

Arizona QSO Party Rules



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Objective: Contact old friends, make new friends, and have fun! Join the party! Stations outside Arizona (AZ) contact as many AZ stations as possible. Arizona (AZ) stations, activating as many counties as possible, contact everybody.

Contest Period: 2nd full weekend of October, 1600Z (**9am MST**) Saturday to **0600Z Sunday (11pm MST Sat)**, and 1400Z (**7am MST**) Sunday to 2359Z (**5pm MST**) Sunday, 24 hours total. For 2009, the contest will be held October 10-11.

Categories: Single-operator, single transmitter, Multi-operator, single transmitter, and AZ Mobile. Power categories: High Power (>150W), Low Power (<150W), and QRP (<5W). Use of spotting nets and other assistance allowed in Multi-Single category only. AZ Portable stations operate in the Mobile category.

Contest Exchange: Send signal report and State, Province or DXCC prefix. Arizona Stations add County (e.g. AZMCP).

Valid Contact: Work stations once per band/mode 160m-2m excluding WARC bands. CW and Digital are considered separate modes, and contacts in these modes must not be made in the phone band segments. Mobiles that change counties are considered as new stations, and can be worked again for both Multiplier and QSO Point credit. County line (two counties max) QSOs should be logged as two separate QSOs. Crossmode, crossband and repeater QSOs are not permitted. All operators must observe the limitations of their operator and station licenses at all times.

Suggested frequencies (kHz unless otherwise noted): CW: 1812, 3548, 7048, 14048, 21048, 28048, 50048. SSB: 1848, 3848, 7248, 14248, 21348, 28448, 50148. FM Simplex: 146.48MHz.

QSO Points: Count one point per phone QSO, two points per CW and Digital Mode QSO.

Multiplier: Stations outside Arizona use Arizona counties as multipliers for a total of 15. Arizona stations use States (50) (DC counts as MD), Canadian provinces (13) and DXCC countries as multipliers.

Bonus Station: Receive a one-time bonus of 100 points for a QSO with the Catalina Radio Club station, **W7SA**, on any band and mode during the contest period.

Scoring: Total score = (QSO points * Multipliers) + Bonus Points. Mobiles count QSO points per county and multipliers from all counties (counted once). County line operations count as two QSOs for both stations.

Reporting: Logs should indicate date/time in UTC, bands, modes, callsigns and complete exchanges. Club entries are encouraged and should be indicated if applicable. Electronic entries using the Cabrillo log format are HIGHLY encouraged. Paper entries MUST use the provided summary sheet. Dupe sheet required for paper entries over 50 QSOs. Entries must include Station and Operator callsigns, entry category, and both email and postal mailing addresses, and be submitted no later than Friday, October 31, 2009 by email to logs@azqsoparty.org or by postal mail to AZQP, PO Box 18135, Tucson AZ 85731.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the top scorers (25 QSO minimum) in each Arizona county, US state, Canadian province and DXCC country. A number of special plaques will also be awarded to top scorers (check the Web site for a current list).

More information: The Arizona QSO Party Web site is at <http://www.AZQSOParty.org>. Check there for up-to-date information on planned fixed-station, portable and mobile activity from Arizona counties, county abbreviations, contest software information, and plaques to be awarded. AZQP results will be posted on the web site when they are complete. Questions can be addressed to info@AZQSOParty.org.

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AZQP Multipliers

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Arizona Stations: Use the "AZ" prefix along with the County Abbreviation for the exchange. This will help Non-Arizona stations operating other events.

Arizona Counties

County Name	County Abbreviation	State+County Abbreviation	Ham Population By County (2009)
Apache	APH	AZAPH	142
Cochise	CHS	AZCHS	722
Coconino	CNO	AZCNO	419
Gila	GLA	AZGLA	321
Graham	GHM	AZGHM	110
Greenlee	GLE	AZGLE	28
La Paz	LPZ	AZLPZ	134
Maricopa	MCP	AZMCP	8675
Mohave	MHV	AZMHV	900
Navajo	NVO	AZNVO	356
Pima	PMA	AZPMA	3101
Pinal	PNL	AZPNL	641
Santa Cruz	SCZ	AZSCZ	82
Yavapai	YVP	AZYVP	1304
Yuma	YMA	AZYMA	402

US States

AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA

HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD

ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH

NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC

SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

Canadian Provinces

AB, BC, MB, NB, NL

NS, ON, PE, QC, SK

NT, NU, YT

DX

Use DXCC prefix as the exchange and as a multiplier.

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