

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

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 (58)

AL	Alabama	MA	Massachusetts	TX	Texas
AK	Alaska	MI	Michigan	UT	Utah
AZ	Arizona	MN	Minnesota	VT	Vermont
AR	Arkansas	MS	Mississippi	VA	Virginia
CA	Invalid – must log CA county	MO	Missouri	WA	Washington
CO	Colorado	MT	Montana	WV	West Virginia
CT	Connecticut	NE	Nebraska	WI	Wisconsin
DE	Delaware	NV	Nevada	WY	Wyoming
FL	Florida	NH	New Hampshire		
GA	Georgia	NJ	New Jersey	MR	Maritimes, Newfoundland and Labrador (NB, NL, NS, PE)
HI	Hawaii	NM	New Mexico	QC	Quebec
ID	Idaho	NY	New York	ON	Ontario
IL	Illinois	NC	North Carolina	MB	Manitoba
IN	Indiana	ND	North Dakota	SK	Saskatchewan
IA	Iowa	OH	Ohio	AB	Alberta
KS	Kansas	OK	Oklahoma	BC	British Columbia
KY	Kentucky	OR	Oregon	NT	Northern Territories (NT, NU, YT)
LA	Louisiana	PA	Pennsylvania		
ME	Maine	RI	Rhode Island		
MD	Maryland, District of Columbia	SC	South Carolina		
		SD	South Dakota	DX	All other locations – DX is not a mult
		TN	Tennessee		

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.

Rules for the 4-character “County Multipliers for Out-of-State Entries” (58 CA counties):

- 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”

Rules for the 2-character “USA/Canada Multipliers for California Entries” (USA 50, Canada 8):

- Use the US and Canada postal abbreviation
 - USA - see <http://www.usps.com/ncsc/lookups/abbreviations.html>
 - Canada- see <http://canadaonline.about.com/library/bl/blpabb.htm>
- In three cases several postal abbreviations are grouped into a single “mult”
 - MD - **M**aryland and **D**istrict of Columbia.
 - NT - **N**orthern **T**erritories of NT, NU, YT (Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon).
 - MR - **M**a**R**itimes and Newfoundland and Labrador provinces of NB, NL, NS, PE (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island)

Historical Note from W6OAT

Information from Rusty W6OAT on how the 8 Canadian mults were set up when he revamped the California QSO Party (CQP) rules in 1975:

“Back in the mid-1970s, there were eight Canadian multipliers in the ARRL SS contest. They were MAR-NFLD, QUE, ONT, MAN, SASK, ALTA, BC and VE8. Everybody was familiar with these eight and they were non-controversial.

Those eight, plus 50 USA states worked out to 58 mults. That seemed to correspond nicely with California's 58 county mults.

The balance between in-state and out-of-state multipliers just seemed like a neat thing to have, so we wrote the CQP rules that way.”

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 county)

MONO (Mono county)

MAR – This is an ambiguous abbreviation for:

MARN (Marin county)

MARP (Mariposa county)

SB – This is an ambiguous abbreviation for:

SBEN (San Benito county)

SBER (San Bernardino county)

SBAR (Santa Barbara county)

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 means Alabama state. ALAM means Alameda county, ALPI means Alpine county.

LA – LA means Louisiana state. LANG means Los Angeles county, LASS means Lassen county.

NV – NV means Nevada state. NEVA means Nevada county.

OR – OR means Oregon state. ORAN means Orange county.

DX QSOs:

If you are not in California, DX QSO’s do not count for any points at all.

If you are in California, 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.