

# Repeater Rules and Etiquette

## FCC Regulations to be followed, including:

- All licensed operators are welcome and encouraged to use our repeaters.
- ID with your call sign every 10 minutes and on your final transmission.
- Yield to emergency communications.
- No profanity of any type.
- No political discussions or comments.
- No music during transmissions.

## DRAC Rules and Etiquette of Operation:

- Listen before transmitting. Our repeaters operate in “Automatic Mode Switch” using both Analog and Fusion C4FM Digital modes.
- Set your radios to encode/decode PL. This prevents hearing digital noise if you operate a non-Fusion radio. Visually check your screen to check if digital is in use.
- Leave a 3-second space after your transmission so that others may break into QSOs to make a contact, comment, or for emergency use of the repeater.
- Key mic and pause a few seconds before speaking.
- Periodically pause and inquire if any others need to use the repeater.
- Avoid “Hot Mic” situations. Place Mic in secure location to avoid this.
- No “kerchunking” allowed. Always announce your call sign and “testing”, “for radio check”, “for demonstration”, etc.
- Yield repeater to others needing the frequency during long QSOs.
- Upon hearing a station ID on repeater, be courteous and welcome them to the repeater.
- Speak across microphone to avoid causing distortion of your audio.
- When you ID speak clearly and slowly using phonetics.
- If using “comment” or “break”, when acknowledged be sure to identify yourself with your call sign.