



# 2017 Ontario QSO Party Rules

**The Ontario QSO Party is open to all amateur radio operators world-wide.**

**Dates and Times:** Held on the third full weekend of April each year.

For 2017, the contest periods are 1800Z April 15 to 0500Z April 16, and 1200Z to 1800Z April 16.

**Objectives:** For Ontario stations to contact as many amateur radio stations as possible on as many bands as possible world-wide. For stations outside Ontario to make as many contacts with Ontario amateur radio stations as possible.

**Frequencies:** All Bands 160-2 meters with the exception of the WARC bands.

**Suggested Frequencies for Mobiles/QRP:**

HF SSB: 1.870, 3.735, 7.070, 7.260, 14.130, 14.265, 21.260, 28.360

HF CW: 1.830, 3.530, 7.030, 14.030, 21.030, 28.030

VHF/UHF SSB: 50.130, 144.205

VHF/UHF FM: 52.540, 146.550

**Suggested Manner of Operation:** Work HF SSB on the hour, work HF CW on the half hour.

**Use of FM:** Operators cannot use repeaters for either contest contacts or for soliciting contacts. Please keep the FM Simplex calling frequency of 146.520 MHz. clear.

**Categories:**

*FIXED STATIONS*

- Multi-operator multi-transmitter
- Multi-operator two-transmitter
- Multi-operator single-transmitter
- Single Operator QRP Mixed mode (5 watts and under)
- Single Operator Mixed Mode - Low Power (Under 150 Watts)
- Single Operator Mixed Mode - High Power (150 Watts and over)
- Single Operator Phone only - Low Power (under 150 watts)
- Single Operator Phone only - High Power (150 Watts and over)
- Single Operator CW only - Low Power (Under 150 Watts)
- Single Operator CW only - High Power (150 Watts and over)

MM means any number of simultaneous transmissions allowed,

M2 means only two simultaneous transmissions allowed and

MS means only one transmission allowed at any time.

## *ROVER / MOBILE*

- Multi-operator
- Single-operator

A **mobile station** is a station that moves between multiplier areas operating from a vehicle (either stopped or in motion) only using antennas that have the capability of being used while in motion. All antennas must be on the vehicle and contacts may be made either while moving or stationary.\*

A **rover station** is a station that moves between multiplier areas. Antennas may be mounted off the vehicle when stopped but contacts can be made with vehicular antennas when in motion.\* All antennas must be transported by the vehicle.

If a mobile or a rover station is on a county line or junction between 2 or more counties, a separate QSO and complete exchange must be made and logged for each county worked.

\* Please note that for all intents and purposes rover/mobile are treated the same in the OQP. They are NOT separate categories.

Mobile and rover stations are encouraged to sign “/” and present multiplier location as part of the CQ e.g. VE3XXX /TOR. This way, other operators can anticipate their moves to a new multiplier area.

**Remote operation** is permitted in all fixed categories. When operating remote, send the county where the transmitter is located.

**Exchange:** Ontario stations send signal report and their county abbreviation as per the [Ontario multiplier list](#). Ontario stations must log received signal report and county, province, state, or DXCC country abbreviation (the abbreviation “DX” is also acceptable).

Non-Ontario stations send signal report and province, state, or DXCC country or abbreviation. Non-Ontario stations must log received signal report and county abbreviation as per the [Ontario multiplier list](#).

**Scoring:** Ontario stations work everyone. Non-Ontario stations work Ontario stations only. Mobile/Rover stations may be worked again when they change multiplier areas.

Score 1 QSO point for each station worked on phone per band. Score 2 QSO points for each station worked on CW per band. You may work a station TWICE per band: once on phone and once on CW.

Score 10 QSO points for each contact made with CCO club station VA3CCO, ODXA club station VE3ODX, and RAC Ontario club station VA3RAC.

All fixed stations claim 1 multiplier point for each Ontario county worked on each band. (see [Ontario multiplier list](#)).

Ontario fixed stations also claim 1 multiplier point for each Canadian province/territory, U.S. state and DXCC country worked on each band.

Rover/Mobile stations claim the sum of multipliers worked from each different location.

