

# Ten-Ten International QSO Party Rules

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## 10-10 QSO PARTIES

10-10 QSO Parties are events that are held for fun and to meet old, new and prospective members around the world. The rules listed here are for all general QSO parties. The Anniversary, Meet the Volunteers, and Mobile QSO Parties are specialty events and do have additional rules.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

QSO Parties are open to all amateurs with operating privileges on the 10 meter band, however logs will be accepted only from active members as of the date of the event. Other logs received will be handled as checklogs. Checklogs are used to validate (check) other logs but do not receive awards.

## WHEN ARE THE QSO PARTIES?

There are currently seven QSO Parties held through the calendar year:

Winter Phone - held on the first full weekend in February

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Spring CW - held on the first full weekend in May

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Spring Digital - held on the first full weekend in May

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Summer Phone - held on the first full weekend in August

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Sprint - a 24 hour event held on October 10th (10/10)

0001 UTC through 2359 UTC.

Fall CW - held on the last full weekend in October

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

Fall Digital - held on the last full weekend in October

0001 UTC Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday.

## FREQUENCY AND MODES

Direct unassisted contacts only are permitted. Repeater, Satellite, IRLP or any other similar types of assisted contacts are NOT allowed.

Based on the appropriate band plan for the country of the operator, CW QSO Parties should be operated in the CW area of the 10 meter band and operated using CW only.

Digital QSO Parties should be operated in the digital area of the 10 meter band and operated using Digital modes only (RTTY, PSK, etc.).

Phone QSO Parties must be operated in the PHONE area of the 10 meter band and may be operated using any approved Phone method (SSB, FM, AM).

The SPRINT utilizes all operating modes in the 10 meter band.

***NOTE: A QUIET ZONE between 28.490 and 28.510 shall be in effect during QSO Parties using the Phone portion of the 10 meter band to allow for others to use the band.***

## **ENTRY CLASSIFICATION**

Entrant may submit a log in ANY of the following classifications:

**INDIVIDUAL:** includes single station operators and can also include OM/XYL teams or any families or groups of people using individual call signs and 10-10 numbers.

**QRP:** same as an individual as listed above except that output power does not exceed 5 watts with CW/Digital operations and/or 10 watts with Phone operations during the entire event.

**CLUB:** A Club must have a valid club station license issued by their National Licensing Authority. The Club must have active 10-10 membership. Club entries must additionally list the call, name and 10-10 number (if any) for all operators. Operators entering under a club entry may also enter an individual log for contacts made using their own call sign.

## **TRANSMITTER INFORMATION**

An operator may operate mobile, portable or fixed. If they change their exchange QTH during the QSO Party, the operator must show same in their log. The operator may enter a log from only one call district, province, or DX country. Multi-transmitters (two or more transmitters operating simultaneously, sharing one call sign) are NOT permitted in any QSO Party. If a single transmitter becomes inoperable, it is permissible to change to a replacement transmitter.

## **EXCHANGE**

10-10 members send call sign, name, 10-10# and QTH (State, Province or Country). If received exchange does not have a 10-10#, then record a zero[0] in the log.

## **QSO POINTS**

Two (2) points are awarded for contacts WITH a 10-10 number.

One (1) point is awarded for contacts WITHOUT a 10-10 number.

Duplicate entries should be retained in log and show a zero[0] for points.

Any log showing 10% or more errors may be handled as a checklog.

A station may be counted only once regardless of mode.

## **CHAPTER SCORE ASSIGNMENT**

Any entrant who is a chapter member and whose operating location is within 150 miles of the primary net location of that chapter, may assign the entrant's score to that chapter. QSO Party scores for the Sprint may not be assigned.

## **QSO PARTY ENTRIES**

Logs shall be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager as identified in the 10-10 NEWS or on the 10-10 web site. It is strongly suggested that logs be sent as soon as possible after the close of the event. It is also recommended that DX logs should be sent AIR MAIL to insure they are received in good time. Any logs received with a postmark date AFTER the deadline date will be handled as a checklog. Any logs received more than 15 days after the entry deadline, regardless of postmark, will be discarded.

## **ENTRY DESCRIPTION**

Entries must contain a Cover Sheet, Log, and Dupe Sheet as described here:

COVER SHEET will list the Event Entered, Entry Classification, US Call Area (W0-W9) or DX Country, Chapter Score Assignment (if any), number of contacts and points with 10-10#, number of contacts and points without 10-10#, and total contacts and points claimed.

