



Alabama QSO Party Rules 2006

(1) **Object:** For amateurs outside of Alabama to make contact with amateur stations in as many Alabama counties as possible. Stations operating in Alabama can work everyone.

(2) **Contest Period:** 1700 UTC, 29 Apr 2006 to 0500, 30 Apr 2006. All stations may operate the 12 hours contest period. See the time zone conversion chart at <http://www.101science.com/UTCzulu.html> for a UTC to your time zone.

(3) **Categories:**

(A) **Single Operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operator arrangements involving assistance through DX-alert nets, packet cluster, etc) is not permitted. Only one transmitted signal on the air at any one time.

(B) **Multi operators:** Those obtaining any form of assistance, such as relief operators, loggers, or use of spotting nets.

(1) **Multi-Single:** Only one signal on the air at a time.

(2) **Multi-multi:** No more than one transmitted signal per band at any time.

(C) **Mobile:** Mobile is defined as a station that is self-contained (radio, antenna, power source capable of motion).

(1) **Single Operator.** One person performs all the operating, logging and driving.

(2) **Single Operator with Driver.** One person performs all the operating and logging, but will have a separate non-operating driver. The driver may not assist the operator in any way with the contest.

(D) **Team Competition:**

(1) Individuals, clubs and schools are encouraged to form teams that will consist of 2 to 5 members.

(2) Teams are required to register prior to the start of the contest. Send email to teams@alabamagsoparty.org giving Calls of each station participating and a team name. Each team registration will be acknowledged on the <http://www.alabamagsoparty.org> web site.

(3) Teams may be submitted via mail. See mail address below.

(4) There are no limits to the number of teams that can be organized. An individual may only participate on one team.

(5) The team's score will be a total of each team member's score for the contest. NOTE: No Multi-Op or Multi-Multi allowed in club/team competition. We will categorizes teams into separate categories for those teams that only have members from Alabama; and those teams with members only from outside Alabama; and those teams that have members both in and out of Alabama (mixed). Teams must be registered prior to the contest starting time.

(4) **Power:** Three power output categories exist for all modes. Logs not showing power out category will be listed as high power.

(A) QRP - 5 watts output or less.

(B) Low Power (LP) - 150 watts or less

(C) High Power (HP) - more than 150 watts output.

(5) **Modes:**

(A) Mixed mode (Phone and CW)

(B) Phone only

(C) CW only

(6) **Contest Exchange:**

(A) Alabama stations send signal report and county.

(B) W/VE stations (including KH6/KL7) send signal report and state or province.

(C) DX stations (including KH2/KP4, etc) send signal report and DXCC prefix.

(7) **Scoring:**

(A) **QSO points:** CW qsos count 2 points and phone qsos count 1 point.

(B) **Power Multipliers:** QRP category will multiply total score by 3; low power category will multiply total score by 1.5; and high power category will multiply total score by 1.

(C) **Multipliers:**

(1) **Alabama Stations:** Maximum of 67 Alabama counties, 50 states (including Alabama); Canada Provinces: NS, QC, ON, MAN, SAS, AB, BC, NWT, YUK, NB, PEI, and LAB; DXCC Countries (except the US, Canada, KH6 and KL7) and Maritime Mobile (ITU Regions, R1, R2, R3). **A multiplier will be counted once per mode.** Stations can be worked on multiple bands for QSO credit.

Alabama Station Scoring Example: For a low power station that works 25 CW contacts with 10 multipliers and 25 phone contacts with 10 multipliers:

25 (CW qsos) times 2 = 50 (CW points) times 10 (mults) = 500 CW points
25 (PH qsos) times 1 = 25 (PH points) times 10 (mults) = 250 PH Points

500 CW point plus 250 PH Points times 1.5 = 1125 score

(2) **All other stations:** work Alabama counties (a maximum of 67). Alabama Mobiles that change counties are considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for QSO points and/or multiplier credit. Alabama stations on a county line may be claimed as a QSO and count as a multiplier from each county. County lines, whether land or water, are defined as per "County Hunters" rules. Mobiles should sign callsign/county. Mobiles use only one call sign per county.

Non-Alabama Station Scoring Example: For a QRP station that worked 25 CW contacts with 10 multipliers and 25 phone contacts with 10 multipliers

25 (CW qsos) times 2 points = 50 (CW points) times 10 (mults) = 500 points
25 (PH qsos) times 1 point = 25 (PH points) times 10 (mults) = 250 points

500 CW points plus 250 PH points times 3 (power multiplier) = 2250 score

(8) **Suggested Frequencies:** Operate consistent with ARRL band plans for 160M to 10M. CW contacts in CW portion only. Phone contacts in phone band only. No cross-mode contacts. No WARC bands. Suggest CW in the first 40 KHz of each band except on 160 and CW above 1.820 KHz. Phone contact in the first 40 KHz of the General portion of all bands.

(9) **Miscellaneous:**

- (A) Call signs and exchange information (country, state/providence or DXCC country) must be received by each station and recorded in the log to have a complete QSO.
- (B) No cross mode or cross band contacts. CW and SSB contacts must be made in their respective portions of the band.
- (C) Your call sign must indicate your DXCC country.
- (D) Mailing address for all information and submission is:

Jim Johnson/KC4HW
6274 South CR 49
Slocomb, AL 36375

(10) **Reporting/Log Submission:**

(A) Logs should be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the contest. All entrants are encouraged to submit their logs electronically; either as an attachment to email or on a MS DOS formatted 3.5" floppy disk.

(B) The log file format is Cabrillo.

(C) Email logs to: logs@alabamaqsoparty.org

(D) For 3.5" disk or paper logs: Submit your log on disk or paper to KC4HW.

(E) NOTE: Prefer logs submitted electronically or on 3.5" disk, however, paper logs will be accepted. Please go to <http://www.alabamagsoparty.org> web site for a printable paper log. All logs must indicate category, band, mode, date, time (UTC), calls sent and received and contest exchange information. Mobiles must indicate in which County they were located during contact/exchange.

(E) Received Logs will be listed the Alabama QSO Party website.

(11) **Results:** Results will be posted to the Alabama QSO Party web site. Those individuals that would like a printed version of the results may send an SASE to KC4HW at address listed above.

(12) **Awards:** Awards will be contingent on donations. Individuals and/or clubs that are interested in sponsoring plaques and certificates, please contact me by kc4hw@alabamagsoparty.org.

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