

RULES FOR THE 2008 OCEANIA DX CONTEST

1. SPECIAL NOTES for the 2008 Contest

- All email logs are processed by an email robot. The robot sends an automated email acknowledgement indicating either acceptance or rejection of the log. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, or are encountering difficulty in having the log accepted, then please contact the Contest Committee at info@oceaniadxcontest.com
- Electronic logging is compulsory for logs containing more than 50 contacts. See rule 12 for details. While paper logging is still acceptable for a few contacts, it is much easier for the contest committee to get the results out quickly if electronic logs are provided.
- Electronic logs are to be in Cabrillo format which is now generated by all popular contest logging software programs. Alternatively entrants can use the forms at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to manually create and submit a Cabrillo file.
- Portable prefixes must be inserted in front of the home callsign, e.g., W1XXX operating in ZL1 would sign as ZL1/W1XXX.
- If the station worked does not provide a serial number, then log the received number as 001. See rule 7. This new provision allows credit for contacts with stations that are not in the Oceania DX Contest.
- A reminder that Single-Op Single Band logs are to record ALL contacts made by the station - both on the band chosen for the entry and on any other bands.
- Stations must log a minimum of 10 contacts to be eligible for an award.
- The latest information about the contest will be published on the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com

2. **THE AIM** of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region (VK, ZL, Pacific Islands and other locations within the IARU "Worked All Continents" Oceania boundary).

3. CONTEST PERIODS:

PHONE Contest: 08:00 UTC Saturday 4 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 5 October 2008
CW Contest: 08:00 UTC Saturday 11 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 12 October 2008

4. THE OBJECT is for:

- Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.
- Non-Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible inside the Oceania region. There is no penalty for working non-Oceania stations but contacts between non-Oceania stations will score no points or multiplier credits.
- Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to hear as many contest stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.
- Non-Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to hear as many contest stations as possible inside the Oceania region.

5. **BANDS:** 160M – 10M (no WARC bands).

6. ENTRY CATEGORIES:

- **SINGLE-OP** - Single Operator, All Bands or Single Band. Single operator stations are where one person performs all operating, logging and spotting functions. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any time.
- **MULTI-ONE** - Multiple Operator, Single Transmitter, All Bands. Only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period (defined as 10 minutes). Exception: One — and only one — other band may be used during any 10-minute period if — and only if — the station worked is a new multiplier. It is permissible to use a second transmitter for working such stations on the alternate band. Logs found in violation of the 10-minute rule will be reclassified as MULTI-MULTI. All operation must take place from the same operating site.
- **MULTI-MULTI** - Multiple Operator, Multiple Transmitter, All Bands. No limit to transmitters, but only one signal and running station allowed per band. Note: All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter area or within property limits of the station licensee, whichever is greater. All operation must take place from the same operating site.
- **SWL** - Short Wave Listener (Receive Only) All Bands.

7. EXCHANGE: RS(T) report plus a three or four digit number starting at 001 (or 0001) and incrementing by one for each contact. MULTI-MULTI entries may use a separate serial number for each band. If the station worked does not send a serial number, then log the received number as 001.

8. MULTIPLIER: The multiplier is the number of different prefixes worked. Note that the same prefix may be counted once on each band for multiplier credit.

A **prefix** is the letter/numeral combination that forms the first part of the amateur call - the same as the CQ WPX contest definition.

Examples of valid prefixes are N8, W8, WD8, HG1, HG19, KC2, OE2, OE25, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of the same shall constitute a separate prefix. A station operating from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its callsign 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 KH9/N8BJQ or NH9/N8BJQ. KH6XXX operating from Ohio must use an authorized prefix for the U.S. 8th district (W8, K8, etc.) Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the second letter of the portable designator to form the prefix. Example: PA/N8BJQ would become PA0. 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.

Special event, commemorative, and other unique prefix stations are encouraged to participate. Prefixes must be assigned by the licensing authority of the country of operation.

9. CONTACT POINTS: All entries score twenty points per contact on 160M; ten points on 80M; five points on 40M; one point on 20M; two points on 15M; and three points on 10M.

Note that the same station may only be counted once on each band for contact points credit.

10. THE FINAL SCORE is the sum of the contact points multiplied by the multiplier (total number of prefixes worked), i.e., sum of contact points from all bands multiplied by the total number of prefixes worked on all bands. Note that the same prefix can be counted once on each band.

11. GENERAL LOG REQUIREMENTS:

Transmitting entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - band or frequency, mode, date, time in UTC, callsign of station worked, RS(T) and serial number sent, RS(T) and serial number

received. SINGLE-OP Single Band logs are to record ALL contacts made by the station - both on the band chosen for the entry and on any other bands. MULTI-ONE logs must be submitted in date/time order.

