

2020 Ontario QSO Party Rules (revised 19Mar2020)

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 2020, the contest periods are 1800Z April 18 to 0500Z April 19, and 1200Z to 1800Z April 19.

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 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)

- Youth Plus (inside Ontario)
- Youth Plus (outside Ontario)

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.

Youth Plus - youth can be anyone 18 years of age and under. "Grandpa" can be anyone with a ticket.

The idea being - to have the youth do as much of the operating as possible - on-air exchange, calling CQ, etc. Grandpa (the licensed control op) would take care of logging the QSO, submitting the log, and anything else that is needed. Even though we use the term "grandpa", it is meant to help participants understand the concept rather than being a literal term. "Grandpa" can be anyone with an amateur radio license.

Please keep track of the times when you have help operating, and send an email with the operating time(s). We will score this part of the log separately to determine the winner. We will also score the complete log. Youth Plus entries will be listed separately in the contest results.

This was new in 2017, and we hope some folks will give this a try. The real intent is to have youth "catch the magic" of ham radio. If you have any questions, please ask. We have tried to make the concept easy to understand, and to make it as inclusive as possible.

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 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: 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: Entries should be submitted via the online web page no later than one month after the OQP, for 2019 that will be May 22, 2019. 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" depending on available space.

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