

Steps to request to use the club callsign, W5NC

The following items will need to be addresses when requesting the use of W5NC for a club activity

This is a guideline to what is expected when a member requests to use the callsign at a club activity other than ARRL Field Day in June.

The following items will need to be in writing for the request.

1. The request should start with the President of the NARS Board first because the board members will decide if the activity is or is not a club activity that they approve the use of the callsign.
2. This request should be addressed to the NARS President at least 2 weeks minimum before the next meeting of the NARS Board.
3. The request must state the NARS member that will be the control operator(s) for the activity. The member must have an Extra class license or can have a General Class license if that person is approved by the board members.
4. A title for the event will be necessary and this can be worked out before the event happens.
5. It will then be discussed between the board members and the Trustee. If it is voted on and approved than the member is notified that the event can proceed to be a planned activity.
6. A log must be kept. It would be best if it was done in a logging program that can also print the QSL cards. The control operator will be the person who makes sure that his QSL information is given out during the event. If there is time, then this information could be added to the W5NC QRZ page which is managed by Lee Glassman, WA5LEE.

For ARRL Field Day in June the following items will be followed.

1. The W5NC callsign will be use at the club designated field day location.
2. The Field Day Chairman will be the Control Operator for the entire duration. The FD Chairman should hold an Extra Class license. If not, then the Club will designate a Co-Chairman who will have the Extra Class license. He may leave the site but he must announce to the group the name of the person to be left in charge at the FD site.
3. If the operators at the radio have an Extra Class license but the Chairman or current Control Operator holds a General Class then they must stay within the frequency assignments for a General Class license. Unless, that Extra Class Licensee accepts the responsibility of being the control operator for the site and is noted for the time period on the sign-in form as the Control Operator.

Paul Owen
Trustee For W5NC

Steps to request to use the W5NC repeater

The following items will need to be addresses when requesting the use of W5NC repeaters to provide communications support for a public service event or a net other than the NARS club weekly nets published in the NARS New.

§97.101 General standards.

(c) At all times and on all frequencies, each control operator must give priority to stations providing emergency communications, except to stations transmitting communications for training drills and tests in RACES.

On W5NC repeaters, when communications are for training drills, then they can be run at times other than scheduled weekly NARS nets. See latest NARS Newsletter for net times.

Since it is in the FCC rules that an emergency communications need outweighs any scheduled weekly net. The emergency communications will be given priority. If there is a weather event or similar emergency in the Houston area then a quick email to the club trustee, Paul Owen N5NXS, and he will let the NARS Board members know of the use of the repeaters for an emergency communications event. The trustee will be to point of contact for any updates during the emergency.

To request to operate on W5NC repeaters.

1. Any licensed operator may request the use of the repeater for a public service event or start a weekly net other than a day and time that a NARS weekly net is already scheduled.
2. The request should start with the President of the NARS Board first because the board members will decide if the net can be on the club repeater.
3. This request should be addressed to the NARS President at least 2 weeks minimum before the next meeting of the NARS Board.
4. The request must state the purpose, the proposed day, the start time and the end time of the event or weekly net. For weekly nets, it should also have a current NARS member(s) that will be a part of this new net. NARS membership participation will not be required for public service events.
5. It will then be discussed between the board members and the Trustee. If it is voted on and approved than the member is notified that the net can proceed on an interim period stated by the board.
6. The interim period is for any net that is running on the repeater other that the NARS weekly scheduled nets. These requested nets can be stopped at any time that the board members decide to revoke the time slot for the net. The board will discuss with the operator in charge of the net to come to a board meeting.