

QRP HOURS CONTEST

For 2020 the contest will be held on the 18th of April

1000-1059 UTC – CW/digital modes

1100-1159 UTC – SSB/digital voice

Sponsored by the CW Operators' QRP Club, the **AIM** of this contest is to make as many contacts as possible within two one-hour blocks. Whilst it is hoped that the event will be strongly supported by QRP Club Members, **it is open to all licensed amateurs.**

Output Power: Preferably 5 watts, but not more than 10 watts of carrier power. This is to stress the QRP nature of the event.

Modes: First Hour – CW/Digital
Second Hour – SSB/Digital voice

Frequencies: CW 3.500-3.535 MHz
Digital 3.570-3.600 MHz – 3570 Dial freq suggested
SSB/Digital voice 3.535-3.570 and 3.600-3.700 MHz

Exchange a three-digit serial number starting at 001 and incrementing by 1 for each new contact.

Those continuing from CW to SSB can continue to increment exchange numbers. There is no need to start from 001 in the 2nd block unless you only do SSB.

Score one point per contact. (Most loggers will automatically put in default RS(T) of 59 or 599)

Digital: Any digital mode may be used subject to the power being limited to 5 W and the mode being allowed by the operator's licence. Modes such as FT8, FT4, PSK31, RTTY are the most likely to be used. Every digital transmission must be initiated and controlled by the operator, no auto-sequencing is to be used. That is, no automatic operation is allowed.

Pre-composed text, including incremented numbers, may be sent but must be selected by the operator for each transmission. Practice with digital modes before the contest!

Logging Software:

1. **VKCL Logger** now has an option for this contest. It outputs in Cabrillo V3 format and is compatible with the VK Log Checker.
2. **N1MM logger** has a User Definable Contest option, the settings for this contest can be downloaded from:
http://vk4sn.com/downloads/QRP_HRSRTTY-N1MM-UDC.zip

Logs produced via VKCL and N1MM in Cabrillo 3 can be uploaded directly to <https://www.vklogchecker.com> where an automated receipt for the log will be emailed to you. Failing this please email your logs to contests@vkqrpclub.org.au. If you cannot use one of those loggers, please send your log by email as a text file, or excel spreadsheet. No PDFs.

Log deadline is 8 days after the contest.

Certificates will be awarded to the highest scorers in each Mode in each State or Territory.

Note: Email is the preferred method of sending the log, but all entrants **must include** their postal address (you cannot know if you will be a section winner!!).