

AZQP Rules

2026 Arizona QSO Party

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed Amateur Radio operators

OBJECTIVE:

Arizona stations work everyone.

Stations outside of Arizona work as many AZ stations as possible.

Work stations once per band per mode per AZ county.

CONTEST PERIOD:

1500z Oct 10 to 0500z Oct 11, 2026 (UTC)

[2nd October Saturday, 8 AM to 10 PM (AZ)]

ENTRY CATEGORIES: (Spotting assistance & self-spotting permitted in all categories)

Mobile

No differentiated operators, power, or mode. An operation from a self-contained station capable of motion in one or more AZ counties. For safety reasons, single-ops should only operate while parked.

Expedition Multi-Op: County-line or Single-county

No differentiated transmitters, power, or mode. An operation from a temporary location in one or more AZ counties using antennas installed for the contest period, using temporary supports or trees.

Expedition Single-Op: County-line or Single-county

No differentiated power, or mode. An operation from a temporary location in one or more AZ counties using antennas installed for the contest period, using temporary supports or trees.

Multi-Op Unlimited Transmitters

No differentiated power or mode.

Multi-Op One Transmitter: High >100w; Low <=100w

No differentiated mode.

Single-Op: High >100w; Low <=100w; QRP <=5w

Mixed, CW, Phone.

MODES: CW, Phone

BANDS: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters (suggestions below)

Phone

1848, 3848, 7189, 14248, 21348, 28448

at top of the hour (for mixed mode entries).

CW

1812, 3548, 7048, 14048, 21048, 28048

at 1/2 past the hour (for mixed mode entries).

EXCHANGE:

Arizona stations

Send signal report RS(T) and 3-letter county abbreviation:
(APH, CHS, CNO, GLA, GHM, GLE, LPZ, MCP, MHV, NVO, PMA, PNL, SCZ, YVP, YMA).

Stations outside of Arizona

Send signal report RS(T) and 2-letter state or Canadian province / territory. DX stations send signal report RS(T) and DXCC prefix.

QSO POINTS: CW=2; Phone=1

MULTIPLIERS:

Arizona stations

Multipliers are the 50 US states, the 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and DXCC countries. Multipliers count again for each mode. Total possible multipliers = $(50 + 13 + \text{DXCC}) \times 2$.

Stations outside of Arizona

Multipliers are the 15 Arizona counties. Multipliers count again for each band and mode. Total possible multipliers = $15 \times 6 \times 2 = 180$.

VALID CONTACT:

A valid contact consists of the complete, correctly copied, two-way exchange between an Arizona station (AZ) and any other station (Non-AZ or AZ). Work stations once per band per mode per AZ county. Expeditions (or mobiles) spanning multiple county lines should be logged as multiple contacts, where each contact counts as both multiplier and QSO point credit. Mobiles that change counties are considered new stations and can be worked again for both multiplier and QSO point credit. A fixed single county station may be worked once on CW and once on Phone on each of the 6 bands (maximum of 12 contacts). CW contacts must not be made in the phone band segments. Crossmode, crossband and repeater contacts are not permitted. Spotting assistance and self-spotting are permitted in all categories. All operators must observe the limitations of their operator and station licenses.

BONUS POINTS:

Receive a one-time bonus of 100 points for a QSO with **K7A** on any band or mode during the contest.

SCORING: Total Score = (QSO POINTS x MULTIPLIERS) + BONUS POINTS.

LOG FORMATTING & SUBMISSION:

Please update your logging software prior to the contest. Submit your Cabrillo-formatted log via the [Log Submission Web App](#). You will receive immediate email confirmation and your callsign will be added to the logs received page.

All logs must be received by 0000z October 21, 2026 (10 days after the contest).

AWARDS:

Certificates are awarded to all entrants. Plaques are awarded to all AZ & Non-AZ entry category winners, the top Canadian station, the top DX station, and the top AZ & Non-AZ Clubs. A minimum of 20 QSOs is required to qualify for a sponsored award plaque. Clubs must submit at least 3 entries to qualify for a plaque. The New Contester award is open to any station that submits an AZQP log indicating at least 10 QSOs. The station / operator must attest they have never previously submitted a log with more than 10 QSOs to any contest.

MORE INFO:

Check the Arizona QSO Party website www.azqp.org for up-to-date information on Activated Counties, Awards and Certificates, Resources, Logs Received, Results and more. Email: info@azqp.org

LEGAL DISCLAIMER:

The Arizona QSO Party, its Chairman, Associates, and Sponsors assume no liability or responsibility for any injury, illness, or harm (including death) to any person or property as a result of participating in the Arizona QSO Party.

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