

BARC Repeater Code of Conduct

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A few simple guidelines, to be set as repeater policy, and to be incorporated in net preambles.

The VA3LGA repeater is owned by the members of The Brockville Amateur Radio Club Inc. ('BARC'). All members and guests are welcome to operate the repeater while adhering to the Code of Conduct, below.

BARC and its members maintain sole responsibility for the operation and operating guidelines of its repeater.

The repeater requires a significant investment of time and money to continue operating. All members and guests are encouraged to volunteer and/or financially contribute to its maintenance.

Purpose:

The purpose of these guidelines is to maintain the club repeater as a friendly, non-threatening, educational, and community-oriented communications option for operators and listeners.

Members and guests are expected to respect these policies. Violation may result in suspension from using the repeater.

Guidelines:

- All members are entitled, and encouraged, to politely notify users who violate the policy that they have done so.
- Identify with your callsign at the beginning and end of each QSO. It is not necessary to repeat the other station's callsign – presumably, they know what their callsign is.
- 3 minute rule: don't reset the 3-minute timer and talk for 6 (or 9 or 12) minutes. The repeater is intended for quick contacts, not prolonged ragchews.
- If your conversation is expected to exceed 10 minutes, please take a 10-minute break before resuming or move to simplex, HF, or another method of communicating.
- No political, religious, racial, or sex/gender comments will be tolerated. This includes indirect comments, innuendo, allusion, or implication, etc.
- Negative comments about or toward other operators or clubs will not be tolerated.
- Operations involving multiple operators (i.e., NETS) are permitted but must be approved by the VA3LGA Net Manager, Robert (VA3KTU).

- *BEFORE operating a net or changing any net-related policy, please reach out to Robert (Robssshop387@gmail.com). (This includes special event usage of the repeater, such as MS Bike events, etc)*
- Morning net (ARTAS) operators should strive to finish net operations by 08:30 to minimize interference to other repeater nets in our coverage area.
- For Net operations, the net controller may give their callsign identify more frequently, for example "VA3BRC looking for check-ins", but it is undesirable to repeat the net controller callsign with check-ins. For example, "VA3XXX, this is VA3BRC please go ahead", rather the Net Controller would respond "VA3XXX, please go ahead".

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ARTAS NET PREAMBLE

Good morning, everyone. This is the "Amateur Radio Travel Advisory Service" for the (day) (month) (year).

This net meets every morning at 0800 hours on The Lansdowne repeater, VA3LGA, which is operated by the B.A.R.C. "Brockville Amateur Radio Club" and has been in operation since December of 1993.

Net control is (your name) (call sign) and is located in (town or area).

(Give latest available weather and traffic). **(Break.)**

The conduct of the net and participants is as follows:

1. Identify yourself by your license call sign.
2. Report the weather and traffic from your QTH.
3. Keep transmission within the 3 minute repeater timeout. If you wish to continue a conversation, do so after the net once the repeater is returned to regular amateur use.
4. Political, religious, racial, or sex/gender comments or innuendos will not be tolerated.
5. Respect for other operators is expected.

CALL FOR STATIONS:

"ARE THERE ANY MOBILE OR PORTABLE STATIONS WISHING TO CHECK-IN FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER... PLEASE CALL NOW." *(when stations give their call, wait no more than 5 seconds before acknowledging. If no stations call, wait 30 seconds before repeating the call for all stations).*

"ARE THERE ANY BASE STATIONS WISHING TO CHECK-IN FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER... PLEASE CALL NOW." *(when stations give their call, wait no more than 5 seconds before acknowledging. If no stations call, wait 30 seconds before repeating the call for all stations).*

Last Call:

This is the last call for any station wishing to check in to the ARTAS net. Please call now. *(If no stations answer, do not make further "last calls").*

Thanks to all those who have checked in this morning and all those listening. We had (number) check-ins including net control.

This net will meet again tomorrow morning at 0800 hours, and your net host will be (net host callsign and first name).

This is (call sign) returning VA3LGA to normal amateur radio use. 73.