

# ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS SHALL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON THE RACE OPERATIONS NET

Test your radio(s) and power supplies/batteries before you leave home

Be an expert at how to operate your individual radio; know how to manually select frequency and tone features; know how to lock your radio on the correct frequency/tone

Set your Time Out Timer to the shortest setting

Don't use VOX

Avoid operating your radio in any manner that will cause an "open mic" condition

In some places, it will be appropriate to use headphones so you don't miss traffic and so that you don't disturb those around you; also be prepared for wind noise

Have a plan if your station goes down; remember you (not the radio) are the communicator; how can you get the message delivered?

The Race Operations Network is engineered for full power mobile radios, not HT's

Linked networks take seconds to key up all the transmitters: key up and count silently to three before you transmit

Know the protocol for operating on a directed net; always speak only to Net Control, not directly to other operators

Do not operate on other people's nets without permission from their Net Controller

Do not set up any of your radios to beacon APRS; this will just clog up the network for the Follow Vehicles

Do not self-assign yourself any frequencies – EVER!

This is a public service event, not a ham radio rag chewing session - air time is precious

Try to answer questions with a brief "Yes", "No", or "I don't know" whenever possible

Never speculate or state "I think..."

Use tactical call signs (i.e. "Stage 8") rather than your own call sign on the directed net

Use plain text; no cute phrases, Q codes, 10 codes, etc.

Don't rush your transmissions; consciously speak slowly

Demonstrate a working knowledge of the FCC rules on when you must ID with your own call sign

Follow the A-B-C's of communications: Accuracy, Brevity, and Clarity

Silence on the net is OK; silence allows for emergencies to get through

THINK before you key up

Stages need only to report open; first runner bib # & time; last runner bib # & time; closing; and emergency traffic

We don't locate teams; if someone asks you where Team ### is, politely inform them that is not the purpose of our communications net

Bring a trash bag; pick up your trash, candy wrappers, water bottles, etc.

**AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHO CAN NOT FOLLOW THESE  
GUIDELINES MAY BE IMMEDIATELY DEMOBILIZED (SENT HOME)  
FROM THE EVENT**

***--- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! ---***