fyn@winlink.org).