

2015 Arkansas QSO Party Rules

Sponsored by  - The Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest



CONTEST PERIOD

1400Z, Sep 12 to 0200Z, Sep 13, 2015
(Local time: 9am – 9pm Central Time, Sep 12, 2015)

INFORMATION

Rules and other related operating aids (Summary Sheet, Multiplier List, and Operating Tips) available at: www.arkqsoparty.com

OBJECTIVE

- ◆ Stations outside Arkansas work as many Arkansas stations in as many Arkansas counties as possible.
- ◆ Stations inside Arkansas work everyone.

BANDS

80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters. *WARC bands are not used for this event.*

MODES

SSB, CW, PSK, RTTY, FM

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES

CW: 3.540, 7.040, 14.040, 21.040, 28.040, 144.040

SSB: 3.850, 7.180, 14.280, 21.380, 28.380, 146.550

PSK / RTTY: 3.580, 7.080, 14.07015, 21.080, 28.080

FM: 146.520

EXCHANGE

- **Arkansas stations** send signal report and county designator (see [Inside Arkansas Multiplier list](#) for your county designator).
- **Non-Arkansas stations** send signal report and U.S. State or Canadian Province 2-letter abbreviation, or “DX” (see [Outside Arkansas Multiplier list](#) for your abbreviation).

ENTRY DIVISIONS

- ◆ Single-Operator High Power, Mixed (SSB or mixed mode): 151 watts up to legal band limit
- ◆ Single-Operator Low Power, Mixed (SSB or mixed mode): 6-150 watts
- ◆ Single-Operator QRP (SSB or mixed mode): 10 watts or less
- ◆ Single-Operator High Power, All CW
- ◆ Single-Operator Low Power, All CW
- ◆ All PSK / RTTY (All power levels)
- ◆ Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter (informal group or club station, all power levels)
- ◆ Multi-Operator, Multi Transmitter (informal group or club station, all power levels)
- ◆ Mobile (All power levels, Single or Multi-Op)
- ◆ Portable (All power levels, Single or Multi-Op)
- ◆ Rover (All power levels, Single or Multi-Op, **ARKANSAS ONLY**)

MULTIPLIERS

****Arkansas Stations:**

- ◆ U.S. States EXCEPT Arkansas (AR): 49 multipliers
- ◆ Arkansas counties: 75 multipliers
- ◆ Canadian Provinces: Alberta (AB), British Columbia (BC), Newfoundland and Labrador (NL), Manitoba (MB), New Brunswick (NB), Northwest Territory (NT), Nova Scotia (NS), Nunavut (NU), Ontario (ON), Prince Edward Island (PE), Quebec (QC), Saskatchewan (SK), and Yukon Territory (YT). 13 multipliers
- ◆ DX – Regardless of number of DX QSOs made, count 1 DX multiplier.

For a maximum of 138 multipliers.

****Non-Arkansas Stations:** 75 Arkansas counties

For a maximum of 75 multipliers.

NOTE: Multiplier Lists for both INSIDE ARKANSAS and OUTSIDE ARKANSAS stations can be downloaded at: www.arkqsoparty.com

SCORING

QSO points –

1 point per SSB QSO

2 points per CW QSO

3 points per PSK or RTTY QSO

(Duplicate QSOs will not be counted.)

The TOTAL SCORE is the total QSO points multiplied by the total number of multipliers worked, plus any bonus points (see AQP Summary Sheet).

BONUS STATIONS

The Bonus Station for the 2015 Arkansas QSO Party is:

K5NE – The Benton Amateur Radio Society

AA5AR – ARKAN, The Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 1. Any QSO(s) with Bonus Station K5NE or AA5AR is worth 200 bonus points per QSO.**
2. Stations may be worked once per band and mode.
3. Mobile or Rover stations can work other stations once per band and mode each time they change counties. Logs must clearly show county changes.
4. Rover stations can only operate *inside* the boundaries of Arkansas. There is no Rover category for out-of-state stations.
5. Mobile or Rover stations operating inside of Arkansas can claim a 500 point bonus per county that they operate from, in which their log reflects making at least 10 QSOs in each county.
6. Mobile stations operating *outside* Arkansas are not eligible for the mobile bonus, but are welcomed to participate in the out-of-state mobile division.
7. Rover or Portable stations that set-up within 3 miles either side of a county line or within a 3-mile radius of a multiple county line, can claim credit for operation from those counties.
8. Mobile, portable, or rover stations operating from *inside* Arkansas on a county line or a multiple county line, are allowed to send all applicable county designators in the same transmission. This option will be at the operator's discretion. *If multiple counties are used, both the sending and receiving stations need to ensure that the multiple counties are logged separately in their logs for proper QSO and point credit.*
9. CW contacts must be in the *true* CW segment of the band, and not in the Phone sub-bands.
10. Arkansas stations must use the correct AQP designator for their county in the exchange for all QSOs, and also in their logs (i.e. PULA – Pulaski, CRAG – Craighead, WASH – Washington, etc.).