LOG must be listed in date/time order and list UTC Date, UTC Time, Call, Name, 10-10# (zero [0] if none), QTH and Contact Point Value.

DUPE SHEET is required for any logs exceeding 50 contacts. It may be either a list of all calls contacted in call sign order, or hand entered on a dupe sheet grid.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE**

Entries for all QSO Parties listed EXCEPT the Sprint shall be postmarked no later than 15 calendar days (this will always be a Monday) after the close of the event. Mailed entries for the Sprint (held on 10/10) shall be postmarked no later than October 25th, unless that day falls on a Sunday, then the postmark deadline shall be October 26th.

## **QSO PARTY RESULTS AND AWARDS**

QSO Party results will be posted on the 10-10 web site about 15 days after the closing deadline for the event, and also printed in the 10-10 NEWS in the appropriate issue. Awards will be issued by the certificate manager for Top Ten Individual scorers in the World, the top Individual scorer in each US Call Area (W0-W9) and each DX Country, and for top QRP, CLUB and CHAPTER.

## **ANNIVERSARY QSO PARTY and MEET THE VOLUNTEERS**

These events run from January 1 0001 UTC to December 31 2359 UTC.

In the Anniversary QSO Party, entrants may submit a log of contacts with members that have 10-10's anniversary year contained in their membership number.

Example: 2008 is the 46th anniversary year of 10-10 International Net, Inc. Contact with members containing a "46" in their membership number (i.e., 72046, 69465, 64654, 46126, 00467) would count toward the event. Each year the anniversary number changes, making a new group of members the focus of the event and promoting the use of the 10-meter band. All general rules are applicable with the following exceptions:

During the calendar year (January 1 though December 31) make legal 10-10 contacts with 10-10 Number, Date, Call Sign, Name, QTH, with members containing the anniversary year in their membership number as described above.

In the MEET THE VOLUNTEERS event, entrants may submit a log of contacts with members listed in the 10-10 NEWS as being a 10-10 volunteer. One contact per volunteer is permitted, regardless of mode of contact.

In both events, contacts must be made on the 10-meter band with any legal mode (AM, SSB, FM, PSK, CW, etc.).

All submitted logs must contain only one entry for each 10-10 number contacted. Contacts MUST be listed in 10-10 number order and each entry must list the 10-10 Number, Date, Call Sign, Name, QTH and Mode, in that order.

These events are for Individual entries as described in section 6.2.4 and certificates will be awarded for the Top Ten, however all entrants will be listed in the 10-10 NEWS.

Logs shall be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager as identified in the 10-10 NEWS or on the 10-10 web site. Logs MUST be postmarked no later than January 15th of the year following the Anniversary QSO Party year entered. Only members in good standing (with dues paid) are allowed to submit logs.

## **MOBILE QSO PARTY**

This event is held on the third Saturday in March from 0001 to 2359 UTC. All general rules are applicable with the following exceptions:

Fixed stations contact mobiles, mobiles contact everyone. Mobile applies to vehicular, marine, aeronautical or other mode of transportation. If in doubt, contact the QSO Party Manager. A station operating a mobile entry must be a true mobile. Sitting in the driveway and using the base station antenna or amplifier, or using commercial power is not permitted. RV generators are permitted only if the generator is used while in transit (moving).

Operation while your vehicle is parked across a county line, occupying two counties, counts as two counties and two contacts. Marine and aeronautical mobiles must be able to establish counties of operation.

The on-the-air exchange shall be Call, Name, State, 10-10 Number (if a member, zero(0) if not), and county (if applicable). Only counties in the USA, Canada and England may be used as a multiplier.

Count one point for each contact whether a member or not. Fixed stations multiply the number of contacts by the number of different counties worked. Mobile stations multiply the number of contacts by the number of different counties worked PLUS a bonus of the number of counties worked from.

All stations must submit separate logs for the counties worked from. Log scores will be combined by the QSO Party manager.

Logs shall be forwarded to the QSO Party manager as identified in the 10-10 NEWS or on the 10-10 web site. Logs MUST be postmarked no later than 14 days after the end of the event. Only members in good standing (with dues paid) are allowed to submit logs.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Current information about 10-10 and upcoming 10-10 QSO Parties is always available on the 10-10 web site. Cover sheets, logging forms and dupe sheets are also available for downloading or printing. The address is <http://www.ten-ten.org>

Any unanswered questions regarding the QSO Party rules may be forwarded to the QSO Party Manager.