

KIWI DIGITAL MODES GROUP 2011 VK/ZL RTTY SPRINT CONTEST

The third running of the Kiwi Digital Modes Group RTTY contest will take place in April 2011.

PLEASE NOTE: These rules differ from previous years.

This year's contest format sees a change in the points system and operating periods. To make life that more interesting and to hopefully generate a bit more interest in the contest this year I have decided to break each nights operation in to two half hour periods. I have also changed the points system with 2 points being awarded for each contact worked in the first half hour period, and five points being awarded if the same station is worked in the second half hour period.

This contest will take the format of two half hour period sprints run over two consecutive Saturdays. The first night will be on 80 metres and the second night will be on 40 metres.

The contest is open to all licensed amateur radio operators living in the VK & ZL callsign districts.

DATES & TIMES

Saturday April 23rd 2011 – 1000 UTC – 1100 UTC, in two half hour periods (1000 – 1030 UTC) & (1031 – 1100UTC) - 80M only

Saturday April 30th 2011 – 1000 UTC – 1100 UTC, in two half hour periods (1000 – 1030 UTC) & (1031 – 1100 UTC) - 40M only

Operators can choose to enter one of the following three categories:

- **80 Metres Only.**
- **40 Metres Only.**
- **80 Metres / 40 Metres Combined.**

Certificates will be issued for the following categories:

- **80M ONLY:** The top three scores from VK & the top three scores from ZL.
- **40M ONLY:** The top three scores from VK & the top three scores from ZL.
- **80M / 40M COMBINED:** The top three scores overall, irrespective of which country the contestant has entered from. In other words, there will not be separate certificates issued for the top three from each country as is the case in the 80M & 40M only categories. This will hopefully encourage more operators to partake in both nights operations.

The points system is as follows:

- For the first half hour period of operation, 2 points for each station contacted.
- For the second half hour period of operation, 2 points for each station worked, with a bonus of 3 points if the same station was worked in the first half hour period making for a total of 5 points available if achieved.
- When changing from the first operating period to the second operating period, operators are not allowed to work the same station consecutively. That is, if ZL2SKY works ZL2AUB as his last contact in the first operating period, he must work a different station first in the second operating period before working ZL2AUB again.

Log Sheets are to contain the following:

- Callsign of station worked.
- Time.
- Signal Report Sent & Received.
- Points Claimed for Each Contact.

A separate Log Sheet is required for each night of the contest with the operating band and date specified. In addition, a separate summary sheet advising what category is being entered into along with the operators Name, Address, Callsign and a declaration that all good amateur radio operating practises have been observed for the duration of the contest.

Logs are to be received by the organizer no later than Sunday the 22nd of May 2011.

Logs can be sent electronically to: hamradiofella@gmail.com

Alternatively they can be posted to:

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**365 High Street
Dannevirke 4930
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Further information may be obtained by contacting the organizer at either of the addresses given above, or check out the Kiwi Digital Modes Group website at: http://www.qsl.net/zl2sky/new_page_1.htm

73 & Happy Contesting
de Allan Chandler ZL2SKY
Contest Organizer