
Announcing:

The 2008 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest

SSB: March 29–30, 2008 CW: May 24–25, 2008
Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday

I. Period of Operation: 48 hours. Single Operator stations may operate 36 of the 48 hours. **Off times must be a minimum of 60 minutes in length.** Multi-Operator stations may operate the full 48 hours.

II. Objective: The object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact as many amateurs in other parts of the world as possible during the contest period.

III. Bands: The 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used. No WARC bands allowed. **Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged.**

IV. Terms of Competition (for all categories): All entrants must operate within the limits of their chosen category when performing any activity that could impact their submitted score. Only the entrant's callsign may be used to aid the entrant's score. **A different callsign must be used for each entry.** Transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee, whichever is greater. All antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers used by the entrant. All high power categories must not exceed 1500 watts total output power on any band. No self-spotting of any form on DX spotting nets is permitted for any category. Self-spotting is defined as generating packet spots for your contest callsign by: (a) using your own callsign; (b) spotting your call while using another callsign; or (c) the spotting of your callsign by other stations as a result of prearranged solicitation.

Categories: Note—CATEGORY and CATEGORY-OVERLAY** names for use in the CABRILLO file header are shown in (italics).

1. Single Operator (Single Band and All Band) (*SINGLE-OP ALL HIGH* or *SINGLE-OP [BAND] HIGH*)

(a) One person performs all of the operating, logging, and, for the Assisted category only, spotting functions. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any time. **Maximum power allowed is 1500 watts total output.**

(b) **Low Power** (*SINGLE-OP LOW* or *SINGLE-OP [BAND] LOW*): Same as 1(a) except that output power shall not exceed 100 watts. Stations in this category will compete only with other low power stations.

(c) **QRP** (*SINGLE-OP ALL QRP* or *SINGLE-OP [BAND] QRP*): Same as 1(a) except that output power shall not exceed 5 watts. Stations in this category will compete only with other QRP stations.

(d) **Assisted/with Packet** (*SINGLE-OP-ASSISTED ALL HIGH* or *SINGLE-OP-ASSISTED ALL LOW*): Same as 1(a) except the passive use (no self-spotting) of DX spotting nets or other forms of DX alerting is permitted. Stations in this category compete only with other Assisted stations.

****The next two categories shown below require an additional line in your Cabrillo logfile header called CATEGORY-OVERLAY. See paragraph XII(d).**

(e) **Tribander/Single Element** (*TB-WIRES*)**: Tribander (any type) for the high bands with a single feedline from the transmitter to the antenna, and single-element low-band antennas (wires) category. During the contest an entrant shall use only one (1) tribander for 10, 15, 20 meters and single-element antennas on 40, 80, and 160.

(f) **Rookie** (*ROOKIE*)**: To enter this category you must have been licensed as a radio amateur three (3) years or less on the date of the contest.

2. Multi-Operator (All band operation only, high power only)

(a) **Single-Transmitter** (*MULTI-ONE*): Only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period (defined as 10 min-

utes). Exception: One other band may be used during any 10-minute period if the station worked is a new multiplier. Use a separate serial number sequence for each band. Logs found in violation of the 10-minute rule will be automatically reclassified as multi-multi. Maximum power allowed is 1500 watts total output. Your log MUST show the correct serial number sent and received for each contact.

(b) **Multi-Two** (*MULTI-TWO*): A maximum of two transmitted signals at any time on different bands. Both transmitters may work any and all stations. A station may be worked only once per band regardless of which transmitter is used. Use a separate serial number sequence for each band. Each of the two stations may make a maximum of 8 band changes in any clock hour (00 through 59 minutes). For example, a change from 20 meters to 40 meters and then back to 20 meters constitutes two band changes. Maximum power allowed is 1500 watts total output.

(c) **Multi-Transmitter** (*MULTI-MULTI*): No limit to transmitters, but only one signal (and running station) allowed per band at any time. Use a separate serial number sequence for each band. Note: All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter area or within property limits of the station licensee, whichever is greater. All operation must take place from the same operating site. Maximum power allowed is 1500 watts total output.

