

Announcing:

75th CQ World Wide DX Contest

SSB: October 28-29, 2023 CW: November 25-26, 2023

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; Ends 2359 UTC Sunday

Log Deadlines: SSB – 2359 UTC Nov. 3 / CW – 2359 UTC Dec. 1, 2023

Join nearly 40,000 participants from over 200 DX entities and all 40 CQ Zones in the world's largest DX contest.

The CQ World Wide DX Contest (CQ WW) offers 48 hours of non-stop DX-chasing fun with activity taking place from virtually every part of the world! Whether you are competing for awards, looking for a few new band-countries, or simply filling up your logbook, the CQ WW offers something for everyone. Check out the Classic and Rookie Overlay categories for even more chances to enjoy ham radio's premier operating event! Or, perhaps the rapidly growing Youth and Explorer Overlays may be for you! Regardless of your entry class, the bands magically light up in the CQWW with activity levels that are unlike any other radio competition.

Some Contest Basics

Each mode is a separate operating event that runs for 48 hours from 0000 UTC Saturday until 2359 UTC Sunday. SSB is the last full weekend of October. CW is the last full weekend of November.

Working stations is easy. Exchange and log a signal report and your CQ Zone number (e.g., 59 05 on SSB or 599 05 on CW). If you're not sure which zone you're in, visit <http://bit.ly/1BHtmsP> for more information. Generally speaking for USA operators, the US west coast is in Zone 3, the east coast is in Zone 5, and the rest of the lower 48 is in Zone 4. Western Europe is mostly Zone 14 and Japan is in Zone 25. Make sure to accurately copy and log the other station's call and zone.

Contacts are valid only on the 1.8-, 3.5-, 7-, 14-, 21-, and 28-MHz amateur bands (No WARC bands or 60 meters).

Scoring

Your final score is based on QSO points earned for each contact times the number of multipliers worked. Contacts with other continents count three points each. Contacts with the same continent, but different country, count one point (except in North America where they count two points). Same-country contacts earn zero points, but do count for multiplier credit.

Multipliers are the number of DXCC entities and Worked All Europe (WAE) countries, plus IG9/IH9, worked on each band plus the number of CQ zones worked on each band.

Don't worry about calculating your score; the CQWW Contest Committee's contest log checking software will do that for you when you submit a log. Most participants are using readily available contest logging software to help as well (e.g., N1MM+, Win-Test, etc.).

Entry Categories

The competition is divided into Single Operator and Multi-Operator categories. There are also four additional Overlay sub-categories (see below).

Single Operator (all bands or any single band) – only one operator finds, makes and logs all contacts in the following categories:

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less
- QRP: 5 watts or less

Single Operator Assisted (all bands or any single band) – One operator may use DX spotting or other tools to help find contacts. Note that a CW decoder is considered assistance. The one operator must make and log all contacts in the following power categories:

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less
- QRP: 5 watts or less

Available Overlays

(Note: You may not enter more than one overlay; a single overlay must be selected.

Classic Category – Allows the use of only one radio (e.g., Single Operator, Two-radio operation is not permitted), no QSO finding assistance, and only counts the first 24 hours of operating time. Off-times are a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. Single Operator Assisted entries are not eligible for this Overlay category.

Rookie Category – Open only to operators who were first licensed as radio amateurs less than three (3) years before the date of the contest.

Youth Category – Available to single operators who are 25 years old or younger at the start of the contest.

Explorer Category – Established to allow amateurs to participate in the CQ WW Contest while experimenting creatively with Internet-linked stations and other new technologies. The goal of this category is to encourage innovation in operating strategies, station design, and technology adaptation. Single- and Multi-operator entries are permitted. See <https://cqww.com/explorer.htm> for more information.

Multi-Operator – more than one person is involved in operating the station.

Single-Transmitter: This category allows one transmitter to work any station. It may only change bands after 10-minutes on a band. Note: A second transmitter may be used to

work multipliers only. This category has some very specific restrictions so please read the full rules carefully.

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less

Two-Transmitter: Allows the use of two simultaneously transmitted signals on two separate bands. Each station may change bands as many as 8 times per hour.

Unlimited: Allows the use of one transmitted signal on each band.

Awards

Electronic certificates will be made available for everyone who submits an entry, provided that entry is submitted before the log deadline. Plaques are awarded to top finishers in major categories.

Submitting Your Log

Electronic logs should be in the Cabrillo format. Most logging software generates this file automatically. Upload your log on the web at <http://www.cqww.com/logcheck/>. The website also includes a utility to convert an ADIF-formatted log file if needed. Please note that paper logs are no longer accepted. All entries must be sent **WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS** after the end of the contest: no later than 2359 UTC **November 3, 2023** for SSB and 2359 UTC **December 1, 2023** for CW. Resubmitting an entry after the deadline will result in it being considered as a late log.

Only one entry is permitted for each callsign. If you submit a log multiple times, the latest log submission will replace any previous attempts. No further action is required.

Full Rules

The complete rules of the CQ WW DX Contest are available in English and 18 additional languages on the Web at <http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm> as well as the CQ magazine website at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com> (Look for link on home page or the CQWW DX Contest main page). In addition, there is a rules FAQ that provides additional answers to commonly asked questions.

You are strongly encouraged to review the rules and the frequently asked questions before the contest, especially for possible minor changes in some rule details from previous years. Any questions may be submitted at any time via the on-line contact form at <http://cqww.com/contact/>. The most important requirement for **all** competitors, however, is to **have fun!**