

OCRA / DFMA CONTEST WITHIN A CONTEST 2010 WPX RULES

I. Objective: For OCRA & DFMA members to contact as many amateurs and different prefixes as possible during the contest period.

II. Period of Operation:

- SSB: March 27-28, 2010

- Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday

III. Bands: Only the 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used.

Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged.

IV. Terms of Competition for All Categories:

(a) All entrants must operate within the limits of their chosen category when performing any activity that could affect their submitted score. Only the entrant's call sign may be used to aid the entrant's score.

(d) Self-spotting or asking other stations to spot you is not allowed.

V. Entry Categories:

A. For our Contest within a Contest there will be three different categories. The only difference for a single-op and multi-op entry is the power level.

(a) High Power (All Band or Single Band): Total output power must not exceed **1500 watts**.

(b) Low Power (All Band or Single Band): Total output power must not exceed **200 watts**.

(c) QRP (All Band or Single Band): Total output power must not exceed **5 watts**.

VI. Exchange: RS(T) report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. (ie: 59 001 if your first QSO, and 59 035 if your 35th QSO.)

VII. Contact Points: (If you have Contest Logging software this is all automatic. If you are logging by hand, leave space on the right side of your paper log for a score per QSO. See example below.)

(a) Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and six (6) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(b) Contacts between stations on the same continent, but different countries, are worth one (1) point on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and two (2) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz. Exception: For North American stations only—contacts between stations within the North American boundaries (both stations must be located in North America) are worth two (2) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and four (4) points on

7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

(c) Contacts between stations in the same country are worth 1 point regardless of band.

VIII. Prefix Multipliers: The prefix multiplier is the number of valid prefixes worked. Each PREFIX is counted only once regardless of the band or number of times the same prefix is worked.

a) A PREFIX is the letter/numeral combination which forms the first part of the amateur call. Examples: N8, W8, WD8, HG1, HG19, KC2, OE2, OE25, LY1000, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall count as a separate prefix. A station operating from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. The portable prefix must be an authorized prefix of the country/call area of operation. In cases of portable operation, the portable designator will then become the prefix. Example: N8BJQ operating from Wake Island would sign N8BJQ/KH9 or N8BJQ/NH9. KH6XXX operating from Ohio must use an authorized prefix for the U.S. 8th district (/W8, /AD8, etc.). Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (Ø) after the second letter of the portable designator to form the prefix. Example: PAN8BJQ would become PAØ. All calls without numbers will be assigned a zero (Ø) after the first two letters to form the prefix. Example: XEFTJW would count as XEØ. Maritime mobile, mobile, /A, /E, /J, /P, or interim license class identifiers do not count as prefixes.

IX. Scoring: A station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit. Prefix credit may be taken only once.

(i) All-Band score is total contact points from all bands multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked.

(ii) Single-Band score is total contact points on the band entered multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked on that band only.

X. Instructions for Submission of Logs: We would appreciate receiving all logs in electronic format. However, paper logs will also be accepted. **Please submit a separate log per band. This will make it easier for you to identify duplicate QSOs (they don't count) and for us to score your submission.**

(a) The log **MUST** show the following for each contact: correct time in GMT, frequency (or band), call, serial number sent, and serial number received. A log without all required information may be reclassified to checklog.

This is a sample of a log format if you want to use paper that would work for our Contest within a Contest

**Date Time (UTC) Frequency Call NR SENT NR RCVD
Score**

If anyone has questions - - please send me an email, call me on the phone or call me on the repeater ! I hope to work many OCRA and DFMA

members during the WPX-SSB contest.

73, Bruce – N1LN