

Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association Repeater Operation Rules 22 January 2020

The W7DG Amateur Radio Club maintains and operates high quality, local/medium-coverage repeaters for the use of all amateur radio operators. Operation and use of these repeaters shall comply fully with the Amateur Radio Service (Part 97) regulations of the Federal Communication Commission's Private Radio Service, and the following rules of the Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Club.

1. The LCARA repeaters are provided for the purposes of contacting and passing information between fellow amateur radio operators and providing service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
2. In the spirit of the Amateur Radio Service, users shall respect and support each other in a courteous and positive manner.
3. Due to the coverage of the club repeaters and the club's membership size, the length of conversations should be kept to a minimum. Conversations shall be limited to 10-15 minutes. Operators should always pause before transmitting to allow another station to break in. Please use simplex frequencies or HF bands for "rag-chewing".
4. Operators shall announce their call sign and at the end of each communication, also every ten minutes or less during a communication.
5. There shall be absolutely no communications containing obscene, indecent or profane words, language or meaning. Discussion of political, religious or potentially sensitive social issues shall be avoided.
6. No one shall cause or condone the malicious or intentional interference of anyone's communications on the repeaters.
7. Operators shall not communicate with or discuss the actions of anyone who violates these rules.
8. The Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors reserves the right to forbid the use of the repeaters by anyone who repeatedly violates these rules or anyone who facilitates or encourages others to violate these rules.