

RULES FOR THE 2002 OCEANIA DX CONTEST

1. SPECIAL NOTES for the 2002 Contest

- While paper logging is acceptable it is easier for the contest committee to get the results out quickly if electronic logging is used - especially for logs containing more than 50 contacts.
- Electronic logs are preferred in the Cabrillo format which is generated by most of the popular contest logging software. If Cabrillo is not used then the log and summary sheet must be in plain ASCII text format.
- Single-Op Single Band logs are to record ALL contacts made by the station - both on the band chosen for the entry and on any other bands. (2002 rule change)
- 7 new plaques/trophies are available for the 2002 contest
- The start time has been brought forward to 0800 UTC (2001 rule change)
- Further information on the contest is available from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/

2. **THE AIM** of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region (VK, ZL, Pacific Islands and other locations within the IARU "Worked All Continents" **Oceania** boundary).

3. CONTEST PERIODS:

PHONE Contest: 0800 UTC Saturday 5 October to 0800 UTC Sunday 6 October

CW Contest: 0800 UTC Saturday 12 October to 0800 UTC Sunday 13 October

4. THE OBJECT is for

- Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.
- Non-Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible inside the Oceania region. Contacts from "one non-Oceania to another non-Oceania" station are NOT permitted.
- Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to hear as many stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.
- Non-Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to hear as many stations as possible inside the Oceania region. Logging of non-Oceania stations is NOT permitted.

5. **BANDS:** 160 m - 10 m (no WARC bands).

6. ENTRY CATEGORIES:

- **Single-Op** - Single Operator, All Bands or Single Band. Single operator stations are where one person performs all operating, logging and spotting functions. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any time.

- **Multi-One** - Multiple Operator, Single Transmitter, All Bands. Only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period (defined as 10 minutes). Exception: One—and only one—other band may be used during any 10-minute period if—and only if—the station worked is a new multiplier. Logs found in violation of the 10-minute rule will be reclassified as Multi-Multi. Use a separate serial number for the multiplier station. All operation must take place from the same operating site.
- **Multi-Multi** - Multiple Operator, Multiple Transmitter, All Bands. No limit to transmitters, but only one signal and running station allowed per band. Use separate serial numbers for each band. Note: All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500 meter diameter area or within property limits of the station licensee, whichever is greater. All operation must take place from the same operating site.
- **SWL** - Short Wave Listener (Receive Only) All Bands. The same callsign for the "station being worked" must not appear more than once in any group of 3 consecutive log entries.

7. EXCHANGE: RS(T) report plus a three or four digit number starting at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact. Multi-One entries are to use a separate serial number for the Multiplier station. Multi-Multi entries are to use a separate serial number for each band.

8. MULTIPLIER: The multiplier is the number of different prefixes worked. Note that the same prefix may be counted once on each band for multiplier credit.

A **prefix** is the letter/numeral combination that forms the first part of the amateur call - the same as the CQ WPX contest definition.

Examples of valid prefixes are N8, W8, WD8, HG1, HG19, KC2, OE2, OE25, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of the same shall constitute a separate prefix. A station operating from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its callsign is required to sign portable. The portable prefix must be an authorized prefix of the country/call area of operation. In cases of portable operation, the portable designator will then become the prefix. Example: N8BJQ operating from Wake Island would sign N8BJQ/KH9 or N8BJQ/NH9. KH6XXX operating from Ohio must use an authorized prefix for the U.S. 8th district (W8, K8, etc.) Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the second letter of the portable designator to form the prefix. Example: N8BJQ/ PA would become PAØ. All calls without numbers will be assigned a zero (Ø) after the first two letters to form the prefix. Example: XEFTJW would count as XEØ. Maritime mobile, mobile, /A, /E, /J, /P, or interim license class identifiers do not count as prefixes.

Special event, commemorative, and other unique prefix stations are encouraged to participate. Prefixes must be assigned by the licensing authority of the country of operation.

9. CONTACT POINTS: All entries score twenty points per contact on 160 m; ten points on 80 m; five points on 40 m; one point on 20 m; two points on 15 m; and three points on 10 m.

Note that the same station may only be counted once on each band for contact points credit.

10. THE FINAL SCORE is the sum of the contact points multiplied by the multiplier (total number of prefixes worked), i.e., sum of contact points from all bands multiplied by the total number of prefixes worked on all bands (remember that the same prefix can be counted once on each band).

11. GENERAL LOG REQUIREMENTS:

Transmitting entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - date, time in UTC, callsign of station worked, RS(T) and serial number sent, RS(T) and serial number received.

SWL entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - date, time in UTC, callsign of "station heard", callsign of "station being worked", RS(T) and serial number sent by the heard station. Note that the same callsign may appear only once in any group of 3 consecutive entries in the "station being worked" column.

All logs must be submitted in date/time order - except for Multi-Multi logs which may be grouped by band and then in date/time order.

Single-Op Single Band logs are to record ALL contacts made by the station - both on the band chosen for the entry and on any other bands.

12. ELECTRONIC LOGS are preferred - especially for logs containing **more than 50 contacts**.

Electronic logs should, where possible, be submitted in the Cabrillo format. The Cabrillo log file must include both an accurately completed header (containing the summary information) and the QSO log data. All of the fields in the Cabrillo header must be completed except for the ARRL Section, Power, Category Overlay and Soapbox lines. See the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/ for more information about the Cabrillo format requirements.