3. QRP Section: Single Operator only. **Output power must not exceed 5 watts.** You must note QRP in the header of your Cabrillo file, or in the case of non-Cabrillo logs, on the summary sheet and state the actual maximum output power used for all claimed contacts. Results will be listed in a separate QRP section and certificates will be awarded to each top-scoring QRP station in the order indicated in Section IX.

4. Low Power Section: Single Operator only. **Output power must not exceed 100 watts.** You must indicate low power in the header of your Cabrillo file, or in the case of non-Cabrillo logs, on the summary sheet and state the actual maximum output power used for all claimed contacts. Results will be listed in a separate low power section and certificates will be awarded to each top-scoring low power station in the order indicated in Section IX.

V. Exchange: RS(T) report plus a progressive contact three-digit serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. (Continue to four digits if past 999 and five if past 9999.) Your log MUST show the correct serial number sent and received for each contact.

VI. Contact Points:

(a) Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and six (6) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(b) Contacts between stations on the same continent, but different countries, are worth one (1) point on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and two (2) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz. *Exception:* For North American stations only—contacts between stations within the North American boundaries (both stations must be located in North America) are worth two (2) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and four (4) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(c) Contacts between stations in the same country are worth 1 point regardless of band.

VII. Prefix Multipliers: The prefix multiplier is the number of valid prefixes worked. A PREFIX is counted only once regardless of the number of times the same prefix is worked.

(a) A PREFIX is the letter/numeral combination which forms the first part of the amateur call. Examples: N8, W8, WD8, HG1, HG19, KC2, OE2, OE25, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall constitute a separate prefix. A station operating

from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its callsign is required to sign portable. The portable prefix must be an authorized prefix of the country/call area of operation. In cases of portable operation, the portable designator will then become the prefix. Example: N8BJQ operating from Wake Island would sign N8BJQ/KH9 or N8BJQ/NH9. KH6XXX operating from Ohio must use an authorized prefix for the U.S. 8th district (W8, K8, etc.). Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the second letter of the portable designator to form the prefix. Example: PA/N8BJQ would become PA0. All calls without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the first two letters to form the prefix. Example: XEFTJW would count as XE0. Maritime mobile, mobile, /A, /E, /J, /P, or interim license class identifiers do not count as prefixes. You may not make up your own prefix.

(b) Special event, commemorative, and other unique prefix stations are encouraged to participate. Prefixes must be assigned by the licensing authority of the country of operation.

VIII. Scoring (QSO Points):

1. Single Operator: (a) All Band score = total contact points from all bands multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked (prefix multiplier; prefixes are counted only once). (b) Single Band score = total contact points on the band entered multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked (prefix multiplier).

2. Multi Operator: Scoring is the same as Single Operator, All Band.

3. A station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit. Prefix credit may be taken only once.

IX. Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring station in each category listed under Section IV . . .

1. In every participating country.

2. In each call area of the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, and Asiatic Russia.

All scores will be published. To be eligible for an award, a single operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation and multi-operator stations must show a minimum of 24 hours of operation.

A single-band log will be eligible for a single-band award only. If a log contains more than one band, it will be judged as an all-band entry unless specified otherwise.

In countries or sections where entries justify, second- and third-place awards will be made.

X. Trophies, Plaques, and Donors:

Plaques and trophies are awarded for top performance in a number of categories. They are sponsored by individuals and organizations. For a current list of plaques and sponsors, or learn how to become a sponsor, see the CQ WPX website: <<http://www.cqwp.com/plaques.htm>>.

A station winning a World trophy will not be considered for a sub-area award. That trophy will be awarded to the runner-up for that area if the returns justify the award. Contestants who win a category for which no trophy is sponsored may contact <k5zd@cqwp.com> to arrange to order one.

XI. Club Competition: A trophy will be awarded each year to the club that has the highest aggregate scores from logs submitted by members. The club must be a local group and not a national organization. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographical area (exception: DXpeditions specially organized for operation in the contest and manned by members). Indicate your club affiliation on the summary sheet or in the CABRILLO file. To be eligible for an award, a minimum of three logs must be received from a club.

XII. Instructions for Submission of Logs:

(a) All times must be in GMT. All breaks must be clearly marked (not required for CABRILLO logs). Single operator and multi-single logs must be submitted in chronological order. Multi-Two logs must be submitted chronologically by band. Multi-multi logs must be submitted chronologically by band.

