

# Wide Area Digital Net / Linked System Considerations

The W9ILS Wide Area Digital Net utilizes linked repeaters, WIRES-X, YSF Reflectors, EchoLink, and Facebook audio as world-wide amateur radio communication pathways. Given the wide scope of this net and the multiple pathways, please adhere to the following considerations while participating.

- 1. The W9ILS Wide Area Digital Net is a directed net. Follow the net control station's instructions and only transmit when instructed to do so.**
2. There are typically 20 or more stations that participate. To manage the check-in process and keep the net moving, we take 3 *check-ins at a time*.
3. Please wait a few seconds after the last transmission before keying up.
  - If you jump in too quick no one will hear you
  - It can take 2 or 3 seconds for the links to sync before we hear you
4. **In the digital world, *doubles cannot be heard*.** If Net Control does not acknowledge you then we did not hear you.
  - This happens most frequently early on in the net when multiple stations try to check in at the same time
  - ***To insure no one gets missed, we frequently pause the net to give anyone missed a chance to check in.***
  - Normally if you wait 15 or 20 minutes after the net is underway before trying to check in the process goes much smoother.
5. Feel free to use [NetLogger](#) or the [PVARC NetLogger Monitor Page](#) to keep track of acknowledged check-ins and the order in which they will be called.
  - Keep in mind that logging into [NetLogger](#) does not automatically add you to the check-in list. Once logged in, you show up on AIM (Almost Instant Messaging) and we manually add your call sign to the list.
  - Using NetLogger also allows you to send messages to the Net Control station, the NetLogger, and others logged in.

**In summary**, this is a digital net during which ***only one station at a time can be heard***. Please keep that in mind and be patient while participating.