

# QRP HOURS CONTEST

*For 2021 the contest will be held on the 10th 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 3.600-3.700MHz

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

Those continuing from the first hour to the second (in a new mode) can continue to increment exchange numbers. There is no need to restart from 001 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> block.

**Score** one point per contact.

**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 contact must be initiated and controlled by the operator, no auto-sequencing is to be used.

## 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. After completing the contest, navigate the menu to export the Cabrillo file as that is the only file accepted by the log checker. Details below.
2. **N1MM logger:** go to Alan VK4SN's website for his instructions on how to use N1MM+ with a user defined contest file, at <https://www.vk4sn.com/Contests/N1MMVK> and download the UDC file at <https://vk4sn.com/downloads/QRPHRSRTTY-N1MM-UDC.zip>

**Logs** produced via VKCL and N1MM (in Cabrillo format only) can be uploaded directly to <https://www.vklogchecker.com> where you will find a "log upload" option under QRP Hours contest. An automated receipt for the log will be emailed to you.

If uploading the Cabrillo file fails, please email your Cabrillo file to [contests@vkqrpclub.org](mailto:contests@vkqrpclub.org) If you cannot use one of those loggers, please send your log by email as a text file, or excel spreadsheet. No PDFs please.

**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:** The vklogchecker.com upload is the preferred method of submitting your log, but all entrants **must include** their postal address (you cannot know if you will be a section winner!!).