

W3HAC Remote Station Terms and Conditions

1. You must be a member of the W3HAC (HacDC) Amateur Radio Club and pay \$15/month for access.
2. After payment, you ***must*** receive training on how to use the remote station by Zach (KJ5BIN) or Don (K6ZO) ***PRIOR TO*** using the remote station. Damage to the remote station will be your sole financial responsibility if you have not received training.
3. When using the remote station **DO NOT** monopolize the station.
 - a. Directions
 - i. Operating times are from the beginning of the hour (ex. 3:00 PM) until twenty-five minutes after the hour (ex. 3:25 PM). Or, thirty minutes past the hour (ex. 3:30 PM) until five minutes prior to the start of the next hour (ex. 3:55 PM).
 - ii. When the operating window has closed, the remote client ***MUST*** be relinquished for five full minutes. This can be achieved by **completely** logging out of the client and closing the connection to the remote station. This is in place to allow any other member who wishes to use the station the chance to operate. (Failure to completely disconnect from the server will constitute a violation.)
 - iii. If no other user is connected after the full five minute rest period, the user may re-connect and occupy the next operating period.
 - iv. If another club member is connected to the station upon re-connection, the user is **PROHIBITED** from using the station until the next operating period, unless the current club member voluntarily relinquishes control of the remote station and **COMPLETELY** disconnects from the client. (See requirements for proper and complete disconnect in 3.a.ii)
 - v. If a club member is utilizing the remote station in the proper manner during an operating period, and a second club member connects to the station; the operating club member should message the second club member to see if they need to use the station for a brief (five minutes or less) interval. If the second

club member requests this use, the operating club member **SHOULD** allow the second member to utilize the station, but is not required to relinquish use of the station.

4. Any member not following the aforementioned directions will be in violation of the terms of use of the W3HAC remote station.

a. Reporting a Violation

- i. If a club member witnesses another user committing a violation of the terms of use, the club member must not confront the user correctly.**
- ii. The witnessing club member MUST email the W3HAC email account (w3hac@w3hac.org) to report the violation.**
 - 1. Please provide the callsign of the user, the date and time of the violation in UTC, and any other pertinent information to the violation within your email.**
- iii. The club member(s) responsible for the remote station (KJ5BIN and/or K6ZO) will investigate the violation report within two (2) business days of the report.**

5. Penalties for violations are as follows:

a. First Violation:

- i. The violating member will receive a written warning by email, text, or printed document notifying the member of their violation.**
 - 1. The warning will include the user's callsign, IP address, date and time of the violation (in UTC), and any information deemed pertinent to the violation (ex: faults, high SWR, high ALC, etc.).**

b. Second Violation:

- i. The violating member will receive a written notice of ban from transmitting for a period not to exceed one week (7 days) from the time the notice is issued. This notice will be presented to the member by email, text, or printed document.**
 - 1. The written notice of transmission ban will include the user's callsign, IP address, date and time of the violation (in UTC), and any information deemed pertinent to the violation (ex: faults, high SWR, high ALC, etc.).**

- c. **Third and All Subsequent Violations:**
 - i. **The violating member will receive a written notice of ban from transmitting for an indefinite period, pending W3HAC board review. This notice will be presented to the member by email, text, or printed document.**
 - 1. **The written notice of transmission ban will include the user's callsign, IP address, date and time of the violation (in UTC), and any information deemed pertinent to the violation (ex: faults, high SWR, high ALC, etc.).**
 - 2. **Third and all subsequent violations may constitute permanent removal from the W3HAC remote stations if the W3HAC board deems permanent removal necessary.**
6. **Any user who is permanently removed from the remote station by the W3HAC board will be immediately removed from the remote station.**
- a. **Any and all usage fees, subscriptions, and donations WILL NOT be refunded to the violating member.**

*For questions and/or clarifications to these terms of use, please email w3hac@w3hac.org **PRIOR TO** beginning your subscription. By donating \$15 per month to W3HAC to access the remote station, you accept these terms and conditions and agree to be bound by them.*