

California QSO Party

CQP 2025: Sunday Challenge

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2025 Sunday Challenge Background

Beginning with CQP 2025, we introduced the CQP Sunday Challenge.

This was a fun side contest that ran along with the main CQP event. It was intended to inspire additional motivation by participants.

Participants did not need to sign up for any of these challenges. Eligible stations were automatically included in the CQP Sunday Challenge.

There were no changes to the main CQP rules, categories, overlays, scoring, plaques and main results files. All of that continued unchanged in CQP 2025. This was an additional side challenge to enjoy.

Congratulations to the Sunday champions who won this CA cheese award.



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Sunday Challenge Rules

Eligibility:

- Entrants who participate from a station inside California
- Callsign on the air in CQP 2025 must be active only on Sunday.
 - Sunday, October 5, 2025: 12:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) to 3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
 - Sunday, October 5, 2025: 0700 UTC to 2200 UTC
- Log submitted to CQP and judged to be a valid, scored log

Accolade:

Champions determined by **highest total number of QSOs** after log checking.

5 Sunday Champions

Champion	Class	Power Level	Station Type
1	S/O or S/O-Assisted	High	Fixed
2	S/O or S/O-Assisted	Low	Fixed
3	S/O or S/O-Assisted	Any	Expedition
4	M/S, M/2 or M/M	Any	Expedition
5	Any	Any	Mobile

Awards:

- Gourmet California cheese gift pack to champions

Reporting:

- Top 10 list in challenge results for all five Sunday Champion groups



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S/O & S/O-Assisted, High Power, Fixed Station

Winner	Op Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs	Award Sponsor
W1SRD	S/O HP	ELDO	502	0	502	N6DE

S/O & S/O-Assisted, Low Power, Fixed Station

Winner	Op Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs	Award Sponsor
WN6A	S/O Assisted LP	SCRU	1	149	150	N6DE

S/O & S/O-Assisted, Any Power, Expedition

Winner	Op Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs	Award Sponsor
K6EI	S/O LP	KING	290	0	290	N6DE

Multi-Op (M/S, M/2, M/M), Any Power, Expedition

Winner	Op Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs	Award Sponsor
K6U (K6ENT, N6DE ops)	M/2 LP	AMAD	256	0	256	N6DE

Mobile, Any Class, Any Power

Winner	Op Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs	Award Sponsor
No entrant						



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There were 27 log submissions from California stations that were fresh callsigns on Sunday (Pacific Daylight Time) in CQP 2025. Following are the top 10 tables. Thank you to all who participated.

Top 10 CA S/O & S/O-Assisted, High Power, Fixed Station

Place	Callsign	Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs
1	W1SRD	S/O HP	ELDO	502	0	502
2	K6KS	S/O-Assisted HP	SHAS	0	178	178
3	WM6A (K6IJ op)	S/O-Assisted HP	TULA	98	6	104
4	KJ6JUS	S/O-Assisted HP	SDIE	12	0	12
5	KO6BVF	S/O-Assisted HP	SCLA	0	1	1



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Top 10 CA S/O & S/O-Assisted, Low Power, Fixed Station

Place	Callsign	Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs
1	WN6A	S/O-Assisted LP	SCRU	1	149	150
2	N6LL	S/O LP	LANG	0	131	131
3	K6PUD	S/O LP	SONO	0	126	126
4	N6NO	S/O LP	LANG	50	0	50
5	K6NCC	S/O LP	SHAS	0	16	16
6	KN6NSK	S/O LP	HUMB	0	15	15
7	N6BHX	S/O LP	CCOS	0	14	14
8/9	N6DRE	S/O LP	SDIE	0	13	13
	N7YMZ	S/O LP	SBEN	0	13	
10	K6T (K8TR op)	S/O LP	PLAC	12	0	12



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Top 10 CA S/O & S/O-Assisted, Any Power, Expedition

Place	Callsign	Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs
1	K6EI	S/O LP	KING	290	0	290
2	KA3DRR	S/O LP	SLUI	226	0	226
3	N9OHW	S/O QRP	SCLA	53	2	55
4	KE6BEE	S/O LP	SOLA, CCOS	0	30	30
5	KM6VHD	S/O QRP	ALAM	0	16	16

Top 10 Multi-Op (M/S, M/2, M/M), Any Power, Expedition

Place	Callsign	Class	QTH	CW QSOs	PH QSOs	Total QSOs
1	K6U (K6ENT, N6DE ops)	M/2 LP	AMAD	256	0	256
2	N6A (W6JFA, KO6M ops)	M/S LP	ALPI	0	95	95
3	KK6UC (KM6ZMN, AK6Z, VU3EWS, N6ECW ops)	M/S LP	SDIE	0	3	3



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FAQ - Sunday Challenge

Q: Why did you create the Sunday Challenge?

