Song Meter Protocol

Set Up:

1. To turn the Song Meter on, open the front panel and toggle the switch on the right side of the Song Meter from **EXT** power source to **INT**.
2. Wait for the Song Meter to start up and reach the **Main Menu** screen.
3. Scroll down to **Settings** and press Enter.
4. Scroll to **Date and Time** and press Enter.
5. To set the date and time, scroll to the point you wish to change and use the arrow keys up and down to change values. Press Enter once you have reached the correct value.
6. Press the left arrow key to navigate back to the Settings menu, then press it a second time to go back to the **Main Menu**.
7. Scroll down to **Schedule** on the Main Menu and press Enter.
8. Select **Edit Schedule** and press Enter.
9. Using the same methods as you did to set the date and time, set the start and end times of your recording. Set the Duty to Always.
    a. Duty: how often the device will be recording during the time period you have programmed.
    b. We want our recordings to start at 10:30 pm (**22:30**) and end at 11:30 pm (**23:30**).
10. Press the left arrow button twice to navigate back to the **Main Menu**.
11. Scroll down to the **Utilities** menu and press Enter.
12. Scroll down three times to **Format Cards** and press Enter.
13. Ensure the SD card is inserted into the Song Meter, then press **Yes** to confirm the formatting of all memory cards.
14. At this time, you can now press the **Schedule Start** button and your Song Meter is ready to be deployed! The Song Meter will go to sleep until its programmed recording time.
    a. Our Song Meters will be deployed for one night.
15. Once you have completed your recording, the Song Meter can be collected and turned off by turning the power switch back to **EXT**.

Additional Information:

1. If the Song Meter goes to sleep, you can toggle the power switch to start it back up or press **Schedule Stop** twice to get back to the Main Menu.
2. Each Song Meter is powered by four D batteries. These can be accessed and changed by opening the front panel of the logger, pushing in and pulling towards you on the indented circle located between the memory card slots. This will open the back compartment where the batteries are housed.
3. We recommend removing all data from the SD card before loading it into a Song Meter.