

CFMC 2M Foxhunting Rules

General

1. Name and Purpose
The name of the rules shall be the “CFMC 2M Foxhunting Rules” and shall provide a guide for the conduct of the 2M hunts.
2. Authorization
The CMFC 2M Foxhunt is sponsored by the Chicago FM Club.
3. Starting Time
The starting time for the 2M foxhunt is the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8 PM local time.
4. Starting Location
Centennial Park off Rowling Rd just south of Lake St in Addison. An alternate location may be chosen by a majority of the hunters if it is found necessary.

The Rules for the Fox

1. Access of the 2M repeater and acknowledgement of the Hunters
The Fox must be heard by a simple majority of the hunters and strong enough to provide an unambiguous direction. If this is not possible, a general direction may be given by the Fox if a majority of the Hunters agree. A PL tone will be transmitted necessary to access the repeater.
2. Power, Antenna or Location Change
Power, antenna or location used at the release transmission should not be changed. If it is necessary to make a change, the Hunters must be notified of the changes to be made. A full explanation must be given after the hunt. Increase of power or antenna height at the request of a Hunter is permissible.
3. Release of the Hunters
The fox will list the Hunters from the Master. Then the Fox will release the hunters after a one (1) minute transmission with the words, “The Hounds are released”.
4. Transmissions
The Fox will transmit only intelligible audio signals for one (1) minute and then release the Hunters. A pattern of one (1) minute transmissions with four (4) minutes of silence will be followed until the end of the hunt. No feedback from other radios are allowed and short transmissions will be made only if requested by a Hunter.
5. FCC Compliant Transmissions
The Fox must clearly identify by calling one of the Hunters. This makes the transmission legal and fully compliant with FCC rules.

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6. Forbidden Hidding Spots

A If a spot cannot be reached without trespassing or crossing a barrier designed to keep people out, it should no be used.

B If it is customary to pay for admission in or out of an area, it should not be used.

C Areas requiring entrance to a building that are engaged in business or who would not permit such activity, should not be used.

D Any area that may be adversely involve the general public or give the appearance of a security risk, should not be used.

7. Control of the Finish

The Fox must establish a means of knowing who finished the hunt and the order. This is critical if the Fox is not near the antenna (e.g. using a long coax or remote device).

8. Acknowledge the Hunter

The Fox, when confronted properly (See Hunter Rule 4a) by a Hunter, will answer, "Yes".

9. Meeting Place After the hunt.

The Fox will be responsible for establishing a meeting place for the Hunters after the hunt. The location can be announced at any time by the Fox but no later than at the end of the hunt.

10. Multiple Foxes

Each fox will comply to the rules of the fox except that the last Fox will release the Hunters.

The Rules for the Master of the Hounds

1. Order of Release

The Master of the Hounds, who was last month's Fox, will contact the Fox on the hunt frequency, or any other frequency or device if it is necessary. If last month's Fox is not available or is not able to contact the Fox, an alternate Master may be chosen.

2. List of Hunters to the Fox

The Master will ask if all the Hunters are ready. When this has been verified, the Master will contact the Fox and provide a list of the Hunters who are ready to hunt.

3. Results of the Poll

Results of the poll will be relayed to the Fox. If a majority (>50%) of the Hunters heard the fox and are able to determine an unambiguous direction, the Master will verify that a required number of Hunters are ready before contacting the Fox to start the 1st transmission.

4. Polling the Hunters

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The Master will poll the Hunters after the test transmission and ask each hunter of they heard the Fox.

The Rules for the Hunters

1. Check-In

All competing Hunters must check in to the Master. This includes all members of the hunting team. Only those who check-in will be eligible to officially find the fox. No outside help is allowed including remote sites.

2. Release Order

The Hunters must leave in the order they arrived at the starting point Exceptions to this are:

A Multiple exits are used

B Hunters who do not hear the Fox sufficient for a bearing may leave later.

C Hunters who experience mechanical or technical problems.

This rule is included to provide for a safe and orderly start of the hunt.

3. Conduct on the Road

Hunters must drive in a safe manner at all times. Any hunter receiving a ticket or is involved in an auto accident will be disqualified.

4. Order of Finish

The Hunter who arrives at the spot designated by the Fox will have finished.

A If this spot is the Fox, the Hunter must reach the Fox and ask, "Are you the Fox?" and follow with the team call sign.

B If the spot is separate from the Fox, a method of determining the order of finish must be apparent to both the Hunter and the Fox.

5. Transmissions Other than the Fox

At no time will a Hunter transmit on the hunt frequency while the Fox is on the air. Transmissions may be made only if there is a very good reason.

6. Succeeding Fox

The Hunter who wins the hunt will be the Fox on the next month's hunt. An alternate Fox may be substituted for good reason.

Changes to the Rules

Any request for a change to the rules must be presented to the Foxhunt Chairman. Any changes will be in effect one (1) month after the new rules are distributed to the Hunters.

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