

CQP Multipliers

Multiplier "Rules" California QSO Party (CQP)

First and foremost we want the multipliers to be "easy to remember" and somewhat "mistake proof" for both casual contesters and experienced contesters.

CA County Multipliers for Out-of-State Participants (58)

Use the first 4 characters of the county name to make them unique

- This rule is broken for Contra Costa (**CCOS**) and Los Angeles (**LANG**)
- Marin (**MARN**) and Mariposa (**MARP**) counties are not unique in 4 characters
- If the county name is one of the 10 counties that start with "San" or "Santa" abbreviate that part to a single **"S"**

ALAM	Alameda	MARN	Marin	SMAT	San Mateo
ALPI	Alpine	MARP	Mariposa	SBAR	Santa Barbara
AMAD	Amador	MEND	Mendocino	SCLA	Santa Clara
BUTT	Butte	MERC	Merced	SCRU	Santa Cruz
CALA	Calaveras	MODO	Modoc	SHAS	Shasta
COLU	Colusa	MONO	Mono	SIER	Sierra
CCOS	Contra Costa	MONT	Monterey	SISK	Siskiyou
DELN	Del Norte	NAPA	Napa	SOLA	Solano
ELDO	El Dorado	NEVA	Nevada	SONO	Sonoma
FRES	Fresno	ORAN	Orange	STAN	Stanislaus
GLEN	Glenn	PLAC	Placer	SUTT	Sutter
HUMB	Humboldt	PLUM	Plumas	TEHA	Tehama
IMPE	Imperial	RIVE	Riverside	TRIN	Trinity
INYO	Inyo	SACR	Sacramento	TULA	Tulare
KERN	Kern	SBEN	San Benito	TUOL	Tuolumne
KING	Kings	SBER	San Bernardino	VENT	Ventura
LAKE	Lake	SDIE	San Diego	YOLO	Yolo
LASS	Lassen	SFRA	San Francisco	YUBA	Yuba
LANG	Los Angeles	SJOA	San Joaquin		
MADE	Madera	SLUI	San Luis Obispo		

USA/Canada Multipliers for California Participants

Maximum of 58 Scored Multipliers out of 63 Total Multipliers (U.S. states = 50 and Canadian provinces/territories = 13)

Reference: Postal Abbreviations

- US https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._postal_abbreviations
- Canada <http://canadaonline.about.com/library/bl/blpabb.htm>

AL	Alabama	MI	Michigan	TX	Texas
AK	Alaska	MN	Minnesota	UT	Utah
AZ	Arizona	MS	Mississippi	VT	Vermont
AR	Arkansas	MO	Missouri	VA	Virginia
CA	1st CA county counts as CA	MT	Montana	WA	Washington
CO	Colorado	NE	Nebraska	WV	West Virginia
CT	Connecticut	NV	Nevada	WI	Wisconsin
DE	Delaware	NH	New Hampshire	WY	Wyoming
FL	Florida	NJ	New Jersey	AB	Alberta
GA	Georgia	NM	New Mexico	BC	British Columbia
HI	Hawaii	NY	New York	MB	Manitoba
ID	Idaho	NC	North Carolina	NB	New Brunswick
IL	Illinois	ND	North Dakota	NL	Newfoundland & Labrador
IN	Indiana	OH	Ohio	NT	Northwest Territories
IA	Iowa	OK	Oklahoma	NS	Nova Scotia
KS	Kansas	OR	Oregon	NU	Nunavut
KY	Kentucky	PA	Pennsylvania	ON	Ontario
LA	Louisiana	RI	Rhode Island	PE	Prince Edward Island
ME	Maine	SC	South Carolina	QC	Quebec
MD	Maryland & DC	SD	South Dakota	SK	Saskatchewan
MA	Massachusetts	TN	Tennessee	YT	Yukon

Notes:

- **MR** (Maritime) multiplier has been removed.
- **NB** (New Brunswick), **NS** (Nova Scotia), **NL** (Newfoundland and Labrador) and **PE** (Prince Edward Island) provinces have been added as multipliers.
- **NT** multiplier has been redefined as Northwest Territories only (VE8).
- **YT** (Yukon) and **NU** (Nunavut) territories have been added as multipliers.
- Although there are **63** possible multipliers that can accrue toward the CA station's multiplier tally, the maximum number of counted multipliers toward the CA station's final score is **58**.
- DX is the QTH sent by all stations outside of the U.S. and Canada, however it does not count as an additional multiplier toward the CA station's multiplier tally. DX QSOs count as QSO credit.
- The first valid CA QSO logged with 4-letter county abbreviation will count as the multiplier for California. California stations must log all CA contacts with their 4-letter county abbreviation.

Common Multiplier Logging Errors California QSO Party (CQP)

There are common multiplier abbreviation problems that can potentially result in losing points. One type of problem is not entering enough characters to clearly specify a unique California county. Here are some common problems we have seen over the years.

County abbreviation problems

MON – This is an ambiguous abbreviation for:

MONT Monterey **MONO**

Mono

MAR – This is an ambiguous abbreviation for:

MARN Marin

MARP Mariposa

SB – This is an ambiguous abbreviation for:

SBEN San Benito

SBER San Bernardino

SBAR Santa Barbara

Note: SB is the abbreviation of the ARRL section "Santa Barbara". This is fine for ARRL Field Day, but CQP is about California counties and "SB" is not quite enough letters to clearly distinguish it from the other possibilities.

State abbreviation problems

AL: AL Alabama state, **not** ALAM Alameda county or ALPI Alpine county

LA: LA Louisiana state, **not** LANG Los Angeles county or LASS Lassen county

NV: NV Nevada state, **not** NEVA Nevada county

OR: OR Oregon state, **not** ORAN Orange county

DX QSOs

DX QSO's do not count for non-California participants.

For California participants, DX QSO's count for QSO points but not multiplier credit. There are no DX multipliers. United States commonwealths, territories and possessions do not count as multipliers. The preferred QTH abbreviation for any DX station is "DX". You may instead log the ARRL DXCC country abbreviation (e.g. G for England, DL for Germany, etc), but simply "DX" is easier for you.