

PINELLAS ACS/ARES® - WINLINK TRAINING NET

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

1.1 PINELLAS ACS/ARES NET CONTROL SCRIPT

The Pinellas County ACS-ARES® Winlink Training net is held bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings at 1930 hours local. The following panels contain the Net Control Station (NCS) script to be used during the net.

Please follow the directions listed below when using the script.

- a. The text within quotes should be broadcast to the net as written.
- b. Notes within the script provide additional information to the NCS. They are displayed in **Blue** and should not be broadcast to the net.
- c. The place holders (*Call sign*) and (*Name*) should be replaced with the FCC Call Sign and name of the individual identified in the script.
- d. The **ACTION** statements within the script describe the actions to be performed by the NCS or the station called by the NCS. They are displayed in **Red** and should not be broadcast to the net.

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“CQ, CQ, CQ, this is the Pinellas County ACS/ARES® Winlink Training Net.”

“This is (*Call sign*) and my name is (*Name*). I am the Net Control Station for this evening’s Net.”

Note: Please confirm that an Alternate Net Control Station has been assigned prior to the net.

“Our Alternate Net Control Station is (*Name*), (*Call sign*). (*Name*) please acknowledge if you are on frequency.”

ACTION - Acknowledge the Alternate NCS.

“The local time is now _____” (**Use 24-hour format**)

“This is a directed net. Please listen to and follow the directions of Net Control. All stations are asked to remain on frequency until released by net control. If you need to leave the net, please wait for a pause in transmissions, transmit your callsign, wait to be acknowledged, and then request release.”

“This is a mixed mode voice and digital net. To participate in the voice segment of the net, your radio must be capable of transmitting a sub-audible tone of 156.7-Hz. The W4ACS Repeater System transmits this sub-audible tone so CTCSS can be used.”

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“To participate in the digital segment of the net, members should have a system capable of exchanging Winlink traffic with a VHF, UHF, or HF gateway station. Members who do not yet have an operational RF Winlink capability are requested to use Telnet.”

“The purpose of this net is to familiarize the Pinellas ACS membership with the Winlink skills needed to support an activation event and to practice digital network operations.”

“Each week prior to the net, the net control station will send a Winlink bulletin to all registered Pinellas ACS Winlink Training Net participants. This bulletin will detail the objectives and planned activities for the net.”

“This is (*Call sign*). I will now take check-ins for the net. When checking into the net, please provide Net Control with your call sign and traffic list. Please speak slowly, clearly, and phonetically. Also, please call one at a time and wait for Net Control to acknowledge each station before a new station attempts to check in.”

“Stations with a prefix that begins with the letter A (Alpha), the letter K (Kilo) or the letter N (November). Please call now.”

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

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“I will now take check-ins from stations with a prefix that begins with the letter W (Whiskey). Please call now.”

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

“Not hearing any more Whiskey stations, I will now take check-ins from EchoLink. EchoLink stations please call now.”

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

“I will now take check-ins from any station. Please call now.”

ACTION - Acknowledge check-ins by call sign.

“Not hearing any more stations, we will now proceed with the business of the net.”

***Note:** Each Winlink Training Net is designed to meet a unique set of objectives. Please refer to the corresponding Winlink training bulletin for detailed information. Once the training objectives have been met, the NCS will close the net.*

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***Note:** Prior to closing the net, the NCS should create and deliver a Net Report message to the PACS Net Manager. The message is created using the standard ARRL® Radiogram format described on the next page. A sample PACS Net Report message is shown in Figure 1.*

“Mark, W8QFV, our net manager, are you on frequency and ready to receive tonight’s Net Report?”

ACTION – NCS sends Net Report message to the Net Manager.

“This is (*Call sign*) and I am the Net Control Station for the Pinellas County ACS/ARES® Winlink Training Net.”

“Do I have any final comments or questions before I secure the Net?”

ACTION - Acknowledge comments and questions

“For additional information about Winlink Training, please download the Pinellas ACS/ARES® Winlink Training Plan. The document is located on the Pinellas ACS web site under the training tab. You can also contact the Pinellas ACS Training Officer via email at WA1RYQ@ARRL.NET.”

