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Ontario QSO Party Rules

2012

The Ontario QSO Party is open to all amateur radio operators regardless of license class world-wide.

Dates and Times: Held on the third full weekend of April each Year. For 2012, the contest periods are 1800Z April 21 to 0500Z April 22, and 1200Z to 1800Z April 22.

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 can not 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 to Legal Limit)
- Single Operator Phone only Low Power (Under 150 watts)
- Single Operator Phone only High Power (150 Watts to Legal Limit)
- Single Operator CW only Low Power (Under 150 Watts)
- Single Operator CW only High Power (150 Watts to Legal Limit)

ROVER/MOBILE

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- 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 parked.*

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.*

* 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 "/M", "/R", or the equivalent on phone so that other operators can anticipate their moves to a new multiplier area. It is also useful to include the present multiplier location as part of the CQ e.g. VE3XXX/R/TOR

Exchange: Ontario stations send signal report and their county abbreviation as per the Ontario county 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 County 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 county 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:

There are no penalties for using DX spotting networks. Self spotting in any form however is not permitted.

Awards:

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See the Awards page for details.

Log Submission: Entries should be postmarked no later than May 18, 2012.

Log submit page: Go to log submit

Mailing address: Contact Us page

If you cannot submit via email, use the mailing address on the Contact 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.

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