

# AZQP Rules

## 2018 Arizona QSO Party

**ELIGIBILITY:** All licensed Amateur Radio operators

**OBJECTIVE:**

- 1) Arizona stations work everyone.
- 2) Stations outside of Arizona work as many AZ stations as possible.
- 3) Work stations once per band per mode per AZ county.

**CONTEST PERIOD:** (2<sup>nd</sup> full October weekend; 24 hours total)  
1600z Oct 13 to 0600z Oct 14, and 1400z to 2400z Oct 14, 2018.  
(9 AM to 11 PM AZ Saturday, and 7 AM to 5 PM AZ Sunday)

**ENTRY CATEGORIES:** (Spotting assistance permitted in all categories)

- 1) Single-Op: High >150w, Low ≤150w, QRP ≤5w; Mixed, CW, Phone, Digital  
Digital has no differentiated power.
- 2) Multi-Op, One transmitter: High, Low; (No differentiated mode)
- 3) Multi-Op, Unlimited transmitters: (No differentiated power or mode)
- 4) Expedition: Single-Op, Multi-Op (No differentiated transmitters, power, or mode)  
An operation from a temporary location in one or more AZ counties using antennas installed for the contest period, using temporary supports or trees.
- 5) Mobile (No differentiated operators, power, or mode)  
An operation from a self-contained station capable of motion in one or more AZ counties. For safety reasons, single-ops should only operate while parked.

**MODES:** CW, Phone, Digital (RTTY & PSK31)

**BANDS:** 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters. Suggestions:  
CW on 1812 and 48 kHz up from the bottom band edge at ½ past the hour.  
Phone on 1848, 3848, 7189, 14248, 21348, 28448, 50148, 146.48 simplex.  
Digital on customary frequencies at ¾ past the hour.

**EXCHANGE:**

- 1) Arizona stations send signal report RS(T) and 3-letter county abbreviation:  
(APH, CHS, CNO, GLA, GHM, GLE, LPZ, MCP, MHV, NVO, PMA, PNL, SCZ, YVP, YMA).
- 2) Stations outside of Arizona send signal report RS(T) and 2-letter state, Canadian province or territory, or DXCC prefix.

**QSO POINTS:** CW=2; Phone=1; Digital=2

**MULTIPLIERS:**

- 1) For Arizona stations the multipliers are the 50 US states, the 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and DXCC countries. Multipliers count again for each mode. Total multipliers = (50 + 13 + DXCC) x 3.
- 2) For stations outside of Arizona the multipliers are the 15 Arizona counties. Multipliers count again for each band and mode. Total possible multipliers = 15 x 8 x 3 = 360.

**VALID CONTACT:**

A valid contact consists of the complete, correctly copied, two-way exchange between an Arizona station (AZ) and any other station (Non-AZ or AZ). Work stations once per band per mode per AZ county. Expeditions (or mobiles) spanning multiple county lines should be logged as multiple contacts, where each contact counts as both multiplier and QSO point credit. Mobiles that change counties are considered new stations and can be worked again for both multiplier and QSO point credit. A fixed single county station may be worked once on CW, once on Phone, and once on Digital on each of the 8 bands (maximum of 24 contacts). CW and Digital contacts must not be made in the phone band segments. Crossmode, crossband and repeater contacts are not permitted. Spotting assistance is permitted in all categories, however self-spotting is not allowed. All operators must observe the limitations of their operator and station licenses.

**BONUS POINTS:**

Receive a one-time bonus of 100 points for a QSO with **K7A** on any band or mode during the contest.

**SCORING:** Total Score = (QSO POINTS x MULTIPLIERS) + BONUS POINTS.

**LOG FORMATTING & SUBMISSION:**

The preferred log format is Cabrillo 3.0. The log file should be named simply callsign.log, where callsign is the callsign used in the contest. Please confirm that the header's CALLSIGN: matches the sent callsign in the QSO record. Log files should be emailed as an attachment to [logs@azqsoparty.org](mailto:logs@azqsoparty.org) Place your callsign in the subject line of the email. Paper logs may be sent to Radio Society of Tucson, P.O. Box 57315, Tucson, AZ 85732-7315

All logs must be received no later than 10 days after the contest (October 24, 2018).

**AWARDS:** Sponsored plaques are awarded to both AZ & Non-AZ Entry Category winners, the top AZ & Non-AZ Clubs, the top Canadian station, and the top DX station. A minimum of 30 QSOs is required to qualify for an award plaque. Clubs must submit at least 3 entries to qualify for a plaque. Certificates will be issued to all entrants.

**MORE INFO:** Check the Arizona QSO Party website [www.azqsoparty.org](http://www.azqsoparty.org) for up-to-date information on Awards, Activated Counties, Multiplier abbreviations, Resources, Logs Received, Results and more. Email: [info@azqsoparty.org](mailto:info@azqsoparty.org).