

Collegiate QSO Party Rules

Objective

To provide an amateur radio operating event focused on collegiate amateur radio, promoting student activity, alumni engagement, and community awareness.

Who is this event for?

This event is open to all radio amateurs. Points can be earned by individuals, clubs, and collegiate stations. The Collegiate QSO Party encourages alumni to connect with their alma mater and students to network with other schools. New hams are welcome and stations are encouraged to be accommodating to new radio amateurs.

What is a “Collegiate Station”?

For the purposes of this event, a collegiate is defined as students, faculty, staff, or alumni operating under the callsign assigned to the club registered at the college, university or other post-secondary academic institute. Collegiate clubs may operate on campus in the club station or setup in a public area (with permission) or off campus. Alumni/Faculty/Staff without an active student club who wish to “activate” their school may do so with the permission of the trustee of the collegiate club callsign and compete in this category.

Current students at schools without an participating amateur radio club may compete under their own callsign. Points will apply as a club station.

Operating Dates and Time

The event will take place on **Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at 0000 UTC to Sunday, September 16th, 2018 at 2359 UTC.**

Number of Transmitters and Remote Operation

Each station is limited to one transmitter at a time. Additional (unlimited) receivers may be used to aid in spotting stations. Relay stations and repeaters are not allowed for this event. *Only simplex contacts between two stations may count. The only exception is the two allowed satellite contacts for the bonus.*

Remote operation is not allowed, except for a collegiate station operating remote to their shack to facilitate a public demonstration in accordance with the bonus points below.

Operating Bands

Points may be scored on any amateur radio band, except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters. Points are scored for each band worked.

QSO Exchange

When a contact is made, each operator must exchange the following information:

- Callsign
- College/University name or abbreviation, and mascot
 - “None” or club name if in individual category
- Operating Class

Point Breakdown

Points are earned for each QSO per mode, per band. Multipliers are applied to QSO and then summed with all other QSOs. Multipliers cannot be combined on a given QSO, except QRP. Bonus points are added to the total log score. Example: A log with a CW QSO with a faculty of your school is 25 points and a phone QSO with another college club is 10 points, for a total log score of 35 points.

QSO Point Values

- Phone: 1
- CW/Digital (PSK, FT8, JT65, etc.) 2

Multipliers

- Alumni (college club working alumni or alumni working alumni from same school): X3
- College Club: X5
- QSO with College You Attended: X25
- Satellite QSO (limit 2 for the event): X50
- QRP (each contact where at least one station is QRP): X2

Note: QRP is logged a [CALLSIGN]/QRP to enable multiple bonus. QRP does not count for satellite QSOs.

Bonus Points

- Media for school clubs: Max 600 points for active use of social and traditional media leading up to and during the event (livestream of event, public Facebook or Twitter posts, article in school or alumni newspaper, etc.)
 - 100 points per post, max 200 points per day
 - Screenshot of each post required for point verification
- Public Operating for school clubs: 250 points per hour (max of 1000 points) for operating a self-contained portable station in a public space on campus.
 - Must have a sign and engage members of the community
 - Simply sitting on a bench with a HT does not count
 - Remote station operation does count
 - Must submit photo
- School administrator bonus for school clubs: 300 points for each unique administrator (Dept. Chair, Dean, President, Board Member, or Provost) to make a contact, operating from the school station.
 - Max. 1 bonus per administrator
 - Must provide list with name, position, and signature of administrators who operate

Operating Classes

Stations may enter in one of the following eight (8) classes. Low power is considered to be 150 watts and below. If a station fits into more than one class (ex. Alumni and employee), the operator may choose which class they would like to enter for this event.

- Collegiate Low Power (CLP)
- Collegiate High Power (CHP)
- Collegiate Employee Low Power (ELP) – Includes *faculty and staff* at a college or university
- Collegiate Employee High Power (EHP) – Includes *faculty and staff* at a college or university
- Collegiate Club Alumni Low Power (ALP) – Individual operators who were part of a club while in college/university
- Collegiate Club Alumni High Power (AHP) – Individual operators who were part of a club while in college/university
- Individual Low Power (ILP) – Individual operators who are not associated with a college/university (This class includes non-collegiate clubs.)
- Individual High Power (IHP) – Individual operators who are not associated with a college/university (This class includes non-collegiate clubs.)

Logging Details

Only digital logs will be submitted following the Cabrillo format linked here and at the top of the page. Send logs to andy@gatorradio.org and include the subject line **[(YOUR CALLSIGN) CQP Log Submission]**. In the body of the email, include contact info (in case of logging questions), number of operators, photos for any bonuses, and claimed score. Attach the log to the email document. **Logs due October 15, 2018.**