

ARKANSAS QSO PARTY – Standing Rules

1. **Object:** For amateurs to exchange QSO information with as many Arkansas stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meter bands. Arkansas stations work everyone else.
 - 1.1 Suggested CW Frequencies
 - 1.1.1 3.550, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050
 - 1.2 Suggested PHONE frequencies
 - 1.2.1 3.980, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 145-147
 - 1.3 Suggested PSK frequencies
 - 1.3.1 3580, 7070; 14.070; 21.080; 28.120
 - 1.4 It is recommended that no contesting occur on national calling or guard frequencies

2. **Date and Contest Period:** The Arkansas QSO Party will run on the second Saturday in September from 08:00 A.M. to 08:00 P.M. (Central time zone).
 - 2.1 All stations may operate the entire contest Period.

3. **Entry Categories:** (Non-Arkansas and Arkansas)
Arkansas Stations compete only against Arkansas stations.
Non-Arkansas U.S. stations compete only against non-Arkansas U.S. stations.
Dx stations compete only against Dx stations.
 - 3.1 Single Operator: (9 categories)
 - 3.1.1 QRP. (Up to 5 watts output power)
 - 3.1.1.1 Mixed Mode. (Phone, CW, digital)
 - 3.1.1.2 Phone only.
 - 3.1.1.3 CW only.
 - 3.1.2 Low Power. (Up to 150 watts output power)
 - 3.1.2.1 Mixed Mode. (Phone, CW, digital)
 - 3.1.2.2 Phone only.
 - 3.1.2.3 CW only.
 - 3.1.3 High Power. (More than 150 watts output power)
 - 3.1.3.1 Mixed Mode. (Phone, CW, digital)
 - 3.1.3.2 Phone only.
 - 3.1.3.3 CW only.
 - 3.1.4 Mobile. (Mixed mode, up to 150 watts output power)
 - 3.1.5 PSK
 - 3.1.5.1 QRP (5 watts or less)
 - 3.1.5.2 Regular power.

 - 3.2 **Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter, mixed mode only.** (3 categories)
For the intent of Arkansas QSO party, Single Transmitter means only one signal may be transmitted on the air at a given time.

- 3.2.1 QRP. (Up to 5 watts output power)
- 3.2.2 Low Power. (Up to 150 watts output power)
- 3.2.3 High Power. (More than 150 watts output power)

3.3 Youth. This is open to any licensed operator under the age of 18.

3.4 Club Divisions: (5 categories)

- 3.4.1 *Arkansas Club Stations* (single or multi, utilizing the single club call sign.)
- 3.4.2 *Non-Arkansas Club Stations* (single or multi, utilizing the single club call sign.)
- 3.4.3 *Arkansas Club Aggregate* (individual combined scores of club members)
- 3.4.4 *Non-Arkansas Club Aggregate* (individual combined scores of club members)
- 3.5 *Arkansas Emergency Operation Centers* (EOCs)

4. Contest Exchange

- 4.1 Non Arkansas stations send: Call, RST, and US state/Canadian province/Maritime region/or 'DX'.
- 4.2 Arkansas stations send: Call, RST, and county.

5. Scoring:

- 5.1 QSO points:
 - 5.1.1 Count one point for each complete two-way phone QSO.
 - 5.1.2 Count two points for each two-way CW QSO.
 - 5.1.3 Count three points for each two-way Digital QSO.
 - 5.1.3 Count five points for any two-way Arkansas QSO (any mode)

6. Miscellaneous:

- 6.1 Single operator, mixed-mode and multi-operator stations may work stations once on CW, once on SSB and once on PSK31/RTTY on each band.
- 6.2 All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.
- 6.3 No repeater contacts allowed.
- 6.4 Mobile stations operation from Arkansas may be counted more than once per band or mode if the mobile station has relocated to another county. The intent is to activate as many counties, and this is a bonus to the mobiles who operate within the state boundaries.

7. Awards: Certificates will be awarded to:

- 7.1 The highest-scoring single-operator station in each category.
- 7.2 Top multi-operator entries in each category.
- 7.3 Top operator for each state.
- 7.4 Additional certificates will be awarded as participation warrants.
- 7.5 The Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest (ARKAN) sponsors the Worked All Arkansas award.

8. Log submission:

- 8.1 All logs that are generated using a computer must submit an ASCII text file of the log information in ARRL file format. Paper logs in lieu of the electronic file are not acceptable substitutes. Hand written paper logs are still acceptable.
- 8.2 All entries for this contest must be e-mailed or postmarked by November 1st of contest year.
- 8.3 E-mail entries only to: info@arkanhams.org. Submissions require a entry sheet with all required information (including exchange sent, category entered, power and US State/Canadian province) and log file in ARRL file format sent as attachments to the email (see General Rules for specific file format).
- 8.4 Electronic files or paper logs not in acceptable ARRL format may be designated as checklogs.
- 8.5 Paper entries should be mailed to ARKAN-AA5AR, PO Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR 72703.
- 8.6 Paper entries must be submitted on current ARRL entry forms or on a reasonable facsimile.
- 8.7 See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on band below 30 MHz (HF)" in November 2000 issue of QST. Where a conflict occurs between the Arkansas QSO Party Rules and the ARRL Rules, the Arkansas QSO Party Rules shall take precedence.

Arkansas County QSO Abbreviations

ARKANSAS	ARK	LEE	LEE
ASHLEY	ASH	LINCOLN	LIN
BAXTER	BAX	LITTLE RIVER	LRV
BENTON	BEN	LOGAN	LOG
BOONE	BNE	LONOKE	LON
BRADLEY	BRD	MADISON	MAD
CALHOUN	CAL	MARION	MAR
CARROLL	CAR	MILLER	MIL
CHICOT	CHI	MISSISSIPPI	MIS
CLARK	CRK	MONROE	MON
CLAY	CLY	MONTGOMERY	MTG
CLEBURNE	CBN	NEVADA	NEV
CLEVELAND	CLE	NEWTON	NEW
COLUMBIA	COL	OUACHITA	OUA
CONWAY	CNW	PERRY	PER
CRAIGHEAD	CGH	PHILLIPS	PHI
CRAWFORD	CWD	PIKE	PIK
CRITTENDEN	CRT	POINSETT	POT
CROSS	CRS	POLK	POL
DALLAS	DAL	POPE	POP
DESHA	DES	PRAIRIE	PRA
DREW	DER	PULASKI	PUL
FAULKNER	FWK	RANDOLPH	RAN
FRANKLIN	FRA	ST FRANCIS	SFR
FULTON	FUL	SALINE	SAL
GARLAND	GAR	SCOTT	SCO
GRANT	GRA	SEARCY	SRC
GREENE	GRE	SEBASTIAN	SEB
HEMPSTEAD	HEM	SEVIER	SEB
HOT SPRING	HOT	SHARP	SHA
HOWARD	HOW	STONE	STO
INDEPENDENCE	IND	UNION	UNI
IZARD	IZA	VAN BUREN	VNB
JACKSON	JAX	WASHINGTON	WAS
JEFFERSON	JEF	WHITE	WHI
JOHNSON	JOH	WOODRUFF	WOO
LAFAYETTE	LAF	YELL	YEL
LAWRENCE	LAW	BONUS STATION	BON