

South Dakota QSO Party Rules

The South Dakota QSO Party will be held beginning 12-26-2009 ending 12-27-2009

This event will be the last chance for you to log a SD station for your Triple Play Award before the end of the allowed participation period.

Another informal (no awards or scoring) SD QSO Party will be held on New Years EVE 2009, for those wishing to simply check in and talk to old friends and socialize.

Special band activity times: SD stations are encouraged to spend some time on 20 meters in the afternoon to work DX stations seeking SD counties. SD stations are encouraged to use the ARRL LOTW systems, or be ready for a lot of QSL card requests!

When:

Start: 1200 GMT 12-26-2009, Which is 0500 MST 12-26-2009, 0600 CST 12-26-2009, 0700 EST 12-26-2009

End: 1200 GMT 12-27-2009, Which is 0500 MST 12-27-2009, 0600 CST 12-27-2009, 0700 EST 12-27-2009.

Where:

ALL Ham Bands except WARC Bands.

How:

Modes: CW, Phone and all Digital modes.

Any digital mode qualifies as the digital mode. Switching to a different digital mode, does not count again for the same station on the same band, in that same county. Clusters and spotting networks are welcomed, and encouraged. No repeater QSO's are allowed, unless for coordination purposes within SD. The QSO counted for this event must take place on simplex VHF/UHF and of course HF as mentioned above. There is no unlimited category in this event.

Exchange:

SD stations give RST and county. **Others** give RST and state, province, or country.

All Bands are allowed, except of course all WARC Bands.

All entries must be received no later than 1-28-2010.

Logging Software:

The free W3KM Contest Logging "Gen Log" program has been graciously modified by it's author, to accept this event. It will score correctly, notify of duplicates, send CW etc. You can download it from:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/dmascaro1/>

Chuck, NO5W, has added support for the SD QSO Party to his logging program Called "CQ/X de NO5W". This one is also totally free. It can be downloaded from Chuck's website at <<http://www.no5w.com/>> .

It supports in-state mobile, in-state fixed, and out-of-state operations. It scores correctly and generates a Cabrillo file. The unique thing about CQ/X is it's support for mobile operators using a GPS.

Scoring:

Count 1 point per phone QSO, 2 points per CW QSO, and 3 points for any Digital mode QSO.

Multipliers:

Stations may operate only one transmitter at a time. Each vehicle is considered one station and must use only one call. Contacts with/by stations at the border of 2 counties count as 2 counties and 2 QSO's. They must be logged as such, that is two separate QSO's.

SD stations will multiply points by the sum of states, Canadian Provinces, and DXCC countries . (US and Canada do NOT count as countries for SD stations.) When changing counties please sign as a Rover (*see below).

Non-SD stations multiply points by number of SD counties worked. A SD station can only be worked multiple times in the same SD county if on a different band or a different mode. If a SD station changes SD counties, then that station can be worked again, for that new county. That is: A SD station is not a dupe unless he is on the same band, same mode, same county, like all other QSO parties, a maximum of 3 times in the same county.

Categories:

Only 2:

1.) Stations located in SD, including mobiles moving from county to county. If moving from county to county, please sign with a /R in CW and digital modes. Use "Rover" in SSB or FM transmissions.

2.) Stations located outside of the state of SD. There are no power or other categories.

Awards:

Special certificates will be awarded to the highest-scoring SD fixed station, SD mobile station, and the highest-scoring Out-of-State station. Certificates will be also be awarded to the top 10 SD fixed stations, the top 10 SD mobile stations, the top QRP station score (1 in SD, 1 outside) and the highest score (reporting at least 20 different SD stations) in each state, province, and DX country.

Logs:

An official SD QSO Party summary sheet must accompany your log. This requirement includes electronic entries. You can copy and paste it into a text program and send it along with your electronic entry. Entries without a summary sheet will be considered to be check logs and won't be included in the final results. Logs shall indicate UTC, the call of the station worked, the band and mode, RST sent and received, and the state, province, SD county, or DX country. SD mobiles must indicate county changes in the log. Any station with over 100 QSO's and a paper log must submit a dupe sheet. Mobile entries send dupe sheet only for counties from which you make 100 or more contacts. For handwritten logs: Please circle new multipliers as worked. Include a business-size SASE if you wish to receive the printed results or if you qualify; a SD QSO Party certificate. Entries must be received by January 28 2010.

Submit Log To:

For electronic logs: We ask anyone who produces a computer generated log to please submit their log via email along with a summary sheet as above. Cabrillo format Logs preferred, but any ascii text logs are acceptable as long as in a columned format. The SD QSO Party summary sheet can be copied and pasted in the email. Send by January 28, 2010 to K7RE@arrl.net. Rules, summary sheet, and other information are available at the <http://www.w0blk.org/files/qsoparty.htm> Website.

For Paper Logs:

Send a copy of your paper log, with Dupe and Summary sheets to:
SD QSO Party Entry
10559 West HWY 14
Spearfish SD 57783

Entries may be disqualified if the rules of the South Dakota QSO Party are not followed. The decision of the South Dakota QSO Party Committee shall be final.