

Rules for the 62nd Annual QCWA QSO Party - 2018

QCWA invites all licensed radio amateurs worldwide to participate in the 24-hour QCWA QSO Party. The QCWA QSO Party is a friendly annual operating event in the format of a contest.

Schedule: The date for the Spring QSO Party is March 10th and 11th, 2018 (Saturday & Sunday) commencing at 1800 UTC March 10th and ending at 1800 UTC March 11th, 2018. As this is the weekend when Daylight Saving Time starts in most of North America, note that the QSO Party start is at 1 pm EST (10 am PST) on Saturday, and it finishes 24 hours later at 2 pm EDT (11 am PDT).

Modes: Mode classifications are CW/Digital, Phone and Mixed. Digital modes are included within the CW category. Stations employing the QsoNet (CQ100) service are a separate category and are required to submit separate logs for QsoNet (CQ100) operations. QsoNet (CQ100) operations cannot be combined with on-the-air operations for scoring. All entries are single transmitter, even if more than one operator, and there are no separate power categories.

Frequencies: Bands from 160 meters through 6 meters may be used, except for the WARC bands at 10, 18, and 24 MHz and the channelized band at 5 MHz. Stations operate according to the privileges of the operator's license. No cross-band, repeater, satellite, IRLP, or EchoLink operations are permitted. QCWA suggested HF frequencies are:

Suggested starting frequencies for CW: 1.810 3.540 7.035 14.040 21.050 28.050

Suggested starting frequencies for Phone: 1.845 3.810 7.244 14.262 21.365 28.325

Information Exchange: The callsign, year of license, name and chapter/state/province/country. Fill all Columns on the Log Sheet Form. For the "year" column, indicate the last 2 digits of the year the contacted operator was first licensed. If that station does **not** belong to a QCWA chapter, indicate the state, province or country only. The latter would apply to Non QCWA members as well as to QCWA members not affiliated with a local chapter. **Do Not mention the term "At Large"(AL), as this can be confused with AL for Alabama.** Digitally produced logs should supply the same information as the paper log.

Categories: You may choose to work all modes (**MIXED**) or (**PHONE**) only, or (**CW/DIGITAL**) only.

Scoring: Completed CW/Digital QSOs, such as RTTY, PSK31, MFSK etc., **score 2 points each**; Phone QSOs **score 1 point each**. The score calculation is the number of completed and logged QSO points multiplied by the number of individual chapters, states, provinces and countries worked. **Regardless of band or mode, a multiplier of only one point per contest is allowed** for each QCWA chapter worked and for each state, province or country reported from stations not belonging to a QCWA Chapter.

Any station may be contacted once per band/mode. CW is considered a digital mode so a station contacted both on CW and a digital mode on the same band can only be scored once. An additional 100 bonus points are awarded for each QSO with QCWA Memorial Station W2MM for each band and mode. Duplicate QSOs on a band/mode do not count for additional bonus points.

QCWA Memorial Club Station Special Points: We are hoping to be able to make the QCWA station W2MM active. W2MM counts for an additional 100 points bonus points for each QSO by band/mode, but duplicates on a band/mode do not count for additional bonus points. W2MM will use the exchange elements for the operator, and these may be different on different band/modes.

Certificates: Certificates will be issued for the top 3 worldwide winners of the four categories, CW/Digital, Phone, Mixed, and QsoNet (CQ100) modes.

Logs: Send paper logs to Robert Buus W2OD, 8 Donner Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733-2004 or digital logs in Cabrillo format to <**w2od@aol.com**>. Deadline for submissions will be 30 days after the event date. Stations operating the QsoNet mode are to be logged on separate forms and will only be scored within their QsoNet mode category.

These rules and printable paper log forms are published on the QCWA website at <http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm>