

2023 State QSO Party Challenge Rules

The State QSO Party Challenge program is administered by the State QSO Party Group and it is sponsored by Icom America. These awards are available to all licensed amateur radio operators who meet the specified award requirements. To qualify, all applicants must adhere to the State QSO Party Challenge rules.

Purpose:

To provide a means of recognizing Amateur Radio operators for their active participation in State QSO Party contests.

Time Period:

January 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023. November 30th is the last day to make a 3830scores.com form submissions.

Approved Contests:

Points will be awarded for participation in an “Approved Contest”. An “Approved Contest” is one in which out of state/province stations may only make contacts with stations in the target state/province. Two exclusions to this definition include the 7th Call Area and the New England QSO party contests which are regional contests in which out of region stations may only make contacts with stations located in the target contest region.

Links to all of the approved contests can be found on the State QSO Party website at stateqsoparty.com

Participation:

All Amateur Radio operators submitting scores to 3830Scores.com are automatically included in the State QSO Party Challenge.

Scoring:

The participant’s Score is based on the total number of QSOs made in each approved state QSO party contests as reported on 3830Scores.com multiplied by the number of State QSO Parties entered in the current year before the November 30th submission deadline.

Total Points = (Sum of Individual state QSO party contest QSOs) x (Number of state QSO party contest 3830scores.com form submission)

Score Reporting: Only activity posted to 3830Scores.com is counted. Operators are encouraged to submit their logs to the State QSO Party sponsors before reporting to 3830Scores.com . Members will be on their honor to report correct information to 3830Scores.com.

Multi-Op Stations - If you are an operator with a multiple-op station, then all of the operators of the multi-op station must have obtained a minimum of two valid contacts in the state QSO party contest for you to receive credit for two contacts.

The total number of valid contacts reported by the station will be divided equally by the number of operators of the multi-op station. The resulting value must be greater than or equal to the number ‘2’.

Multi-Op Station Definition: When two or more operators use the same callsign at any time during the QSO Party contest period, regardless of category. Logs must be combined into a single entry for 3830scores.com. The “Call Used” should be the callsign used by all operators. The callsigns for each operator should be included in the “Operator(s) Call” to receive proper credit.

Multi-Op Station Example - If WN4AFP, WB9CIF, W1WBB and K8ZT are operating using the club call sign of KO9F as a multi-multi or multi-single the number of contacts assigned to each operator on 3830scores.com for the State QSO Party Challenge will be as follows:

In this example KO9F makes 1,200 contacts. Of those 1,200, WN4AFP makes 600 contacts, K8ZT makes 300 contacts, W1WBB makes 200 contacts and WB9CIF makes 100 contacts. The number of contacts assigned to each operator will be 1,200 divided by 4 operators resulting in each of the four operators getting credit for 300 contacts.

SQP Challenge Award Levels:

There are five recognition levels based on minimum Challenge points:

Level Minimum Points

Diamond 100,000 | Platinum 25,000 | Gold 10,000 | Silver 5,000 | Bronze 500

To qualify for an award level, the participant must have participated in at least two state QSO party contest. Each state QSO party contest entry must include at least TWO valid QSOs.

Awards:

All participants who qualify for a SQP Challenge award will have the opportunity to download their personalized SQP Challenge certificate via our website. Operators with the Top Ten overall scores will receive a plaque or similar award for their exceptional level of participation and activity.

The decision of the State QSO Party Group is final. Claimed scores may be corrected for errors by resubmitting the submission form through the 3838scores.com system.

Entry Deadline:

Official entry/scoring reports must be submitted to [3830Scores.com](https://www.3830scores.com). Generally, 3830 submission forms are available for 7 days following the deadline for submission to the contest. See <https://www.3830scores.com/updatefaq.php> for details. **The last day to submit a 3830scores.com initial submission form or a correction form for the 2023 SQP Challenge program is November 30, 2023!**

Results:

Visit the stateqsoparty.com and click on “Leaderboard” to see real-time SQP Challenge scores and data. You can see the live unofficial scores by visiting the 3830scores SQP Challenge page at <https://3830scores.com/sqpsummary.php>

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