SWL entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - band or frequency, mode, date, time in UTC, callsign of 'station heard', callsign of 'station being worked', RS(T) and serial number sent by the heard station. The same callsign may appear only once in any group of 3 consecutive entries in the 'station being worked' column. Note that in the case of non-Oceania SWL entries, only Oceania callsigns should appear in the 'station heard' column.

All duplicate contacts must be shown - DO NOT delete duplicate contacts. No penalty will be applied to duplicate contacts.

Although no signed declaration is required, by submitting a log, you are deemed to have made a declaration that you observed the contest rules and operated within the limits of your licence.

12. ELECTRONIC LOGS are preferred and are compulsory for logs containing more than 50 contacts.

Electronic logs are to be submitted in Cabrillo format. The Cabrillo log file must include both an accurately completed header (containing the summary information) and the QSO log data. All of the fields in the Cabrillo header must be completed except for the ARRL Section, Power, Category Overlay and Soapbox lines. SWL entries are to use the same Cabrillo QSO line format as transmitting stations, except that there is no requirement to include the received RS(T) and serial number information. Failure to fill out the header correctly can result in the entry being placed in the wrong category or reclassified as a check log. See www.oceaniadxcontest.com for the latest information on the Cabrillo format requirements.

The log file name is to be in the form callsign.log, for example, if ZL2WB submits a log file - then it should be named zl2wb.log.

Send the file as an e-mail attachment to ph@oceaniadxcontest.com (for PHONE entries) or cw@oceaniadxcontest.com (for CW entries). Please insert only your callsign in the Subject: field of the e-mail used to send your Cabrillo log. **The log file must be sent as an attachment**, not as text or content within the e-mail message. Do not zip files and only include one log file in each email submission.

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Entrants using paper logging or logging software that doesn't produce a Cabrillo file are encouraged to use the on-line forms at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to manually create and submit a Cabrillo file.

13. PAPER LOGS:

Electronic Logs are preferred (as per the requirements in 12 above) but if this is not possible then paper logs in the Oceania DX Contest format may be submitted, provided they contain less than 50 contacts.

Each paper log is to be accompanied by a summary sheet that clearly states

- The station's callsign
- Operator callsign/s
- Entrant's name and mailing address (for receipt of awards)
- Mode and Category entered
- Contact points claimed on each band
- Number of multiplier prefixes claimed on each band
- Total claimed score

Official log sheets and summary can be downloaded from the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com. If official forms are not available then you may make your own in accordance with the general requirements outlined above and in Section 11.

Paper logs are to be posted to: Oceania DX Contest, c/o Wellington Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 6464, Wellington 6030, New Zealand. Only one entry is to be included in each submission. Airmail is preferred if you are submitting a log from outside VK or ZL.

14. DEADLINE - All logs must be emailed or postmarked NO LATER than 10 November 2008. The reception of logs will be acknowledged by the email robot (for electronic submissions) and a listing of all logs received will be posted on the Oceania DX Contest web site at www.oceaniadxcontest.com.

15. AWARDS

To be eligible for an award, stations must log a minimum of 10 contacts.

Certificates will be awarded to the top scoring station in each category listed under Section 6 for each IARU WAC continent and each country. Trophies and plaques will also be awarded to the following categories.

OCEANIA

- Top entrant from Oceania in PHONE Single Operator All Band category - Ron Wills, ZL2TT Memorial trophy sponsored by ZL2GI, ZL2AL, Wellington Amateur Radio Club and NZART.
- Top entrant from VK in CW Single Operator All Band category - Frank Hine, VK2QL Memorial trophy sponsored by WIA Federal.
- Top local club from Australia with the greatest number of member stations participating in the Oceania DX Contest - sponsored by VK Contest Club.

NORTH AMERICA

- Top Entrant from North America in PHONE Single Operator All Band category – Plaque sponsored by N6RO.
- Top Entrant from North America in CW Single Operator All Band category – Plaque sponsored by the Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc.

EUROPE

- Top Entrant from Europe in CW Single Operator categories - Frank Vander Drift VK3COF Memorial Plaque sponsored by Mirek Rozbicki VK6DXI.
- Top Entrant from Europe in PHONE Single Operator All Band category – Plaque sponsored by the Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group Inc.

Additional awards may also be allocated at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

16. DISQUALIFICATION: Violation of the contest rules, unsporting conduct, or taking credit for excessive unverifiable contacts or multipliers, will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. The use of non-amateur radio means such as telephones or email, or the use of packet, to solicit contacts during the contest is unsporting and the entry may be subject to disqualification. In matters of dispute, the actions and decisions of the Contest Committee are final.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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