(b) All sent and received exchanges are to be logged. Logs without sent and received serial numbers will be reclassified as checklogs.

(c) **Electronic submission of logs is the expected method for all participants. It is required for all top-scoring entrants, for anyone wishing to compete for an award, and for all who use a computer to log the contest or prepare contest logs.**

(d) **Instructions for CABRILLO logs—IMPORTANT CHANGES BEGINNING IN 2008: Please put only your callsign in the Subject: field of the e-mail used to send your CABRILLO log. For U.S. and Canadian stations, please also indicate your ARRL Section in the CABRILLO header, (e.g. ARRL-SECTION: OH).** The CABRILLO file format is the standard. Do not rely on your logging program; use a text editor (Wordpad, Notepad, DOS Edit—no word processors) to make sure all of the CABRILLO header information is there, including the extra line in the header for CATEGORY-OVERLAY if you are entering the TB-WIRES or ROOKIE categories. Also be sure to indicate your club affiliation. For detailed instructions on filling out the CABRILLO file header, see the WPX Contest website (<http://www.cqwp.com>). Failure to fill out the header correctly can result in your entry being placed in the wrong category or reclassified as a checklog. Please do not mail printed copies of CABRILLO logs, as these are of no use to anyone.

(e) **E-mail is the expected method of log submission.** SSB CABRILLO logs should be sent to <ssb@cqwp.com> and CW CABRILLO logs should be sent to <cw@cqwp.com>. All logs received via e-mail will be confirmed via e-mail. A frequently updated listing of logs received can be found on the CQ WPX website at <<http://www.cqwp.com/logs.htm>>.

(f) **Instructions for NON-CABRILLO logs:** If you are not able to submit a CABRILLO log, you may submit the ASCII output from most of the popular logging programs such as TR, CT, NA, Writelog, and SuperDuper. You may also submit the *.BIN, *.DAT, *.QDF files from CT, TR, or NA. If your log is not in CABRILLO format, a separate summary sheet is required. Please name your files with your call and the file type. Example: N8BJQ submits a CABRILLO file. It should be named N8BJQ.LOG. If N8BJQ chose to submit a non-CABRILLO file such as TR's .Dat file, he should name the log file N8BJQ.DAT and the summary file should be N8BJQ.SUM. See <www.cqwp.com> for more information on e-mail log formats. **Any logs sent on floppy disk should be on 3.5" diskettes and sent in a proper mailer to prevent damage.** Non-CABRILLO Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts, correct QSO points, and prefix multipliers. Duplicate contacts must be clearly marked. An alpha/numeric check list of claimed PREFIX multipliers must be submitted with your log. Each non-CABRILLO entry must be accompanied by a Summary Sheet listing all scoring information, the category of competition, and the entrant's name and mailing address in BLOCK LETTERS. Also submit a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed.

(g) **Official log and summary sheets** are available from CQ Communications, Inc., 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA; fax (+1) 516-681-2926; or e-mail your request to CQ at <cq@cq-amateur-radio.com>. You may make your own forms as long as all required information is present.

XIII. Disqualification: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct, taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts, unverifiable QSOs or multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. An entrant whose log is judged by the WPX Contest Committee to contain an excessive number of discrepancies may be disqualified as a participant operator or station for a period of one year. If within a five-year period the operator is disqualified a second time, he or she will be ineligible for any CQ contest awards for three years.

Declaration: By submitting an entry in the CQ WPX Contest you agree that you have read and understood the rules of the contest and agree to be bound by them, as well as all rules and regulations of your country which pertain to amateur radio. All actions and decisions of the WPX Contest Committee are official and final.

XIV. Deadline: All entries must be postmarked NO LATER than May 1, 2008 for the SSB section and NO LATER than July 1, 2008 for the CW section. All logs, including e-mail entries, are subject to these deadlines. Indicate SSB or CW on your envelope. Logs post-marked after the deadline may be listed in the results, but will be ineligible for any awards. Check the WPX website <<http://www.cqwp.com>> for instructions on mailing WPX logs.

Questions pertaining to the WPX Contest may be e-mailed to the WPX Contest Director, Randy Thompson, K5ZD, at <k5zd@cqwp.com>.
