

New **2017 California QSO Party Club Competition Rules**

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Please read these rules carefully before entering your Club in CQP Club Competition for 2017.

Club Competition is encouraged in CQP. CQP is not an ARRL sanctioned contest so some CQP rules are different from the ARRL rules for club competition. Many of these rules are meant to encourage small club participation, county expeditions and mobile operations to ensure that all California counties are well represented in CQP.

1.0. USA and Canadian clubs must be affiliated with either the ARRL or the RAC.

2.0. All clubs may compete in CQP Club Competition — with the following exceptions:

- a. Clubs without a geographical basis and which do not hold in-person meetings are excluded. Such clubs include FOC, CWOPS, QCWA, FISTS, SKCC, etc.
- b. The Northern California Contest Club, which sponsors the CQP.

If you have any question about your club's eligibility, please contact us at: info@cqp.org

3.0. The definition of the "club circle" for all participating clubs regardless of size is 175 miles (280 km) radius = 350 miles in diameter -- the same as the ARRL circle for large clubs -- with the following exceptions:

- **California County Expeditions** to sites outside the club's circle may still contribute points to a club's total.
- **A club member who resides outside of the club's circle** but who travels to a station within the circle **or** who operates from a California County Expedition may contribute points to the club's total.
- **Mobile operations** which travel outside of the club's circle can contribute points to the club's total.

4.0. To encourage more club member participation, there will be three separate Club Competition categories for CQP 2017:

- a. "Small" = the **10** highest scores from a club whose members who submitted their log in the Small category will count for this competition category.
- b. "Medium" = the **35** highest scores from a club whose members who submitted their log in the Medium category will count for this competition category.
- c. "Large" = clubs may combine the scores of any number of their members.

5.0: Club Enters Just One Size Category

The log submission form will contain checkboxes for the 3 Size Categories and a drop-down menu with club names listed. Your club just needs to decide which Size category to enter. When your members submit their logs, they will select their **Club Name** and **Size Category** from the drop-down menus. Final scores for your Club will automatically be tallied for your Size-Category and compared to other clubs in the same Size-Category.

Example 1: Fifteen members of the ABC Radio Club submit Cabrillo logs specifying they are competing in the Medium Size category. Club ABC will be listed in the CQP results in the Medium category and its score will be the sum of all 15 logs.

Example 2: Fifteen members of XYZ Radio Club submit Cabrillo logs specifying they are competing for in the Small Size category. Club XYZ will be listed in the CQP results in the Small category and its score will be the sum of only its ten highest-scoring logs. The five lowest-scoring logs will not count for Club Competition awards.

5.1. Override: Before CQP starts, any club may choose its Size Category (Small, Medium, Large) and notify us of its choice. During log submission, members from that club would only have to select their Club name from the drop-down menu. All logs submitted from that club will then be entered into that Size category.

Please submit your Club Name and Size Category before 1600 UTC on October 7, 2017.

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5.2. If an operator who is not on an Override list, chooses a Club, but fails to specify the Size category, he/she will automatically be entered into the Large Size category.

5.3. Club Enters More Than One Size Category

A club may choose to enter more than one category. In this case, certain club members would enter in one category, others in another category, etc. Any club wishing to enter two or more Size Categories must provide a separate and unique list of Operators for each Size Category. During log submission, members from that club would **only** have to select their **Club Name** from the drop-down menu.

Please submit your Club name, and operator lists for Size Category #1, #2 and/or #3 before 1600 UTC on October 7, 2017.

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6.0. An individual log, or a proportionate allocation of a multi-op log (explained below), may be submitted for **only one Club** and for **only one Size category**.

Note: All logs are eligible for individual awards, regardless of whether they are entered into club competition.

7.0. Multi-Operator Stations: Club members participating as operators at multi-operator stations (including Fixed stations, County Expeditions and Mobiles) may contribute proportionately-awarded points to their club's total. When such allocations are being made, the multi-op station, in the Soapbox field of its Cabrillo log, must list each individual operator's callsign, that operator's Club Name and Size category, and the number of points allocated to that operator. The sum total of the points allocated must equal the claimed score of the multi-operator station.

Example 1: If a multi-operator station has 10 operators and one of those operators belongs to club X, club X may receive 1/10 of the points earned by that station.

Example 2: If a mobile operation has two operators and one of those operators belongs to Club Y, then Club Y may receive 50% of the points earned by that mobile station.

In both of these examples, the multi-op station is responsible for informing the CQP contest officials of proportional allocations by making the appropriate notations in the Cabrillo log's Soapbox field.

8.0. Points earned operating from a fixed location (i.e., non-expedition, non-Mobile) **outside** the club circle cannot be claimed for club competition.

9.0. Entrants must be bona fide members in good standing of their respective clubs prior to the start of CQP competition.