“The local time is now _____” (**Use 24-hour format**)

“I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and participation in the net. All net participants are free to secure.”

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“This is (*Call sign*). The net is now closed and the frequency available for normal Amateur use.”

END OF SCRIPT

1.2 PINELLAS ACS NET REPORT MESSAGE

Prior to closing the net, the NCS should create and deliver a Net Report message to the PACS Net Manager. The message is created using the standard ARRL® Radiogram format described below. A sample PACS Net Report message is shown in Figure 1.

- a. Message Preamble
 - (1) Number – The message number is a unique numeric value (i.e., no letters or special symbols) that is assigned by the station originating the message.
 - (2) Precedence – **ROUTINE**
 - (3) Handling Instructions (HX) – **Leave Blank**
 - (4) Station of Origin – The amateur radio call sign of the NCS that originated the message.
 - (5) Check – The number of word groups contained within the text section of the message.
 - (6) Place of Origin – Location of the NCS (**City State**)
 - (7) Time Field – Enter the time, in 24-hour format (local time), that the message was created.
 - (8) Date – Enter the date that the message was created.
- b. Message Addressee – The call sign of the PACS Net Manager (**W8QFV**).
- c. Message Text – Use the following message text in the report. Each place holder, (*Number*), should be replaced with the appropriate values for the Net.
**PINELLAS ACS/ARES WINLINK TRAINING NET REPORT CHECKINS (*Number*)
BULLETINS (*Number*) FORMAL TRAFFIC PASSED (*Number*) MINUTES (*Number*)**
- d. Message Signature – The name and call sign of the NCS originating the message.

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	NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE	
PREAMBLE →	1	R		WA1RYQ	16	SEMINOLE FL	2028	OCT 13	
ADDRESSEE →	TO W8QFV				THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT				
					AMATEUR STATION _____ PHONE _____				
					NAME _____				
					STREET ADDRESS _____				
	TELEPHONE NUMBER _____				CITY, STATE, ZIP _____				
MESSAGE TEXT →	PINELLAS		ACS/ARES		WINLINK		TRAINING		NET
	REPORT		CHECKINS		0		BULLETINS		0
	FORMAL		TRAFFIC		PASSED		0		MINUTES
	0								
SIGNATURE →					MIKE		WA1RYQ		
	FROM			DATE		TIME		TO	
	REC'D							SENT	
THIS MESSAGE WAS HANDLED FREE OF CHARGE BY A LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR, WHOSE ADDRESS IS SHOWN IN THE BOX AT RIGHT ABOVE. AS SUCH MESSAGES ARE HANDLED SOLELY FOR THE PLEASURE OF OPERATING, NO COMPENSATION CAN BE ACCEPTED BY A "HAM" OPERATOR. A RETURN MESSAGE MAY BE FILED WITH THE "HAM" DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE TO YOU. FURTHER INFORMATION ON AMATEUR RADIO MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, 225 MAIN STREET, NEWINGTON, CT 0611					THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC. IS THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY OF LICENSED RADIO AMATEURS AND THE PUBLISHER OF QST MAGAZINE. ONE OF ITS FUNCTIONS IS PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMUNICATION AMONG AMATEUR OPERATORS. TO THAT END, THE LEAGUE HAS ORGANIZED THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM FOR DAILY NATIONWIDE MESSAGE HANDLING.				

Figure 1. Sample Pinellas ACS Winlink Training Net Report Message

Record of Changes

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DRAFT REV (-)	Initial Release	22/09/2021
DRAFT REV (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrected formatting and spelling errors• Section 1.2, Pinellas ACS Net Report. Net name changed from ACS/ARES Net to ACS/ARES Winlink Training Net.• Updated Figure 1. Net name changed from ACS/ARES Net to ACS/ARES Winlink Training Net.• Record of Changes page added.• Updated reference to the Pinellas ACS Training Officer.	10/14/2021