

Field Day 2021 Message Handling Bonus Points

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Introduction:

7.3.6. Message Handling: 10 points for each formal message originated, relayed or received and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of 100 points (ten messages). Copies of each message must be included with the Field Day report. The message to the ARRL SM or SEC under Rule 7.3.5. does not count towards the total of 10 for this bonus. Available to all Classes. All messages claimed for bonus points must leave or enter the Field Day operation via amateur radio RF.

Application to NF4AC

We typically ORIGINATE formal messages using WINLINK RF, using the callsign NF4AC account, to various friends or members. There is no specific content requirement, so a friendly greeting suffices. If you CC: docvacuumtubes@gmail.com then I will automatically get the documentation. We typically send these using a free VHF station, but they could be sent using HF during the nighttime when the bands aren't so slammed, but there may be a lot of QRM even then.

We use radiogram format for these messages just to be safe. An example is below.

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NR 2  R NF4AC  16 GAINESVILLE FL JUN 26

JEFF CAPEHART
jeffcapehart@gmail.com

ARRL FIELD DAY MESSAGE X           ALACHUA COUNTY EOC CLUB X
HAVING GREAT TIME HERE X           73

RANDOM CLUB MEMBER
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(SEND AT LEAST A TOTAL OF 10 OF THESE TYPE MESSAGES)

If you simply cc: docvacuumtubes@gmail.com on the winlink email and send it by amateur radio RF, then I get a copy of it and that takes care of documentation. (I can make up the PDF document. Thanks!)

APPENDIX
SUGGESTED DOCUMENTATION FOR SUBMISSION TO ARRL

<p>BONUS POINT DOCUMENTATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.3.5. Message Origination to Section Manager</p>
<p>Applicable Rule</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7.3.6. Message Handling: 10 points for each formal message originated, relayed or received and delivered during the Field Day period, up to a maximum of 100 points (ten messages). Copies of each message must be included with the Field Day report. The message to the ARRL SM or SEC under Rule 7.3.5. does not count towards the total of 10 for this bonus. Available to all Classes. All messages claimed for bonus points must leave or enter the Field Day operation via amateur radio RF.</p>	
<p>COPY OF WINLINK MESSAGE ORIGINATED VIA AMATEUR RF</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">[INSERT MESSAGE]</p>

CC: DOCVACUUMTUBES@GMAIL AND I CAN FILL IN THIS PORTION FOR YOU AND TAKE CARE OF IT.