



NCS PILOT PROJECT 2021

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OVERVIEW

Clearly, our nets need to be appealing to attract participation. Over the past 3 years many of our members have brought up issues with how we run our nets. Also, an informal group of members produced a white paper giving suggestions for streamlining the nets. However, most of the antiquated procedures remain in place. Bottom line is that we need to get out of the dinosaur age of running nets and run them more efficiently.

This document outlines a 2 month + pilot project starting on April 1st that will allow Net Control Stations to deviate from current practices during the specified time period The pilot will only be used on the sideband net.

I will create a standard feedback form to be used by the NCS and relay stations to help us determine what did and what did not work.

Many of these new changes we will be evaluating rely on having Netlogger as the primary tool for information exchange between NCSs and checked-in stations. Importantly, we will discontinue the practice of unnecessarily verbally repeating information that is displayed on Netlogger

TIMELINE

An initial schedule of events have been established that will help with the successful completion of this project:

March 1 st	Initial draft of the Pilot project completed and delivered to the board for review and comment
March 22	Craft announcements to the reflectors and NCS scripts a brief description of how the SSB nets will start operating on April 1 st .
March 26	Pre-launch NCS meeting with all Net control stations and coordinators. Last minute information will be passed out including updated NCS scripts and cheat sheets to help run the nets
April 1 st (zulu)	First day of Pilot
April 23	This will be another NCS meeting with the same people as the March 26 meeting to review the status of the pilot. We will review what is working and what needs attention
May 21	Second NCS meeting to review what is working and not. This meeting will also allow the NCS stations and Coordinators to recommend the changes
May 28	The president will submit a summary report along with a motions for board approval.
June 1	Based on the recommendations by the NCS stations and coordinators the pilot project will continue through the June board meeting.
June 12	Regular June 2021 board meeting



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RELAY STATIONS

To bring about many of these changes it is a must that you establish good, solid relay stations and use them effectively in conjunction with your duties of NCS. The information in this document needs to be communicated to your relays. You all know who they are, so please do it before the pilot starts Also make sure you promote your relay stations in Netlogger. If you continue to have rogue relays please report them to your Net Coordinator for further action.

NET FREQUENCY

Either use the primary or secondary frequency when starting a net. If neither one is clear then find a new frequency as close to the primary as you can. Disregard the +-3khz stated in our current guide. Also remember if you change frequency, update Netlogger.

SCRIPT CHANGES

During the pilot use the abbreviated preamble and end of round script and omit the reminders.

The preamble has been modified, so please print it before your first net. It has been consolidated.

Some of the reminders are now included in the preamble

The End of Round script has also been modified.

ROOKIE CHECK-INS

If a NCS can identify a station that is a rookie to our nets, place them at the top of this list after Masters and DX and enter NEW in the remarks column so everyone knows they are new stations. When it is their turn they will get 2 calls to any other station on the list.

When you do have a new check-in please use the New Check-in Script to help them along.

TAKING CHECK-INS

Stop taking check-ins by call area and take them in the order you hear them. If you take a prelist there will be no consideration of position except please leave 5 lines or so at the top and try to place masters, OCS/OCM, and DX at the top.

When you take a check-in all that needs to be stated on the air is their call sign and perhaps if they are mobile. Remember we are using Netlogger and everyone can see their information.

While the net is running, if either you or your designated relay can hear a check-in take them on the fly.

During a round you will stop every 20 check-ins to take new check-ins.



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Feel free to invite and checkin lurkers on the monitor screen when you see them

TAKING CHECK-INS ON AIM

You will be permitted to take check-ins from AIM, PROVIDED that either you or one of your designated relay stations can hear this station. If in doubt, call the station and ask him or her to come back.

PROCESSING ROUNDS

When it is a station's turn. say "W1ABC it is your call" and stop using all of the other stuff like name, location, etc. The stations can see this on Netlogger and we don't need to repeat it.

If you know that you cannot hear a station, ask your relay first.

NCS should only call a station once for his turn, and the relay station should only call once.

Each station should to identify themselves.

Address everyone on the net by their callsign and first name.

If during any round a non-rookie stations calls a rookie after his call is complete he may make a second call to anyone. This applies to all rounds.

COURTESY ENVELOPES

Another way we can attract Rookies is to offer them a courtesy envelope in our bureau. If you see a rookie station that is showing interest let him know that you will be putting an envelope in our bureau, also mark him as GIB in the QSL column, and finally send an email to KB8UEY so that he can make them good.

HELPING WITH CONTACTS

Way too much time is wasted helping stations work each other. Either a station hears another station or they don't. NCS stations will no longer help make contacts by "waking up a station" or alerting a station that they are getting a call. After a maximum of three of three failed attempts to make a contact ask the station if they want to make another call. In other words keep the nets moving. Also if signal reports cannot be confirmed within 3 attempts go to the next checkin and keep the net moving.

MULTIPLE CALLS PER ROUND

At his discretion the NCS you may allow a round to make 2 calls per round.



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NCS CALLS

Without regard to net protocol, NCSs may make two calls of their own during each round. These calls may be taken either on the NCS's own turn or immediately after any a station the NCS wishes to contact has taken his or her call. This provides the least disruption to the flow of the net, along with the best chance of making a contact with a station just heard.

CENTURY CLUB POLICE FORCE

Do not – repeat, **do not** – call anyone out for any infraction, invalid license during any net. If you see something, then let your Net Coordinator know about the issue, and keep it offline. We are not net cops.



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PREAMBLE SCRIPT

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NET PREAMBLE

<netname>

Good evening and welcome to the 3905 Century Club Worked-All-States and DX Awards Net. The purpose of this net is to make contacts and then exchange QSL cards. Your Net Control this evening is **<mycall>**.

This net meets on or about this frequency at **<starttime>** hours zulu daily. You do not have to be a member of the 3905 Century Club to check in. All amateurs, stateside and DX, are welcome.

Our club web page is 3905ccn.com or if you are using NetLogger, just click on the club Icon at the top of the screen.

This is a directed net. Stations should only communicate when requested by net control or when requested to relay.

If you are new to our nets, please let us know.

Tonight we will begin taking check-ins with VIP's OCS/OCM, and DX stations, followed by checkins from all call areas. If you are a YL, operating as a combo, located in a state capital, mobile or portable, please identify as such when you check in.



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REMINDERS SCRIPT

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Reminders Script

This is **<mycall>**, NCS for this session of the 3905 Century Club Worked-All-States and DX Awards Net.

Are there any additional check-ins?

Reminder that my established RELAY stations are _____

ROOKIE CHECK-IN SCRIPT

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Rookie Checkin Script

<netname>

You have checked into the 3905 Century club **<netname>** and welcome to our net. If you need more information just click on the club logo at the top of the Netlogger screen.

Once it is your turn you will be given an opportunity to either call a station in the list you heard, go "up for grabs" by saying your callsign and stating "up for grabs" then answering any station you hear, or go back to net.

Please listen carefully for your call sign, because you may also be getting some calls



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NCS TRACKING

Net: _____ Date: _____

NCS: _____

Time Prelist started: _____

Number of stations on prelist at the start of the net: _____

Number of checkins before 1st round: _____

Number of new stations: _____

Time first station got their call: _____

Round	Start	End time	No checkins	Remarks
Round 1				
Round 2				
Round 3				
Round 4				
Round 5				
Round 6				
Round 7				
Round 8				
Round 9				