If you cannot submit a Cabrillo log, then you may submit the plain ASCII text output from most of the popular logging software such as TR, CT, NA, Writelog etc. All non-Cabrillo logs must be **accompanied by a separate summary file** in plain ASCII text - following the requirements for paper log summary sheets in Section 13 below.

Note that all electronic log files must be in plain ASCII text. Output files from word processors (such as Word documents), database programs (such as Excel spread sheets) or logging program .bin files that are not ASCII text files are NOT acceptable for submissions. Log information in columns is to be separated by character spaces - do not use Tabs or other formatting characters for this purpose.

File names are to include the call sign used during the contest and an appropriate file extension - e.g., ZL2WB submits a Cabrillo file - it should be named ZL2WB.LOG.

The files are to be submitted as an e-mail attachment or posted on a 3.5" diskette. Only one entry is to be included in each submission.

Files sent via e-mail must be sent as attachments, not as the text of the e-mail. Send the files to phoctest@nzart.org.nz (for PHONE entries) or cwoctest@nzart.org.nz (for CW entries).

Do NOT zip files. The E-mail message subject line must include the entry's call sign, Mode (CW or PHONE), entry category and the word "OCEANIA" in the Subject line.

Diskettes are to be posted to: Oceania DX Contest, c/o Wellington Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 6464, Wellington 6030, New Zealand with the entry's call sign, Mode (CW or PHONE), entry category and the word "OCEANIA" clearly marked on the front of the package. All diskettes submitted become property of the Oceania DX Contest Committee and are not returnable.

13. PAPER LOGS:

Electronic Logs are preferred (as per the requirements in 12 above) but if this is not possible then paper logs in the following format are acceptable.

Paper logs are to include additional columns showing the contact points and new multiplier prefixes claimed against individual contacts. Multiplier prefixes should only be shown for the FIRST TIME that they are worked on each band. Duplicate contacts must be clearly shown - DO NOT delete duplicate contacts.

Furthermore each paper log is to be accompanied by an alpha/numeric checklist of claimed multiplier prefixes worked on each band plus a summary sheet that clearly states

- The station's callsign
- Operator name/s and callsign/s
- Entrant's name and mailing address
- Mode and Category entered
- Contact points claimed on each band
- Number of multiplier prefixes claimed on each band
- Total claimed score
- A declaration that all contest rules and radio regulations have been observed.

Official log sheets and summary can be downloaded from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/ or obtained by sending a "Self Addressed and Stamped Envelope" to the address below with sufficient postage. If official forms are not available then you may make your own in accordance with the general requirements outlined above and in Section 11.

Paper logs are to be posted to: Oceania DX Contest, c/o Wellington Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 6464, Wellington 6030, New Zealand. Only one entry is to be included in each submission. Airmail is preferred if you are submitting a log from outside VK or ZL.

14. DEADLINE - All logs must be emailed or postmarked NO LATER than 25 November 2002.

The reception of logs will be confirmed via email (for electronic submissions) and a listing of all logs received will be posted on the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/.

15. AWARDS

Certificates will be awarded to the top scoring station in each category listed under Section 6 for each IARU WAC continent and each country.

The following trophies and plaques will also be awarded

OCEANIA

- Top entrant from Oceania in Single Operator All Band Phone category - Ron Wills, ZL2TT Memorial trophy sponsored by ZL2GI, ZL2AL, Wellington Amateur Radio Club and NZART.
- Top entrant from Oceania in Single Operator All Band CW category - Frank Hine, VK2QL Memorial trophy sponsored by WIA Federal.
- Top entrant from VK5 or VK8 Call areas in Single Operator All Band Phone category - Plaque sponsored by WIA South Australian Division
- Top entrant from VK5 or VK8 Call area in Single Operator All Band CW category - Plaque sponsored by WIA South Australian Division
- Top entrant from VK7 Call area in Single Operator All Band Phone category – Plaque sponsored by WIA Tasmanian Division
- Top entrant from VK7 Call area in Single Operator All Band CW category – Plaque sponsored by WIA Tasmanian Division

ASIA

- Top Entrant from Asia in Single Operator All Band Phone category – Plaque sponsored by Australia Eastern Mountain and Districts Radio Club

- Top Entrant from Asia for Single Operator All Band CW category – Plaque sponsored by Australia Eastern Mountain and Districts Radio Club

NORTH AMERICA

- Top Entrant from North America in Single Operator All Band Phone category – Plaque sponsored by N6RO

Additional awards may also be applied at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

16. DISQUALIFICATION: Violation of the contest rules, unsporting conduct, taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts, unverifiable contacts or multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. The use of non-amateur radio means such as telephones or email, or the use of packet, to solicit contacts during the contest is unsporting and the entry may be subject to disqualification. In matters of dispute, the actions and decisions of the Contest Committee are final.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

The latest information about the contest will be published on the Oceania DX Contest Web site at www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/.

Any questions can be emailed to octest@nzart.org.nz or posted to Oceania DX Contest, c/o Wellington Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 6464, Wellington 6030, New Zealand

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