

W/VE Island QSO Party Rules 2016

Object:

No rule changes for 2016. Please see below for clarifications.

To promote the U.S. (USI) and Canadian (CIA) islands programs to amateurs worldwide. To promote verifiable amateur radio contacts with stations located on islands in the U.S. and Canada.

W/VE island stations work everyone. Non-island stations work only W/VE islands stations.

Single transmitter only, single or multiple operators. (Multiple operator island expedition may use additional call signs to maintain single transmitter rule)

One call sign per log entry. Valid email address must be included.
All entries are considered mixed mode.

When:

1200z 27 August – 0300z 28 August, 2016. 15 Hours.

Bands:

160-10 meters, excluding 30, 17 and 12 m. Contacts are allowed on 6 meters if an island is already qualified. No repeater, Internet-sourced, MCW, or cross mode contacts allowed. If clear, normal W/VE island frequencies as outlined in general rules for the island programs are suggested. Band plans of US and Canada must be followed.

Categories by Power: **QRP** (5 watts or less) ~~ **QRO** (greater than 5 watts)

Classes:

W/VE Island Fixed:

For single or multi-operator stations with resident amateur operators with an established, fixed, home-QTH station.

W/VE Island Expedition:

For single or multi-operator stations who carry all equipment to a single island primarily for QSO Party "Field Day" style. Station shall be established and removed within a 30-day period including the QSO Party weekend.

W/VE Island Rover:

For portable or mobile stations single or multi-operator stations with a single transmitter where all equipment is moved to more than one island primarily for QSO Party operation. Rovers shall submit a log for each island with a summary of scores totaled from all islands.

Non-Island:

For fixed, portable or mobile stations within 49 US states (KH6 and Puerto Rico would be a fixed/permanent island entry), Canada and all DX, where the station is not located on a qualified W/VE island.

Modes:

Phone; CW and Digital (all entries are considered mixed mode)

Exchange:

Call, RST, QTH (S/P/Terr.) or Call, RST, USI or CIA #. USI/CIA island numbers **must** be shown in logs to collect 5 QSO points.

IOTA designators do not qualify as a proper exchange.

Scoring:

W/VE Islands QSOs 5 points

CW QSOs 2 points

Digital QSOs 2 points

Phone QSOs 1 point

Island Rover; score each island as independent log and add scores together.

Stations may be worked once per band, per mode.

Multipliers will be awarded once, per mode.

Final claimed score is the total number of QSO points multiplied by the total number of W/VE islands, states, provinces and US territories worked per mode.

Example: 100 QSO points x (10 SSB mults + 5 CW mults + 5 Digital mults = 20 total multipliers) = 100 x 20 = 2000 points.

Multipliers:

W/VE Islands, States, Provinces, U.S. Territories (S/P/T) worked is a multiplier, once per mode regardless of band. DX does not count as a multiplier. Include as multipliers each of the 6 areas included for US Protectorates and Territories as identified in the Island Directory.

Rovers count each Island and S/P/T multiplier as new at each island. A single state/USI counts as 2 multipliers, one for the state and one for the island.

US States (50)
Canadian Provinces (13)
New Brunswick NB
Nova Scotia NS
Quebec QC or PQ
Ontario ON
Manitoba MB
Saskatchewan SK
Alberta AB
British Columbia BC
Northwest Terr. NT
Newfoundland, Labrador NL
Yukon Terr. YT
Prince Edward Island PE or PEI
Nunavut NU

U.S. Territories and Protectorates (6)

American Samoa (Aunu'u AS001, Ofu AS002S, Olosega AS003, Rose Atoll AS004S, Swains AS005S, Ta'u AS006S, Tutuila AS007S)

Guam

Northern Mariana Islands (Rota NI001, Saipan NI002S, Tinian NI003S)

Puerto Rico (Main island PR006S, must be in log to collect 5 island QSO points)

U.S. Virgin Islands (Hassel VI001, Little Hans Lollok VI006, Lovango Cay VI007, St. Croix VI002S, St. John VI003, St. Thomas VI004S, Water (VI005S)

U.S. Minor Outlying Islands (Baker OI001S, Eastern (Midway I.) OI003, Howland OI004S, Jarvis OI005S, Johnston Atoll OI006S, Kingman Reef OI007S, Kure Atoll OI008S, Palmyra Atoll OI010S, Sand (Johnston Atoll) OI013S, Sand (Midway I.) OI011S, Navassa OI009S, Wake Atoll OI012S)

Other Requirements:

Island stations bear the responsibility of having written owner permission to be on private land. It is suggested to notify the "authority having jurisdiction" (NPS, state/local parks, game warden, etc) before operating on public land, including parks. Participation in the W/VE QSO Party is not a waiver of any land management rules or laws. There is no need to submit copies of permission with an entry, but stations should retain records in station logs for at least one year.

Reporting:

Official entry/scoring form must be submitted. Only one call sign may be used per entry. Electronic logs are preferred but legible paper logs may be submitted. Valid email must be included for all entries. Logs shall indicate the Class and Power level. If an island station, indicate island number(s) and name(s) on the logs. If

multi-operator, provide all operator calls. Include a mailing address with the submission. Rovers may include a summary sheet in the text area of an email with log attachment.

Awards:

The decision of the Contest Manager is final. Claimed scores may be corrected for errors.

Award Sponsorship is available. We would gladly accept your support. Contact CM for details.

2016 Contest Manager:

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Entry Deadline:

Official entry/scoring form must be submitted. Entries must be complete, legible, conform to the rules above, and submitted to the contest manager no later than September 15, 2016 in order to qualify. Entries cannot be returned. Do not send original logs; instead, send copies of logs, recap sheet and dupe sheet. Include a valid email address, with any mailed entries so that the contest manager can verify their receipt (very important).