

CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC NET

Net Guidelines

- 1) The net frequency is 3906 KHz. The net time is **18:30** Pacific.
- 2) The purpose of the net is to handle Formal Written Traffic by the ARRL NTS guidelines.
- 3) Early check-ins are allowed, starting at 18:00.
- 4) Start the net promptly at **18:30**.
- 5) Allow Net Control to manage the net. Do not transmit unless asked to do so by Net Control or a designated relay station.
- 6) Do not interrupt the net during the call for EMERGENCY or Priority traffic for other net business. The silence is to give stations holding such traffic a chance to be heard.
- 7) EMERGENCY and Priority traffic have priority over all other net business.
- 8) Traffic may be handled on or off net frequency at Net Control's prerogative.
- 9) All members must check in six (6) times in a calendar month to remain on the roll call.
- 10) At the Net Manager's prerogative, a dropped member may be reinstated simply by requesting reinstatement; otherwise the station will be treated as a new member (see below).
- 11) Stations wishing to join the net must check in six (6) times in a thirty (30) day period to be added to the roll. Only the Net Manager can add a station to the roll. A station is NOT added to the roll just because they have checked in six times. You must ask them if they wish to be added. Some stations prefer the flexibility of not being on the roll and continue checking in as visitors.
- 12) Because of the CTN footprint, propagation, and NCS station capabilities, relay stations are used to ensure all members and visitors have an opportunity to check into the net. One or two relay stations should be chosen prior to the beginning of the net, depending on band conditions.
- 13) Relay stations should be as far from the NCS as possible to ensure net footprint coverage.
- 14) Relay stations should be called upon just prior to roll call and as often as is necessary to ensure that stations that cannot hear Net Control do not get frustrated and leave the net; and stations that can hear other stations asking for a relay do not get frustrated and transmit without being asked. In bad propagation this may require **four or more breaks in the roll for relays**. Under good conditions at least one break should be taken.
- 15) Relay stations should assist Net Control during the net. They should be the only stations transmitting to acknowledge stations Net Control cannot hear, or to inform Net Control of a skipped station on the roll call. Note that anyone can be a relay, official or not.