

California QSO Party

CQP 2025: Rules Updates

Following is a list of the minor rules updates for CQP 2025. The core rules are the same as they were last year. The contest exchange, scoring, categories, and multipliers remain unchanged from 2024.

1. Added Best Practices section

- a. Callsign identification - align with CQ contests. Running stations should identify a minimum of once for every three QSOs made.
- b. Spotting - when spotting stations, spot more than just one particular callsign.
- c. Other Best Practices were already in CQP rules previously.

2. Clarified 500 m circle for a station's transmitters, receivers and amplifiers

- a. For most stations, this circle is fixed for the whole contest.
- b. The center of this 500 m circle is allowed to move during the contest for the following exceptions:
 - i. Mobiles
 - ii. Stations that operate from two or more expedition locations
 - iii. Stations that operate part time from a fixed station and part time from an expedition location (example: a station operates portable from a POTA park during the day and then continues operating at night from home)

3. Clarified # of allowed signals at any time

- a. Changed “# of transmitters” to “# of transmit signals” in class tables
- b. For S/O, S/O-Assisted and M/S classes, added the statement “Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time.”
- c. Note: this is not a rules change but just a clarification about the existing rules.

4. Clarified that entrants are subject to reclassification or disqualification at the discretion of the CQP Chair.



CQP 2025: Awards Updates

1. Club Awards

- a. Discontinued \$100 gift cards
- b. Added certificates
 - i. Club certificates to the 10 winning clubs
 - ii. Individual operator certificates to every operator in a winning club effort
- c. Clarified member verification section

2. Added Plaque

- a. SO/SOA: Top Score, 2nd Call Area
 - i. NS2N Memorial, sponsored by Niagara Frontier Radiosport

CQP 2025: Challenges Updates

1. Sunday Challenge

- a. Added the Sunday Challenge and supporting awards
- b. See [CQP 2025 Challenge Rules](#) for details.
- c. Time Challenge, POTA Challenge and Video Challenge that were run in 2024 will continue in 2025.

