

QRP Hours 80m contest 2018

Date: 7th April 2018

CW/PSK/FT8/digi: 1000-1059 UTC - CW on 3500-3535 khz - Digital 3570-3600

SSB: 1100-1159 UTC – 3535-3570 khz

Band: 80m only – operate in the sub-bands for each mode as above. Sub bands per WIA website.

Power output: 5 watts max to be considered genuine QRP. Higher powered stations are welcome to join in but are not eligible for awards.

If you operate in both sections you may use a continuous numbers, so if you end the CW section at 015, your first SSB contact could be 016. Or if you prefer, start again at 001 for the second hour.

Logs

The following information is essential for a log submission:

Your callsign at the top of the page, then:

Time UTC	Mode	Callsign worked	Number sent	Number received
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Contacts should be listed in the order in which they happened. The number sent (by you) is listed before the number received (by you). Please take care with the data columns, they are all required and they need to be in the order illustrated above.

You do **not need to include signal reports either on air or in your log**, but you are welcome to include signal reports in your contacts on the air. Eg you give someone 579001 or just 001 but your contest log will show just 001.

The time should be recorded in standard logging time: UTC.

File Format: can be a spreadsheet from Excel or other program. It can also be a CSV file with the above data columns separated by a comma. I use Excel to validate the logs. Or just plain text. It only takes a minute to type a log of 5 contacts using a text editor, (4 minutes if you are the contest winner).

Deadline for logs: 2 weeks after the contest. Paper logs to me at PO Box 882, Yass. Email preferred.

Logging Software: Don't use VKCL as it does not have suitable options for this contest. The QRP contest in VKCL is for an event that is no longer run. Entering the contacts on a date that VKCL is not setup will produce an empty log when the output file is generated, ie a blank log with no contacts listed. Better to use a paper log for the contest and then type up the contacts in a simple text file or use a spreadsheet.

Contest changes

I have aligned the sub bands recommended with the WIA band plans.

There were no PSK or RTTY entries last year. However as last year saw the first FT8 contact for this contest, if you are interested and equipped for FT8, please use it.

Any other changes to these rules to correct omissions will be published on the club website. Queries before and after the event: contests@vkqrpclub.org will find me.

Certificates

Certificates will be issued to 1 more than 10% of the log entries based on the number of contacts made, for each mode and also for meritorious operation under difficult conditions, especially if it rains during the event and you are camping overnight. Park and SOTA activators are especially encouraged to join in.

I plan to join in the event as a home QRP station. If conditions are good I will run 1 watt, if poor I will run 5w. Probably using the IC703 dialled down a bit.

Mailing lists

I publicise this contest via the VKZLQRP mailing list/discussion group, now hosted at <http://groups.io> to publicise this event, as well as posting details on SOTA and other groups. I will post a notice warning of any change/correction in these rules on the website and on the VKZLQRP group.

73 and "good luck in the contest".

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