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Best Practices for DXers

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Best Practices for Courteous and Efficient DXing

1. Know the DX callsign and the location of the pileup by listening carefully to the DX station and the pileup before calling.

2. Beware of erroneous spots: Copy the DX station's call sign yourself.

3. Be careful never to transmit on the DX frequency – learn how to use your radio properly.

4. Never interfere with an existing exchange of information.

5. Always send your full callsign.

6. Call once and then listen. Then call again, if appropriate. Try not to call during an existing QSO.

7. Respond only if the DX operator calls you. One letter or number of your call is NOT enough reason to call.

8. If the DX operator has sent your call correctly, do not repeat it unless required by licensing regulations.

9. Do not call if the DX operator asks for other geographic areas.

10. To encourage the most courteous and efficient operation, operate in the way that you would expect others to operate.

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- *Know the DX station's callsign and the location of the pileup.*

   (Practice finding the stations being worked.)

- *Beware of erroneous spots. Copy the DX callsign yourself.*

- *Be careful never to transmit on the DX frequency. Learn all of the features of your radio thoroughly.*

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- ***Never interfere with an existing exchange of information.***

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- ***Always sign your full callsign.***

- ***Call once and then listen. Then call again. Try not to call during an existing QSO.***

Best Practices for DXing and DXpeditioning

- *Respond only if the DX operator calls you!*

  (One letter or number is NOT enough reason to call.)

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- ***If the DX operator has your call correctly, do not repeat it!***

- *(Caveat: Be aware of regulations.)*

Best Practices for DXing and DXpeditioning

- ***Do not call if the operator asks for other geographic areas.***

- *To encourage the most courteous operation, operate in a way that you would expect others to operate.*

Best Practices for DXpeditions

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Best Practices for DXpedition Operating

1. Check transmit and receive frequencies before starting.

2. Use split operation from the beginning.

3. Maintain a rhythm of regular transmissions – no long silences.

4. Do not use excessive speed on CW. Slow down when signals are weak.

5. Reduce speed further on CW to pass information to the pileup.

6. Sign our call sign at least every minute.

7. Issue calling instructions after every QSO, for example 'UP5 EU' on CW or 'NA UP 5-10' on SSB.

8. Minimize Pileup Width: Suggest Max 5-8 kHz CW and 10-15 kHz SSB.

9. Move receive frequency in a generally regular pattern.

10. Repeat corrected call signs so everyone is confident of being correctly logged.

11. Work and log dupes, it's quicker.

12. Don't leave the pile-up hanging. Keep the callers informed about QRT/QSY, etc.

13. Maintain a moderate, but "in-charge" attitude.

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- ***Check transmit and receive frequencies before starting.***

- **(Avoid "certain situations".)**

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- ***Use split operation from the beginning.***

- *Maintain a rhythm of regular transmissions –no long silences.*

Best Practices for DXing and DXpeditioning

- ***Do not use excessive speed on CW.***

- ***Slow down when signals are weak.***

- *Reduce speed further on CW when attempting to pass info.*

- ***Sign your callsign at least once every minute.***

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- *Issue calling instructions after* *every* *QSO.*

- *Minimize pileup width.*

- *Suggest 5-8 kHz on CW and 10-15 kHz on SSB.*

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- ***Move your receive frequency in a generally regular pattern, but...***

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- *Repeat corrected callsigns so everyone is confident of being logged.*

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- ***Work and log dupes. It's quicker.***

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- ***Don't leave the pileup hanging. Keep the callers informed of QSY/QRT.***

- *Maintain a moderate, but in-charge attitude.*

For additional information on these "Best Practices," click the links at:

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