

## CCARC's Repeater guidelines

The following is a set of guidelines intended to aid anyone using the Cross County Amateur Radio Club repeater. By following this guidelines you can help insure that everyone can have a more enjoyable experience while using this or any repeater.

1. When first starting to use the repeater please monitor it for a short time (1min) before transmitting, This helps to prevent unintended interference and may give you a chance to hear who is on the repeater at that time.
2. Identify yourself with your callsign, you have earned it and its your right to use it. Besides other licensed amateur radio operators will want to know who they are talking to. Identify every 10min.s and at the end of your transmission. The best way to remember when to identify is to follow the repeaters lead, when in use it will ID every 10min.s and that's a good time for you to ID as well.
3. Please reframe from quick keying when in communications on the repeater. Take a pause between transmissions to allow others to access the repeater. They may have an emergency or would like to join the conversation.
4. If you hear a station trying to break in, relinquish the repeater and stand by to see if your help may be needed.
5. If you have an emergency please use "break" followed by your callsign. When the repeater is relinquished to you please tell those on the repeater what your emergency is and how they might help you. If you are just wanting to join in to the conversation just send your callsign in-between their transmissions. Please reframe from breaking in to a conversation if you have nothing to add to it.
6. While it is very important that we use sufficient power to have a clear signal, please limit your power to the minimum amount needed to do so.
7. If you are not able to hold the repeater well enough so that others can understand you. Then it is best to clear the repeater until you can get closer to the repeater or can access the repeater more clearly.
8. Never kerchunk the repeater just to be kerchunking it. When a short transmission is necessary {Testing your equipment for example} always remember to identify your station afterwards.
9. Use simplex when ever possible, in this way we each will continue to develop our stations and be better prepared to handle communications in an emergency.
10. Be aware of your language at all times when transmitting over the radio. Bad or offensive language **can not and will not** be tolerated on any of the Cross County Amateur Radio Club Repeaters or communications systems.