

NEW HAMPSHIRE QSO PARTY RULES

(Revised February 11, 2012)

The New Hampshire QSO Party is sponsored by the Port City Amateur Radio Club (PCARC) to promote Amateur Radio activity within the State of New Hampshire.

OBJECT:

To provide an opportunity for Amateur Radio Operators to contact and exchange QSO information with as many other Amateur Radio Operators as possible during the published contest time period in accordance with the rules of operation.

RULES OF OPERATION:

1. Operation will be in accordance with current FCC rules.
2. The use of spotting nets, by way of repeaters, packet nodes, simplex operation, telephone, IM or any other means is prohibited in all categories of operation.
3. Operation on all bands and modes is permitted, except on 60 meters, 30 meters, 17 meters and 12 meters. Use of repeaters is prohibited.
4. Stations may be worked once per band per mode. The digital modes include CW, RTTY, PSK and all other non-speech modes. The phone modes include AM, SSB and FM.
5. The NH QSO Party is held the second full weekend in February. Starting at 1600 UTC Saturday until 0400 UTC Sunday. Then from 1200 UTC Sunday until 2200 UTC Sunday.
6. All logs and summary sheets must be submitted no later than March 31.
7. Any station not abiding by any of the rules will be disqualified.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES (MHz):

CW - 1.815, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045

Phone - 1.875, 3.935, 3.950, 7.235, 14.280, 21.380, 28.390

EXCHANGE:

New Hampshire Stations Send signal report and county (Example: 59, Rockingham or 5NN ROC on CW)

Non New Hampshire USA Stations Send signal report and State. (Example: 59, Texas)

Canadian Stations Send signal report and Province. (Example: 59, Quebec) DX Stations Send signal report and "DX". (Example: 59, DX)

STATION CATEGORIES:

NON-CLUB CATEGORIES (both inside and outside of NH):

- Single Transmitter QRP
- Single Transmitter Low Power
- Single Transmitter High Power
- Multi Transmitter/Multi operator Low Power
- Multi Transmitter/Multi operator High Power
- Single Transmitter/Multi operator High Power
- Single Transmitter/Multi operator Low Power

Low Power <= 150 watts QRP <= 5 watts

Any stations not clearly indicating power level on their submitted log will be considered to have operated in the High Power category for the entire contest period.

CLUB (BONUS STATION) CATEGORIES (NH Only):

Club stations are designated bonus stations and are worth extra points/contact/mode: W1WQM, W1WMV, W1BST, W1FZ, K1BKE, K1NCR, N1QC, NM1JY and AD1T.

An individual station may enter any of the non-club categories and also contribute its total score to one Bonus Club Station of which the station operator is a member in good standing.

While operating under a club call sign, as a Bonus Point Station, a station operator will not earn contest points towards their individual station score.

POINT SCORING:

New Hampshire Stations Count one (1) point per phone QSO with any station Count two (2) points per digital QSO with any station .Count five (5) points per phone QSO with a NH Bonus Point Station. Count ten (10) points per digital QSO with a NH Bonus Point Station.

Non New Hampshire Stations Count one (1) point per phone QSO with any NH Station. Count two (2) points per digital QSO with any NH Station. Count five (5) points per phone QSO with any NH Bonus Point Station. Count ten (10) points per digital QSO with any NH Bonus Point Station.

MULTIPLIERS:

New Hampshire Stations: Your multiplier is the number of NH counties, states (excluding NH), VE provinces/territories and one (1) DXCC country (excluding USA, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii)**worked. All additional DXCC countries worked do not count as multipliers. They do count as contacts.

A maximum of sixty-nine multipliers are allowed: 1 DXCC country, 49 States, 10 NH counties and 9 Canadian sections. Washington DC QSOs count as Maryland Contacts. Maritime mobile contacts should be counted as a QSO but not as a multiplier.

Non-New Hampshire Stations: Your multiplier is the number of New Hampshire counties worked. The ten New Hampshire counties are: Rockingham (ROC), Hillsborough (HIL), Cheshire (CHE), Strafford (STR), Merrimack (MER), Sullivan (SUL), Grafton (GRA), Belknap (BEL), Carroll (CAR) and Coos (COO)

FINAL SCORE:

Multiply the total QSO Points times your multiplier to arrive at your final score.

LOG SUBMISSION:

Logs and summary must be submitted to the contest chairman.. The summary file must include the number of QSO points claimed, the number of bonus station points claimed. The total number of multipliers claimed and the total number of points claimed. Paper logs and electronic logs (Cabrillo format log file and an ASCII summary file) may be sent to:

Dave LeDuc
26 Tanglewood Dr
Newton, NH 03858

Or emailed to n1ix@arrl.net

AWARDS:

General:

Awards will be issued to the highest scoring station in each of the station categories as well as the highest scoring station in each category in each county, state, province and country which submits a log with at least 5 QSOs.

Other Awards:

1. Certificates will be issued to all other New Hampshire participating stations.
2. Certificates of Recognition may be given, at the discretion of the PCARC, to stations, which show special effort, above and beyond normal activities.
3. The PCARC President's Plaque will be issued to the overall high score Non New Hampshire station.