



The W4UC Repeater Rules of Conduct

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The repeater owners or trustees can alter or make exceptions to these Rules of Conduct at any time, for any reason, with or without prior notice.

REPEATER OWNERSHIP STATEMENT

Five Flags Amateur Radio Association owns and operates 4 Repeaters in the Escambia Florida area. FFARA has been assigned the call sign of W4UC by the FCC. FFARA operates these repeaters under all rules and regulations set forth by the FCC Regulations Part 97. All 4 FFARA repeaters are open for all to use. **The FFARA 146.760 and MDMR Repeaters are used for ARES and Emergency Traffic and when in use as such, please refrain from using them for any traffic other than traffic pertinent to ARES and ECOM.** The W4UC repeaters and all assets are owned by the Five Flags Amateur Radio Association. Yearly dues and fund raisers provide the means to support club functions and all hardware, upgrades, and maintenance of the repeater. **Club members have precedence using these repeaters.**

Trustee for the W4UC Call Sign is Larry Limle N4TAC
Custodian for the 146.76 Repeater is N4TAC
Custodian for the 145.45 and 443.85 Repeaters is N4SAR
Custodian for the 444.325 DMR Repeater is KB4HAH

These repeaters are as follow:

**146.760 located in Gonzalez Florida that requires a 100 Hz tone
(This repeater operates FM Analog and Yaesu Fusion)
145.450 located in Pensacola at the US Navy hospital that requires a 100 Hz tone
443.850 located in Pensacola at the US Navy hospital that requires a 100 Hz tone
444.325 DMR repeater located in Pensacola at the County EOC on W Street that requires a 100 Hz tone**

The 146.760 Repeater is a dual function repeater having both FM Analog and Yaesu Fusion available. Neither Fusion nor FM Analog has precedence over the other. If there is an Analog QSO ongoing, do not start a QSO on Fusion and visa versa.

BASSIC RULES FOR OPERATION:

- Always identify yourself according to the regulations
- Avoid lengthy (>30 mins)conversations, or go to a simplex freq. or another repeater.
- Do not interrupt existing conversations unless you have something meaningful to add.
- Yield to existing or emergency activities: ARES, RACES, Skywarn, Monday Night net, etc.
- Skywarn should follow the Skywarn NWS procedures and/or requests from NWS.
- Do not engage in political or religious conversations. Do not engage in any personal antagonisms.
- Do not use CB lingo, and preference is to use correct phonetic amateur radio alphabet listed on ARRL.org.
- Always yield the frequency to a breaking station (any station with emergency traffic)
- Selling items OTHER than ham related equipment is not allowed
- Watch your language; our repeaters are "G-Rated" 24 hours a day
- If you hear stations jamming or interfering do not make any comment, ignore them. Do not antagonize those interfering! Note the date, time, call signs or lack of, and other info to Club President and/or Club Trustees.
- No Broadcasting is allowed! FCC CFR 47 Part 97.113 part 5B.
- Transmitting touch tones to gain control of repeater functions or to cause interference to users is prohibited! This includes ANY transmission intended to disrupt communications between users.

LET THE REPEATER DROP AFTER A TRANSMISSION BEFORE KEYING UP TO TRANSMIT

This allows the repeater to reset and not time out. A short pause also allows any station who wants to engage in the QSO time to identify.

Conduct on the repeater should be governed by common sense and courtesy.

If you find you want to have a QSO and any one repeater is being used, there are many other repeaters that cover the immediate area. You can also go Simplex for long personal QSOs.

The FIVE FLAGS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION reserves the right to ban any operator from the use of ANY Repeater that is under the control of W4UC, FFARA per FCC Regulations. This is totally at the digression of the Trustees and Officers of the Five Flags Amateur Association and is not open for debate.

For further questions about the operations of any FFARA Repeater, contact information can be found on WWW.W4UC.ORG, The W4UC FaceBook Page, the W4UC look up page on QRZ.COM or on the FCC ULS Database.