

2018 Arkansas QSO Party Rules

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CONTEST PERIOD

1400Z, May 12 to 0200Z, May 13, 2018

(Local time: 9am – 9pm Central Time, May 12, 2017)



INFORMATION

Rules and other related operating aids (Summary Sheet, Multiplier List, and Operating Tips) available at: www.arkqp.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, and 10 meters. *WARC bands are not used for this event.*

MODES

CW, SSB, DIGITAL

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES

CW: (plus or minus) 3.540, 7.040, 14.040, 21.040, 28.040

SSB: (plus or minus) 3.820, 7.2000, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360

DIGITAL: (plus or minus) 3.580, 7.080, 14.07015, 21.080, 28.080

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 – Single Operator (All power levels)
- Mobile – Multi-Operator (All power levels)
- 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 seen/downloaded/printed on the OPERATING AIDS page at: www.arkqp.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 ARQP Summary Sheet).

BONUS STATIONS

The Bonus Stations for the 2018 Arkansas QSO Party are:

W5AHS – Alpena High School Radio Club

WR5P – Noiseblankers Radio Group

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 1. Any QSO(s) with Bonus Station W5AHS or WR5P 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 1 mile either side of a county line or within a 1-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 from 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 in the contact, 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. For stations operating from a multi-county line (3 or more counties), be advised that MARAC (The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club) DOES NOT recognize more than two counties credited per contact. If after the contest you receive a Mobile Reply Card (MRC) or a QSL from a station requesting confirmation of one or two counties of the three (or more) that you operated from during the ARQP, do NOT add the other counties to the card.
10. Mobile, Portable, or Rover stations are encouraged to tag their callsign accordingly on SSB with their appropriate designation during a "CQ" or an exchange. If operating CW or digital, tag your callsign with /M, /P, or /R.
11. CW contacts must be in the true CW segment of the band, and not in the Phone sub-bands.
12. Arkansas stations must log all AR contacts with the 4-character county designator (i.e. PULA – Pulaski, CRAG – Craighead, WASH – Washington, etc.). Log everything else (remaining 49 states and Canada) as two characters. Use "DX" for all stations outside of the U.S. and Canada.

See the [ARQP Inside Arkansas Multiplier List](#) on the OPERATING AIDS page of this website to ensure you know the correct designator of the county (or counties if Mobile, Portable, or Rover) that you will be operating from.

13. Outside-Arkansas stations in the 49 states and Canada use the standard 2-letter abbreviation (i.e. TX, FL, VA, QC, ON, BC, etc.) Note: ***Stations in the District of Columbia use Maryland (MD) for this event.***
14. Stations outside the U.S. and Canada use "DX" in the exchange.
15. Contacts made by outside-Arkansas stations with other outside-Arkansas stations will not be counted for the Arkansas QSO Party. Outside stations work Arkansas stations only.
16. Duplicate QSOs will not be counted.
17. 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.

The mobile station category is divided into 2 divisions:

- **Mobile – Single Operator:** A mobile station operated by one person only, performing all station operations and driving.
- **Mobile – Multi-Operator:** A mobile station where one operates the station, and a 2nd (3rd, etc.) person drives, operates, and/or logs.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finisher (gold, silver, or bronze medal on certificate) for each Entry Division in each U.S. State, each of the 13 Canadian Provinces, and each DX entity.

Certificates will be awarded to the top three finishers 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. **If no e-mail address is provided, the winner will be notified via regular mail and can then remit \$5 USD to the ARQP address to cover printing, postage, and handling of their certificate.***

LOG ENTRY DEADLINE

Log entries, either via electronic or paper log, must be received by **Saturday, May 26, 2018** to be included in the 2018 ARQP results.

SUBMITTING LOG ENTRY

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

1. **PAPER LOGS:** The ARQP Submission Form (found on the OPERATING AIDS page of the ARQP website) *must be completed* along with your paper log submission. After completing the Submission Form, mail your log entry to:

Arkansas QSO Party
%Don Banta, K5DB
3407 Diana St.
Springdale, AR 72764

2. **ELECTRONIC LOGS:** The ARQP Submission Form (found on the OPERATING AIDS page of the ARQP website) *must be completed* along with your e-submission. After completing and submitting the Submission Form, then e-mail your log entry per the below instructions. *All e-logs must be submitted in Cabrillo format. All other formats (ADIF, etc.) will not be accepted.* Submit log via e-mail attachment to **arkqp@cox.net** with the subject line as shown below:

Example:

To: arkqp@cox.net

Subject: [Your call]

Attachments: [Your call].LOG

THE ARKANSAS QSO PARTY SUBMISSION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH ALL LOG ENTRIES, PAPER OR ELECTRONIC.

Full ARQP results will be posted on the ARQP website as soon as they are tabulated following the entry submission deadline (Usually within 1 – 2 months). Keep checking www.arkqp.com

Thanks for your participation in the ARQP!!!