

## **VARC W5DSC Conference Room Use Policy**

The Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) sponsors three W5DSC Conference Rooms which operate under the rules and regulations of the National governing authority of the FCC. Two are not active and are used only to permanently connect to other WIRES-X rooms.

The 145.130 MHz YAESU System Fusion repeater system hosts WIRES-X room 45155 in digital mode. This is an active conference room and connections to this Conference Room are encouraged but subject to the active room use rules described below.

The 443.350 repeater is configured for analog mode only. An HRI-200 directly connected to the repeater makes the WIRES-X digital connection to room 45155. No connections are allowed to the 443.350 room.

The 443.800 MHz YAESU System Fusion repeater system connects to SADRC digital Fusion network 40324 in digital mode. No connections are allowed to the 443.800 room.

All VARC W5DSC repeaters and Active Conference Rooms have been coordinated with the Texas VHF/UHF Society and are open to all licensed Ham Radio operators for:

- General Ham communications (QSO's) as defined by the FCC.
- Individual priority or emergency communications.
- Scheduled and approved NETS.
- VARC sponsored events.

All Connections to this Conference Room are subject to the following:

- All Wires-X connections to the room MUST be Digital. NO Analog connections are allowed.
- All Wires-X connections via a repeater utilizing an HRI-200 interface to the room, MUST select and configure the repeater to operate in the same operational mode as configured in WIRES-X.
- All RF connections to the room must be Digital System Fusion on the host repeater's frequency.
- This is a family-friendly room and controversial subjects like religion, politics, world wars, and etc. normally need to be avoided.
- General Ham communications are prohibited during emergencies, scheduled and approved NETS and sponsored VARC events.
- The Room Coordinator or the VARC repeater steering committee must approve all uses of the room other than general Ham communications.
- This policy will be published on the VARC web page and notification of updates to this policy will be communicated on all club communications.
- General Ham communications are also prohibited during scheduled connections to other Rooms for educational and informational events. Such events and times will be posted in advance in the VARC W5DSC room notes as well as other club communications.
- Nobody likes rules, and we'd rather not spell them out. Unfortunately, history shows that they are necessary. Repeated or egregious disregard will result in you being blocked from the room.
- Ham Radio is a wonderful place to experiment. We encourage that but please don't experiment on this room's network.

This room is a great gathering place for area Licensed hams as well as Hams traveling in its coverage area. As always, be courteous to others using the room as it should be understood that no one owns a frequency so please share and don't hog the room. VARC encourages all hams to program their radios for connecting to this room and are encouraged to use the room often. Any questions or comments concerning the VARC W5DSC room should be directed to the Room Coordinator Bob Bailey KG5JWX and can be reached via email at [kg5jwx@gmail.com](mailto:kg5jwx@gmail.com).