

2002 ARRL September VHF QSO Party Rules

1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees \times 1 degree grids as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.

2. Date and Contest Period: The second full weekend of September. Begins **1800 UTC Saturday and ends 0300 UTC Monday (September 14-16, 2002).**

3. Entry Categories:

3.1 Single Operator.

3.1.1 Low Power

3.1.2 High Power

See "General Rules for all ARRL Contests Above 50 MHz" page 106 in the November 1999 issue of *QST* for power limits for Single Operator entries.

3.2. Single Operator Portable.

3.3. Rover.

3.4. Multioperator.

3.5. Limited Multioperator.

4. Exchange: Grid locator (see April 1994 *QST*, p 86).

4.1. Exchange of grid is required. Exchange of signal report is optional.

5. Scoring:

5.1. QSO points:

5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50 or 144-MHz QSO.

5.1.2. Count two points for each 222 or 432-MHz QSO.

5.1.3. Count three points for each 902 or 1296-MHz QSO.

5.1.4. Count four points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.

5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grids worked per band. Each 2 degrees \times 1 degree grid counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.

5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.

5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grids) worked per band (regardless of which grid they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid activated (made a contact from).

Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most

QSOs were made.

Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a separate summary sheet and log indicating QSOs and score *if they make any contacts from outside of the club territory.* The summary sheet should be clearly marked "for club competition only" and must be e-mailed separately to contests@arrl.org.

6. Miscellaneous:

6.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid with the same call sign (such as a Rover).

6.2. Only one signal per band (6, 2, 1½, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.

6.3. Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.

7. Awards:

7.1. Certificates will be awarded in the following categories.

7.1.1. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power in each ARRL/RAC Section.

7.1.2. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator low-power all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator's, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.

7.1.3. Top Single Operator Portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single Operator Portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

7.1.4. Top rover in each ARRL Divi-

sion and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

7.1.5. Top multioperator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

Top limited multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

7.1.6. Top scoring club in each club competition category will be awarded a gavel.

See General Rules for all ARRL Contests for club competition information.

8. Submission:

8.1 All submissions must be emailed to SeptemberVHF@arrl.org or postmarked no later than **October 16, 2002**. Paper logs should be mailed to Sept VHF QSO Party, ARRL Contest Branch, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Logs mailed or e-mailed after the submission deadline may be designated as check logs.

8.2 Stations that use computers to log must send the electronic log in the Cabrillo file format for entry into the results. Submitted electronic files must be in ASCII / text readable format. A paper printout of an electronically created log is not an acceptable substitute for the required log file

8.3 Electronically submitted entries are considered signed.

8.4 All paper entries must include a fully completed summary sheet and a complete log of the contacts made.

9. Other:

9.1 See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" November 2001 *QST* or at the Contest Branch Web site at: www.arrl.org/contests.

9.2 For queries contact contests@arrl.org or 860-594-0232.

9.3. Forms may be obtained by:

9.3.1. Downloading from the Internet at the Contest Branch Web site: www.arrl.org/contests/forms.

9.3.2. Sending an SASE to September VHF Form Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.