

SKCC QRS Net Guide

The object of this net is to promote CW and encourage the SKCC members to better learn or increase their CW skills using a straight key or some mechanical device to send the code. Please always remember that this is a QRS net, meaning that slowing down the code speed is not a problem so do not feel embarrassed to ask for someone in the net to slow down if needed. Of course what we want is for all who wish to can increase their CW speed. The max speed for the net will be 13 WPM and the target for the slowest speed will be 5 WPM. We will use the Farnsworth Method which is recommended by CW trainers everywhere. With the Farnsworth Method, you learn each character at 15 words per minute (we will use 10 WPM to start with) with large spacing in between characters. This has been proven to be the best method for long-range development. Once the characters are learned, copying speed is easily increased by decreasing the spacing between each character. (<http://www.arrl.org/learning-morse-code>) This sounds harder than it is. Once again this is a QRS net so if someone needs to slow down just send QRS to the Net Control.

Here are some of the QNI (CW Net Q code) codes we will use.

QNG "Take over as net control station".
QNI "Net stations report in" OR "I am reporting into the net".
QNN "Net control station is" OR "What station has net control".

More Q codes can be found at
http://www.nonstopsystems.com/radio/frank_radio_Q_code.htm

We will not pass traffic on the SKCC QRS Net as our goal is to learn CW and increase our speeds.

Bringing up the net.

The net control station will bring up the net. Here is the format for doing that.

“SKCC QRS Net SKCC QRS Net de W9COX W9COX QNI QNI”

After sending this the control net station will stand by for check ins. Hearing none or taking a list of all check ins heard the control station will repeat the call to bring up the net. Once again the control station will continue with taking check ins or if no more check ins are heard the control net station will pass it to a co-control net station if there is one. This will be the format for doing so.

“AC2C PSE QNG de W9COX”

The co-control net station will then make the call to bring up the net.

“SKCC QRS Net SKCC QRS Net de AC2C AC2C QNI QNI”

After sending this the co-control net station will stand by for check ins. Hearing none or taking a list of all check ins heard the control station will repeat the call to bring up the net. Once again the control station will continue with taking check ins or if no more check ins are heard the co-control net station will pass it back to the control net station. Using this format.

“W9COX PSE QNG de AC2C”

Now the control station will start down there list of check ins allowing each check in to give their information.

Example:

“TU AC2C de W9COX 599 599 Albert Albert FL FL 5514T 5514T QSL?
De W9COX BK”

If other information needs to be relayed to net control do so at this time. Please keep it short so the net does not drag out. There are other check ins waiting their turn.

The net control station will acknowledge your check in. Now they will call the next in line until all of the check ins on there list has had their turn. When the control station has exhausted their list they will pass the net back to the co-control using the above format. Now the co-control station will call from there list until it is exhausted. Once this is done the co-control will pass it back to the control station.

The control station at this time will give out any information to the net as they deem necessary. After doing so the control station will close the net using this format.

“TU ALL GL and Hve Fun de W9COX closing SKCC QRS net AR”