

VHF SSB/CW 2M Sprint Classic

Purpose of Contest: To increase weak-signal activity on the 2m band.

Date: April 25th, 2021

Time: 1300z to 2200z (UTC)

Band: 2 Meters only (centered on 144.200 Mhz. +/- 200 Khz (depending on activity in your local area).

Exchange: Gridsquare and Consecutive Serial Number

Categories: Base stations (HP/LP/QRP), Rover Stations (HP/LP), Multi-Op Rover (any power level).

Points: 1 point for each SSB qso. 2 points for each CW qso

Power Multiplier: Each LP score has a x1.5 multiplier for the total score. Each QRP score has a x2 multiplier for the total score.

Multipliers: each US State, VE Province, or XE State.

Logs: Stations do not submit logs unless they are a category winner. All entrants submit a final score, total number of SSB/CW qsos, total multipliers, entry category, and number of years licensed to AC9EZ to be included in the final publication of results on the FWRC website.

Base Station Rules:

- 1) Base stations may enter one of three categories, High Power (HP), Low Power (LP), and QRP (QRP). HP stations may use power output $100w >$. LP stations may use $100w \leq$. QRP stations may use $5w \leq$.
- 2) HP stations may use as many rotatable, directional antennas for transmitting/receiving as desired.
- 3) LP and QRP stations may use only one rotatable, directional antenna for transmitting/receiving.
- 4) No remote stations may be used.
- 5) No cross-mode, non-simplex, or digital mode qsos are allowed.
- 6) Contacts may not be arranged via the internet, repeaters, or non-simplex means.
- 7) Stations may be worked once per mode (e.g. once on cw, and once on ssb).
- 8) No self-spotting
- 9) The use of more than one radio at a time (e.g. one radio on cw and one radio on ssb) is not allowed.
- 10) No "dual frequency" cq'ing.
- 11) Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any point in time.

Basic Rover Station Rules:

- 1) Basic rover stations may enter one of two categories, High Power (HP) or Low Power (LP). HP stations may use $100w >$ and any number of antennas. LP stations may use $100w \leq$ and any number of antennas.
- 2) Basic rovers must stay a minimum of 30 minutes in each grid square before moving to the next grid square.
- 3) Basic Rover stations may have a driver, but only one designated radio operator may operate the entire contest. **(See *Multi-Op Rover Rules for exception*)**
- 4) Self-spotting is allowed.
- 5) No “dual-frequency” cq’ing.
- 6) No contacts may be arranged via the internet, repeaters, or non-simplex means.
- 7) No cross-mode, non-simplex, or digital-mode qsos are allowed.
- 8) No remote stations may be used.
- 9) Stations may be worked once per mode from each unique grid square (once on cw and once on ssb).
- 10) Basic Rover stations may be in motion in the grid square while operating in the contest.
- 11) Basic Rover stations may have only 1 transmitted signal on the band at any one time **(See *Multi-Op Rover Rules for exception*)**.

Multi- Op Rover Rules:

- 1) All rules for Multi-Op Rover entrants are the same as the rules for Basic Rovers except for the following:
- 2) Multi-Op Rovers have no restriction on transmit power level or number of antennas.
- 3) Multi-Op Rovers can have more than one operator during the contest.
- 4) Multi-Op Rovers may have one transmitted signal per mode (one cw station, and one ssb station) for a maximum of two transmitted signals at any given time.
- 5) Multi-Op Rovers may not have two transmitters on the same mode (e.g. two stations transmitting ssb or two stations transmitting cw).

Club Competition:

- 1) Stations may list their local club affiliation with their entries. If 5 or more entries list the same club affiliation, that club is entered into the Club Competition.
- 2) Logs submitted with a club affiliation will be added for an overall aggregate Club Competition score. The Top Aggregate Club score will receive a certificate.
- 3) The top two scoring clubs in each state will receive a First and Second place certificate.
- 4) The top Overall Club competition winner will receive a certificate.

Scoring:

- 1) All SSB qsos count 1 point per qso.
- 2) All CW qsos count 2 points per qso.
- 3) Multipliers include each unique grid square, and each US State/VE Province/XE state.
- 4) LP entrants' total score receives a x1.5 multiplier.
- 5) QRP entrants' total score receives a x2 multiplier.
- 6) Total score equals total number of qso points X total number of unique multipliers x power multiplier. (A LP station that makes 50 SSB qsos and works 20 multipliers has a total score of 1,500 points (50 Qso points x 20 multipliers x 1.5 power multiplier).

Awards:

- 1) **First, Second, and Third place in each of the Base Station categories.**
- 2) **First, Second, and Third place in each of the Basic Rover Station categories.**
- 3) **First and Second place in the Multi-Op Rover category.**
- 4) **Top Rookie score (must be licensed in the last three years starting from 2021).**
- 5) **Top "Old Timer" score (top scoring log from operator licensed 25+ years).**
- 6) **Certificates awarded to the overall top Base Station, Rover Station, and Multi-Op Rover entrants. Other category award winners will also receive a certificate.**
- 7) **Top Club Competition winner receives a certificate.**
- 8) **Log/Score compilers are not eligible for any placement certificates.**

Logs:

- 1) No logs are required except for category winners (Base Station HP/LP/QRP, etc.).
- 2) Stations should only send a brief summary of their total overall score, number of CW/SSB qsos, number of multipliers, entry category, and number of years licensed.
- 3) Email log summaries to Jim, AC9EZ, at dfile13@hotmail.com
- 4) Send paper summaries to the mailing address listed for AC9EZ on www.qrz.com
- 5) Electronic summaries are due no later than 7 days after the end date of the contest.
- 6) Paper summaries must be postmarked no later than 7 days after contest end date.