

Ontario QSO Party Rules

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

Dates and Times: Held on the third full weekend of April each Year. For 2024, the contest periods are 1800Z April 20 to 0500Z April 21, and 1200Z to 1800Z April 21.

Objectives: For Ontario stations to contacts 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 single-transmitter
- Single Operator QRP (5 watts and under)
- Single Operator QRP Mixed mode (5 watts and under)
- Single Operator Mixed Mode - Low Power (100 Watts and under)
- Single Operator Mixed Mode - High Power (over 100 Watts)
- Single Operator Phone only - Low Power (100 Watts and under)
- Single Operator Phone only - High Power (over 100 Watts)
- Single Operator CW only - Low Power (100 Watts and under)
- Single Operator CW only - High Power (over 100 Watts)

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/QTH where the transmitter is located.

Distributed Multi-Operator: Two or more stations can operate using a single callsign from two or more locations, acting as a single station. This is supported by N1MM as a distributed multi-operator station. Other logging programs may also support this. In this category, all station(s) must be located within one county, and all stations will send the same county for their exchange. For all practical purposes, a distributed multi-operator station will appear (on the air) to be operating from a single location.

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 stations VA3CCO, VE3CCO ODXA club station VE3ODX, and RAC Ontario 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.

SWL's claim only Ontario multipliers heard.

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 is permitted.

Awards:

See the Awards page for details.

Log Submission: Entries should be submitted via the online web page no later than one month after the OQP, for 2024 that will be May 21, 2024. Late submissions will be treated as Check Logs.

On-Line Log submittal page (preferred): Go to log submit

Text to Cabrillo converter (if needed):

http://b4h.net/cabforms/onqp_cab3.php

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