

California QSO Party

2021 Proposed Changes



- The CA QSO Party organizing team requests your feedback on the following proposed rules and awards changes for the 2021 CA QSO Party.
- Rules changes: pages 2-9
- Awards changes: pages 10-12
- Please send comments to the CA QSO Party Chairman: Dean Wood, N6DE
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Change #	2021 Rules Change
1	Rewrite club competition rules. See pages 6-9 of this file for details.
2	100W Low Power limit (was 200W).
3	Shorten log submission deadline to 15 days.
4	Eliminate MCE (Multi-County Expedition) category.
5	Clarify that county line QSOs count as points for 1 QSO but for multiple county multiplier credit.
6	Clarify definition of QSO number.

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7	State that a station's transmitters, receivers and amplifiers must be located within a single 500m diameter circle. (like ARRL & CQ contest rules)
8	Specify that looking at Reverse Beacon Network SNR readings for your callsign is considered as spotting assistance.
9	Remind participants that QSOs between non-CA stations do not count for QSO credit.
10	Remove requirement from 2020 for Multi-op stations to pre-register. (COVID-19 considerations)

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11	Encourage participants to follow a code of conduct, similar to https://wwrof.org/contester-code-of-ethics/
12	Give specific guidance on exactly how participants should indicate in their Cabrillo file that they are a YL, Youth or New Contester. Also specifically state how club split % should be indicated in the log.
13	Update FAQ and provide link in rules.

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No other rules changes are in scope for CQP 2021.

e.g.

- We will not be adding FT8, FT4 or RTTY modes.
- We will not be adding CW-only or SSB-only categories. (but we will redefine the CW and SSB highest QSO plaques to be awarded only to stations that operate on just one mode)
- We will not be adding a “Distributed Multi” class.

Club Competition Rules Change Proposal

Create:

- Two groups of clubs: one for all CA clubs and one for all non-CA clubs.
- Club score = member scores + bonus points. (similar to ARRL Field Day club scoring)
- Club awards: 5 gavels for top 5 CA and 5 gavels for top 5 non-CA, named after CA National Parks

Eliminate:

- Small, medium and large club categorization.
- Club plaques.
- Club size declaration prior to CQP.
- Club size option in log submission web form.
- Club circle distance requirement.

Club Competition Rules Change Proposal

Club Score =

A. Scores from all club member entries +

B. Bonus points

- 10k for every unique callsign on air. 10 QSO minimum.
- 50k for every YL S/O.
- 50k for every Youth S/O.
- 50k for every New Contester S/O.
- 50k for every CA Mobile. 3 county minimum. ≥ 10 QSOs per county.
- 100k for activating a rare QTH multiplier. Minimum 10 QSOs per mult. 100k per mult. Max 1M rare bonus total per club. Can be fixed station, remote operation, expedition or mobile. Any club (inside CA or outside CA) is eligible for any rare mult bonus (rare CA county bonus and rare US/VE mult bonus)

Club Competition Rules Change Proposal

Rare CA QTH Multiplier =

ALPI, CALA, COLU, DELN, GLEN, HUMB, IMPE, INYO, KING, LAKE, LASS, MADE, MARP, MERC, MODO, NAPA, PLUM, SBEN, SFRA, SIER, SISK, SJOA, SOLA, STAN, SUTT, TEHA, TRIN, TUOL, TULA, VENT, YOLO, YUBA

Rare US/VE QTH Multiplier =

NT, ND, MR, AB, BC, WY, MT, AK, MS, ID, HI

Rationale for above list:

- Includes any mult missed by any CQP 2020 Top 50 inside-CA and Top 50 outside-CA scoring station, regardless of category.
- Includes any mult that would have been missed by these CQP 2020 stations if one callsign in that mult had not been active.

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Gavels named for National Parks inside California

1. Yosemite Gavels: top CA and non-CA club scores
 2. Joshua Tree Gavels: 2nd place CA and non-CA club scores
 3. Sequoia Gavels: 3rd place CA and non-CA club scores
 4. Redwood Gavels: 4th place CA and non-CA club scores
 5. Channel Islands Gavels: 5th place CA and non-CA club scores
- There are other National Parks inside California. The above National Parks were chosen for wide geographic representation across California.
 - Gavels ranked based upon park attendance in 2019.

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Change #	2021 Awards Change
1	Eliminate Large/Medium/Small club plaques. Award 10 club gavels instead; 5 inside CA and 5 outside CA.
2	Eliminate “Comeback” and “Operating Time Improvement” plaques.
3	Eliminate MCE plaque.
4	Eliminate “First to 58 Multipliers” plaques.
5	Clarify that two New Contester plaques are awarded: one to inside CA and one to outside CA.

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6	Redefine “Most CW QSOs” and “Most PH QSOs” plaques as “Top Score CW-only” and “Top Score SSB-only” for both inside CA and outside CA.
7	Add the following 2 nd place plaques: 2 nd place CA Multi-Multi Fixed Station 2 nd place CA Multi-Single Fixed Station 2 nd place outside CA Multi-Single Station 2 nd place CA Multi-Single Expedition

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8	Add Top Score, CA County Line Station plaque. (regardless of category and power level)
9	Add Top Score, CA One-Day Expedition plaque. (regardless of category and power level) One Day defined as either Saturday 9am-11:59pm PDT or Sunday 12am-3pm PDT
10	Rename Top CA Multi-Single and Top CA Multi-Multi plaques to Top CA Multi-Single Fixed Station and Top CA Multi-Multi Fixed Station.