Total Score = Total QSO points x total multiplier points.

**Mobile/Rover Bonus:** Mobile/Rover stations add 300 bonus points for each Ontario multiplier activated. To

earn the mobile/rover bonus a station must make at least three contacts with three different stations from the multiplier area.

**Use of DX spotting networks:**

The use of DX spotting networks is permitted. Self spotting in any form is not permitted.

**Awards:**

See the [Awards page](#) for details.

**Log Submission:** All entries are encouraged to submit their entry in Cabrillo format, which is the standard used by all contest logging programs. The deadline is 30 days post-contest, after which the entry will be classified as a Check Log. Entries must be submitted via the web page no later than May 16, 2017. You may also e-mail your log to [oqp@va3cco.com](mailto:oqp@va3cco.com) with your callsign in the Subject line.

We will also accept paper logs. Paper logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest. For 2017, entries must be postmarked no later than May 16, 2017. If you cannot submit via email, use the mailing address on the Contact page.

*Log submit page:* [Go to log submit](#)

*Mailing address:* [Contact Us page](#)

*Entry forms:* [Ontario QSO Party Summary Sheet](#)

**Results:** Results will be posted on the CCO website as they come in. Final results will be published on the web site and may also be published in "The Canadian Amateur" depending on available space.

| <b>OnQP Ontario Multiplier List</b>             |     | <b>Region</b> |
|---|-----|---------------|
| Algoma District                                 | ALG | Northern      |
| City of Brant                                   | BRA | Southwest     |
| City of Brantford                               | BFD | Southwest     |
| Bruce County                                    | BRU | Southwest     |
| City of Chatham-Kent                            | CHK | Southwest     |
| Cochrane District                               | COC | Northern      |
| Dufferin County                                 | DUF | Central       |
| Durham Regional Municipality                    | DUR | Central       |
| Elgin County                                    | ELG | Southwest     |
| Essex County                                    | ESX | Southwest     |
| Frontenac County                                | FRO | Eastern       |
| Grey County                                     | GRY | Southwest     |
| Town of Haldimand                               | HAL | Southwest     |
| Haliburton County                               | HLB | Eastern       |
| Halton Regional Municipality                    | HTN | Central       |
| City of Hamilton                                | HAM | Central       |
| Hastings County                                 | HAS | Eastern       |
| Huron County                                    | HUR | Southwest     |
| City of Kawartha Lakes                          | KAW | Eastern       |
| Kenora District                                 | KEN | Northern      |
| Lambton County                                  | LAM | Southwest     |
| Lanark County                                   | LAN | Eastern       |
| Leeds & Grenville United Counties               | LGR | Eastern       |
| Lennox-Addington County                         | LXA | Eastern       |
| Manitoulin District                             | MAN | Northern      |
| Middlesex County                                | MSX | Southwest     |
| Muskoka District                                | MUS | Northern      |
| Niagara Regional Municipality                   | NIA | Central       |
| Nipissing District                              | NIP | Northern      |
| Town of Norfolk                                 | NFK | Southwest     |
| Northumberland County                           | NOR | Eastern       |
| City of Ottawa                                  | OTT | Eastern       |
| Oxford County                                   | OXF | Southwest     |
| Parry Sound District                            | PSD | Northern      |
| Peel Regional Municipality                      | PEL | Central       |
| Perth County                                    | PER | Southwest     |
| Peterborough County                             | PET | Eastern       |
| United Counties of Prescott & Russell           | PRU | Eastern       |
| City of Prince Edward                           | PED | Eastern       |
| Rainy River District                            | RAI | Northern      |
| Renfrew County                                  | REN | Eastern       |
| Simcoe County                                   | SIM | Central       |
| United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry | SDG | Eastern       |
| Sudbury District                                | SUD | Northern      |
| Thunder Bay District                            | TBY | Northern      |
| Timiskaming District                            | TIM | Northern      |
| City of Toronto                                 | TOR | Central       |
| Waterloo Regional Municipality                  | WAT | Southwest     |
| Wellington County                               | WEL | Southwest     |
| York Regional Municipality                      | YRK | Central       |