



Atlantic Canada QSO Party Rules

Objective: To contact as many Atlantic Canada stations (Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia) in as many Atlantic Canada counties/divisions (47) as possible on 80-40-20-15-10m. Atlantic Canada stations work everyone.

Date:	First Sunday of June each year.
Contest Period:	1400Z Sunday until 0100Z Monday(11am ADT Sunday until 10pm ADT Sunday).
Bands:	80-40-20-15-10m only.
Category Modes:	SSB, CW, or Mixed modes. No digital modes. No cross mode contacts.

CLASS ENTRY OPTIONS		
INSIDE ATLANTIC CANADA		
<i>Category</i>	<i>Power</i>	<i># of Operators</i>
Single Operator High Power	> 100 watts	one
Single Operator Low Power	100 watts or less	one
SingleOp QRP	<= 5 Watts	one
Mobile	Any legal power	one / multiple *
Portabler	Any legal power	one / multiple *
Multi-Club	Any legal power	one / multiple *
Multi Operator	Any legal power	multiple
OUTSIDE ATLANTIC CANADA		
Single Operator High Power	> 100 watts	one
Single Operator Low Power	100 watts or less	one
Single Op QRP	<= 5 Watts	one
Multi Operator	Any legal power	multiple



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* **Note:** Mobile and Portable classes will be run as single classes as named in this document. If there are three or more entries of both single and multiple operators in either of the mobile/portable categories, the committee has the right to split the class into Single Mobile/Portable and Multi Mobile/Portable categories as best suits the need of the event. This will be done on a per category basis.

Mobile stations are stations with antennas that can be used while in motion. Operation while in motion is not required, however, commercial power is not allowed. Mobile stations are expected to work from two or more counties/divisions, including county/division lines.

Portable stations are stations with antennas that cannot be used while in motion and are deployed for use during the event period. Any power source is allowed. Portable stations may work from single or multiple counties/divisions, including county/division lines.

County/Division Lines/Corners: If Mobile or Portable stations operate on county/division lines/corners, a separate QSO and complete exchange must be logged for each county/division worked by both parties. Being on a county/division line/corner is considered within 100 meters of the county/division line/corner. Operating safely and in accordance with motor vehicle acts of the respective jurisdiction(s).

Mobiles/portables that change counties/divisions are considered new stations and can be worked for county/division multiplier and QSO Point credit.

Spotting: Use of spotting assistance and self-spotting is permitted (and encouraged) in all categories.

Contest Exchange:

1. Atlantic Canada stations send signal report RS(T), 5-letter province + county/division code. Note that in NL, stations will use divisions rather than counties.
2. Non-Atlantic Canada stations (out of region) send signal report RS(T) AND province/state abbreviation.
3. All other non-VE/W stations send RS(T) and "DX."

County/division codes may be found on the resources page of the contest website.

Valid Contact: Work Atlantic Canada stations once per band/mode. Atlantic Canada stations work everyone. CW contacts must not be made in the phone band segments. The Cabrillo log



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must include separate QSO entries for each county/division included in the exchange for all county/division lines or point contacts.

Cross mode, cross-band, and repeater QSOs are not permitted.

QSO Points: Count one point per QSO regardless of mode.

Multipliers:

A. Atlantic Canada stations (in region)

- a. Count Canadian provinces/territories(13), and US States(50)(count DC as MD), as available multipliers (63 mults/band)

Note: Atlantic Canadian stations (in-region) who work each other will log 5-letter abbreviations. They will receive a provincial multiplier for the first VA/VE1,VE9, VO1/2, or VY2 station worked on each band and mode, including their own province.

- b. DX stations do not count as multipliers.

B. Non-Atlantic Canada stations (out of region)

- a. Count a maximum of 47 multipliers (Counties/Divisions), Nova Scotia (NS- 18), New Brunswick (NB- 15), Prince Edward Island (PE-3), and Newfoundland (NL-11 Divisions) on each of the five bands. (47 multipliers/band).

Bonus Stations: Each Province / Canadian Call Area will have the opportunity to provide one (1) or more designated bonus stations using a Radio Amateurs of Canada Club Callsign (VE1RAC, VE9RAC, VY2RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC) or specificstation callsigns (VE0CNM, VE0MMA, VO1ACQ, VE9ACQ, VA1ACQ) . QSOs with each of these stations will add 5 Bonus points once per band and mode.

Specific provincial bonus station operations are not guaranteed, and a best effort will be made to confirm planned operations via the QSO Party website and/or social media before the QSO Party. As well, best efforts will be made to provide these additional bonus stations to logging vendors ahead of the event.

Scoring: Total score is QSO points times the number of multipliers plus Bonus Points.

$$\text{Score} = (\text{QSO} \times \text{mults}) + \text{Bonus}.$$

Reporting: Logs should indicate times in UTC, band, mode, call, and the required contest exchange. All stations include your club's name in the log header or summary if applicable. Entries must be submitted (log deadline) within **10** days after the contest ends. We will only accept logs uploaded via <https://www.acqp.ca/logs>. All logs must be in Cabrillo format. We



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do not accept logs in other formats or via paper.

For an example of the expected ACQP Cabrillo log, please see <https://acqp.ca/resources/>

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to all participants who submit a log.

Plaques are planned to be awarded to Atlantic Canada Category winners, based on available sponsorship. Top station awards per province will be noted on certificates. These awards may be rolled down from primary category awards. Only one award/plaque will be presented per entry. Top station plaques may be awarded based on sponsorship.

Decisions: The decisions of the organizing committee are final. These rules may be updated at any time.

More information: The Atlantic Canada QSO Party website is at <https://www.acqp.ca>. Check here for information on planned fixed-station and mobile activity from Atlantic Canada counties, contest software information, county abbreviations, and information on Atlantic Canada state county awards. ACQP results will be posted on the website when they are complete. Questions can be addressed to atlcanqp@gmail.com.

Cabrillo Log File Example

This example uses Cabrillo 3.0 standards

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START-OF-LOG: 3.0
CREATED-BY: Cabrillo Example File
CALLSIGN: YOUR CALL HERE
CONTEST: AC-QSO-PARTY
CATEGORY-MODE: SSB
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: MULTI-OP
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-STATION: MOBILE
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE
CLAIMED-SCORE: YOUR SCORE
CLUB: YOUR CLUB NAME HERE
EMAIL: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
LOCATION: YOUR STATE, PROVINCE OR DX
NAME: YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAMES
ADDRESS: STREET ADDRESS
ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
OPERATORS: CALLS OF OPERATORS
SOAPBOX: Put your comments in lines
SOAPBOX: like these for publication in the results.
QSO: 3799 CW 2024-06-06 1211 VE1RGO          599 NSANP VE3YT          599 ON
QSO: 3799 PH 1999-06-06 1212 VE1RGO          59 NSANP VO1OP          59 NLASJ
QSO: 14258 PH 1999-06-06 1215 VE1RGO          59 NSDIG VE1RPX          59 NLKGS
QSO: 21305 PH 1999-06-06 1321 VE1RGO          59 NSLUN VE7RAC          59 BC
END-OF-LOG:
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