See AQP Inside Arkansas Multiplier List to ensure you know the correct designator of the county (or counties if Mobile, Portable, or Rover) that you will be operating from.

11. **Non-Arkansas stations** use standard 2-letter U.S. state or Canadian Province abbreviation (i.e. TX, VA, OH, QC, MB, NT, etc.) in the exchange. **NOTE: Stations in the District of Columbia use Maryland (MD) abbreviation for this event.**
12. **Stations outside the U.S. and Canada** use “DX” in the exchange.
13. Contacts made by **outside-Arkansas stations** with other outside-Arkansas stations will not be counted for the Arkansas QSO Party. Work Arkansas stations only!
14. Duplicate QSOs will not be counted.
15. **Any station planning on participating inside the State of Arkansas as a Portable Station**, please send an e-mail to the AQP contest chair at: arkqsoparty@cox.net , and provide your operating information. We will then get you listed on the Dedicated Station/Portable map on the AQP website:
 - Callsign
 - County you'll be portable from
 - Mode(s) of operation
 - Band(s) of operation
 - Hours of operation in UTC (ex: 1400-2300Z)
16. All contacts must be simplex.

DEFINITIONS

Home station – A station that is operated from a fixed position. It does not need to be a home domicile. Club stations are considered home stations.

Mobile station – A station that is capable of operation while moving. Moving is defined as travel in a legal manner on highways. The radio must be one that is configured for operation inside a motor vehicle. The antenna must be of a type generally accepted as a mobile antenna. Mobile stations are not required to be in motion while operating.

Portable station – A station that is set up for the purpose of temporarily operating in the party from a non-fixed location, with the intention of teardown in the post party period. Typical of a portable station would be operations from a camp cabin, tent, pavilion, campsite, motel, etc. *Check with owners/local authorities to ensure you have authorization to operate from your selected location.* Antennas are not restricted, but are typically more home station like. Portable stations are not restricted in their power source. Battery, generator, or commercial mains is acceptable.

Rover station – A station that is capable of moving from one place to another, but is typically using a radio and antenna that are set up on site, then torn down and moved to another site. Rovers do not operate as a mobile while en route between operating locations.

QRP station – A station operating at a power level of 10 watts or less. QRP may be operated on any station setup capable of operation at 10 watts or less. To qualify for the QRP division, the *entire party* must have been run at QRP level.

AWARDS

Certificates will be awarded to the first-place finisher for each Entry Division in each U.S. State, each of the 13 Canadian Provinces, and each DX entity with an overall champion awarded for the DX category.

Certificates will be awarded to the first-place finisher for each Entry Division in each Arkansas county.

To defer postage and printing costs, awards will be sent to the winner's e-mail address as an attachment. The recipient can then download and/or print the certificate if they wish. The certificate is very handsome and suitable for framing.

LOG ENTRY DEADLINE

Log entries, either via electronic or paper log, must be received by **Saturday, September 26, 2015** to be included in the contest results.

SUBMITTING LOG ENTRY

Although electronic submission is preferred, contest log entries may be submitted via one of two methods:

1. Paper logs + AQP Summary Sheet, mail to:
Arkansas QSO Party
%Don Banta, K5DB
3407 Diana St.
Springdale, AR 72764
2. *Electronic logs must be submitted in Cabrillo format. All other formats (ADIF, etc.) **will not be accepted.*** Submit log via e-mail attachment to arkqsoparty@cox.net with the subject

line as shown below, and also must include a second attachment containing the Summary Sheet :

Example:

To: arkqsoparty@cox.net

Subject: [Your call]

Attachments: 1) [Your call].LOG 2) AQP Summary Sheet.doc

ALL LOG SUBMISSIONS, PAPER OR ELECTRONIC, must be accompanied by the Arkansas QSO Party Summary Sheet, available for downloading from: www.arkqsoparty.com. Click the "Op. Aids" tab.

Full AQP results will be posted on the ARKAN website as soon as they are tabulated following the entry submission deadline (Hopefully within 2-4 weeks). Keep checking www.arkqsoparty.com

Thanks for your participation in the AQP!!!