A: In most contests, the number of new callsigns available to contact on Sunday is much lower compared with the first part of the contest. This is especially the case in the ARRL November Sweepstakes, but is also the case to some extent in practically every contest. Even in CQP 2024, stations outside of California observed that they started running out of Californians to work by the end of the contest.

The Sunday Challenge was created to inject more activity and fun on Sunday in CQP 2025. The participants outside of CA would benefit by having new CA callsigns to contact on Sunday, keeping them on the air instead of quitting. Meanwhile, the participating Sunday Challenge stations in CA benefit in other ways. Plaques and first place finishes require strong participation on both Saturday and Sunday. What about the rest of the CQP participants inside CA who may not be in contention for a plaque but who still want to compete for something fun and experience the rush of fresh pileups on Sunday? The Sunday Challenge is designed for their fun too.

We in the contest community can think creatively. We can implement fun ways to improve Sunday enjoyment in contests for all participants without needing to drastically change contest rules and alter the character of each contest.

Q: Can I operate with one callsign on Saturday and start over with a different callsign on Sunday?

A: YES. There are no CQP rules prohibiting an operator from using a different callsign on the same radio at the same station location.

Q: If I sign as N6DE/SCLA in Santa Clara County on Saturday, and N6DE/SFRA in San Francisco County on Sunday, is N6DE/SFRA considered a new callsign on Sunday for the Sunday Challenge?

A: No. The base callsign is the same (N6DE). This example would be ineligible for the Sunday Challenge.

Q: If I sign 5 different callsigns on Sunday, can I combine all the QSOs I made to improve my standing in the Sunday Challenge?

A: No. Sunday Challenge champions will be determined by the QSOs in the log by the on-the-air callsign, not the operator callsign. So it is to your advantage to sign with just one callsign on Sunday.



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Q: Does the Sunday Challenge mean that I should keep my radio turned off Saturday and only operate on Sunday?

A: NO! Remember: CQP rules permit you to sign more than one callsign from the same station location and same radio. You should definitely be operating on Saturday also, when activity is usually at its peak. However, if you have family plans on Saturday which take you away from the radio, the Sunday Challenge is an opportunity for you to still compete and become a Sunday champion!

Here are seven examples of fun ways to participate in the Sunday Challenge while also being active on Saturday:

Saturday: Operate from home using your own personal callsign.

Sunday:

- Option A: Operate from home on Sunday also. Start a new log with a new callsign on Sunday, starting with serial number 1, using a club call that was not used on Saturday, or a 1x1 callsign that you reserved before the contest.
- Option B: Go mobile on Sunday in multiple counties with a new callsign that was not used on Saturday, either a club call or a 1x1 callsign that you reserved before the contest. Sign one base mobile callsign on Sunday with different county abbreviations: K6U/SCLA, K6U/SMAT, K6U/SFRA, and so on.
- Option C: Go on a county expedition on Sunday with a friend and operate Multi-Op using a new callsign.

Saturday: Operate a one-day county expedition from county #1 using your own personal callsign.

Sunday:

- Option D: Operate from the same expedition location on Sunday. Enter as another one-day expedition. Start a new log with a new callsign on Sunday, starting with serial number 1, using a club call that was not used on Saturday, or a 1x1 callsign that you reserved before the contest.
- Option E: Go mobile on Sunday in multiple counties on your way home from your Saturday expedition location. Sign with a new callsign that was not used on Saturday, either a club call or a 1x1 callsign that you reserved before the contest.
- Option F: Hit one or more POTA parks on your way home on Sunday. These would be short county expeditions, similar to being a rover in VHF contests. Sign all expedition locations on Sunday with one new base callsign not used on Saturday: K6U/SDIE in POTA park #1, K6U/ORAN in POTA park #2, and so on.
- Option G: Come home on Saturday evening. Operate from home on Sunday using a new callsign.

