

Amateur Radio Club QSO Party Rules



Objectives are to publicize all participating radio clubs ages & history while encouraging activity on the bands and club station activation.

Sponsored by the South Jersey Radio Association K2AA. Contact clubqso@sjra.club with any questions.

Period: Third weekend in October. For 2020 Saturday, Oct 17th 16:00 UTC (12:00 EDST) to Sunday, Oct 18th 21:59 UTC (17:59 EDST)

Objective: Work as many Amateur Radio Club members as possible and Listed Amateur Radio Club Stations

Bands: All Amateur radio bands with the exception of 60m, 30m, 17, & 12m, and all modes including repeater contacts will be accepted.

I. Exchange:

- A. Club Members: Call / (club age) + (Club Acronym)
 - 1. International Club members in countries whose rules prevent sign / # can give their official club acronym, such as Limerick Radio Club would be "LRC", South Jersey Radio Association would be SJRA, etc.
- B. Non-Club Members: Call + Name

II. Scoring:

- A. Work each station once per band/mode. It is possible to work stations on multiple bands and modes. Cross band/mode is not allowed.
- B. Multiplier will be the number of unique Club Members worked. You can work the same Club Members in other modes and bands. However a Club member will only count once as a multiplier. Club Members are also included in the QSO count.
- C. Bonus 100 QSO Pts for contacting approved Club Stations (see club Station appendix)
- D. Modes allowed:
 - 1. CW
 - 2. Phone – SSB (FM, AM, LSB and USB count as the same mode), Repeater contacts count as phone.
 - 3. Digital – PSK/RTTY etc. (FT8/JT65 excluded due to missing exchange)

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E. Scoring Calculations

1. QSO Points summed X Club Members Worked + Club Stations Worked
2. Contacts (QSO Points)
 - a) *CW Contacts are worth 3 points each*
 - b) *Phone points are worth 1 point each*
 - c) *Digital Contacts are worth 2 points each*
3. Club Members Worked
Participating club members signing their call sign / ###. Each Club Member station can only be counted once as a multiplier. Clarification: Anyone signing their call /### would count as a club member. Even if they are not from your own radio club.
4. Example on how to calculate your score.

EXAMPLE			
Stations Worked CW	85	3	255
Stations Worked Phone	123	1	123
Stations Worked Digital	35	2	70
Sub Total +			448
Club Members Worked			32
Sub Total X			14336
Club Stations contacted (100 Pts each)			
		2	200
Final Score +			14536

F. Logs: Include the following information:

1. Date of QSO
2. Time of QSO UTC
3. Station Contacted Call Sign
4. Club Exchange Acronym if giving
5. Name Received in the exchange
6. Club Member Call Sign
7. Club Member Name
8. Band / Frequency of operation
9. Mode - CW, Phone, Digital

G. Log Summary Submission

1. Summaries to be submitted not later than November 20,2020.
2. Send summaries to clubQSO@SJRA.org.
3. Put your call sign / (Club age) and Club Name in the subject line and mailing address in the email.

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III. Awards:

A. Non-Club Members:

1. Highest overall score will receive a plaque
2. Station contacting the most Club members will receive a certificate
3. Station contacting all participating Club Stations will receive a certificate
4. Highest Score in each mode will receive a certificate

B. Club-Members:

1. Highest overall score will receive a plaque
2. Highest Score in each club will receive a certificate
3. Club-Members contacting all participating Club Stations will receive a certificate
4. Highest Score in each mode will receive a certificate
5. Contacts made using the club call sign will also count towards the individual operator's submission. The individual can also contact the same stations as the club station. But for Club stations multiplier use only unique club calls on individual log summary

C. Club Competition (see club rules and qualifications)

Gavel will be presented to the club which has the most percentage of their own membership contacting their club station in each of the three categories small, medium and large.

Gavel will be presented to the club with the most contacts with all amateur radio stations

IV. Additional Items:

- A. Club Members belonging to several clubs must choose one club and cannot change the / (club age) after the first contact is made.
- B. Club age is determined as to the age the club celebrated its last anniversary. For example, if your club was formed on June 12th, 1916 with the contest starting on October 17, 2020 then participants would sign their call / 104
- C. All participants must follow all FCC rules and regulations, international stations must comply with all amateur radio regulations in their country at all time.
- D. Participating members need not be located in the 175mile club operations circle as in other contests. For example, an out of area member of the South Jersey Radio Association can also sign their call sign /104Spotting networks and self-spotting are allowed

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- E. APRS contacts are not allowed.
- F. Ask repeater operators/owners for permission before using it for contesting.
- G. Logs can be requested by the sponsor to validate submitted summaries
- H. ALL decisions made by the sponsor are final!

V. Club Rules and Qualifications

- A. Qualifications (Contact ken clubQSO@SJRA.club for club operation schedule and form)

Qualified Amateur Radio Clubs must meet the following criteria

1. Amateur Radio Club Call issued by the FCC
2. Club must meet at least once per year
3. Club must be in existence for at least 1 full year before the start of the contest.
4. Club must submit a count of active members (Not including Honorary Members), Do not submit membership rosters, these are not required.
5. Club must submit an operations schedule by 00:00 UTC on October 10th 2020
6. Additional club station operation not listed in the schedule is allowed, however clubs are encouraged to follow the posted on the air schedule
7. ARRL Affiliation is not required.
8. Clubs must activate their club call for at least 12 hours out of the 30 hours of the contest.
9. The same equipment can be used by members for their personal contacts as well as club contacts.
10. Multiple club stations can be on the air at the same time as long as they are not on the same band and mode at the same time in accordance with FCC Rules
11. Clubs are responsible for their own QSL card processing
12. U.S. Club stations must sign their call sign / (club age) and give the official acronym for their club i.e. SJRA. Operator name would change with each operator.
13. International Club stations in countries whose rules prevent sign / # can give club name or acronym instead
14. Club Stations can only be operated only by active club members anywhere in accordance to policies setup by the club's call sign trustee
15. SJRA as the sponsoring club will not be eligible for the Club awards, SJRA's Contest team will also not be eligible for the individual awards.

- B. Club Categories

1. Large Club – 100 members or more
2. Medium – 25 to 99 members

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3. Small – Up to 24 members
- C. Club Submission
1. Club Name and Call Sign
 2. Summary Log based on consolidated Logs for all operations with the following information (logs can be requested if there are questions):
 - a) *Date of QSO*
 - b) *Time of QSO UTC*
 - c) *Station Contacted Call Sign*
 - d) *Club Exchange number if giving*
 - e) *Club Acronym or Name Received in the exchange*
 - f) *Club Member Call Sign*
 - g) *Club Member Name*
 - h) *ARRL Section*
 - i) *Band / Frequency of operation*
 - j) *Mode - CW, Phone, Digital*
 3. Summary list of all of the clubs own members contacted

