

2012 North Dakota QSO Party

Sponsored by: *ND QSO Party Committee*

Date/Time: Starts at 1800Z (1:00 PM CDST) March 17th, 2012 until 1800Z (1:00 PM CDST) March 18th, 2012

Bands: 160 through 10 meters, 6 & 2 meters, (No WARC Bands)

Objective: ND stations to contact as many counties, states and countries as possible, and all Outside North Dakota stations to contact as many ND stations as possible.

Exchange: ND stations give RST and county, U.S. and Canadian stations give RST and state, province or territories and DX Stations give RST and DX country.

Modes: Phone= (SSB/FM both counts as Phone); CW= (CW counts as CW) and Digital = (RTTY/PSK all other Digital Modes count as Digital)

Scoring: All contacts count as 1 point per non-duplicated phone, CW or Digital contact on each band.

Multipliers: ND stations multiply points by the sum of ND Counties (53), states/provinces (49 states excluding North Dakota + DC, + 10 Canadian provinces + 3 Canadian Territories = 63 W/VE multipliers total): **116 Total** Multipliers for W/VE (Outside North Dakota stations) and DX stations are the **53** ND counties. You are allowed to make a Phone, CW and a Digital contact with the same station on the same band. North Dakota stations may work DXCC countries for points only - no multipliers. Multipliers count once overall, not once per band or mode.

Awards: Champion Certificates (4 total) will be awarded to the highest-scoring ND fixed Station, ND mobile Station, Outside ND (US States) Station, and the Canadian or DX Station.

Second Place Honor Roll Certificates (4 total) will be awarded to the second highest-scoring ND fixed Station, ND mobile Station, Outside ND (US States) Station, and the Canadian Station or DX Station.

Champion Mode Certificates for Phone, CW & Digital (3 total) will be awarded to the stations making the highest-scoring points for Phone, CW and Digital contacts in the contest.

ND QSO Party Rules:

- No repeater or Internet QSO's.
- Stations may operate only one transmitter at a time using the same callsign. Club entries are welcome and appreciated.
- CW, Digital or phone contacts will all count one point.
- Stations may be worked once per band and mode, and once per band/mode/county for ND mobile stations.
- Each vehicle is considered one station and must use only one call.
- Mobile stations may park on a county line but each county must be worked in a separate contact.
- There are no power limitations in this contest.
- Mobile ND stations that change counties are considered to be a new station in each new county.
- Mobile stations should identify either the /M abbreviation or by saying "Mobile"
- Mobile stations must be in a vehicle capable of being in motion.
- List of ND Counties with 3 letter abbreviations are included at the end of this document. All operators are urged to use these abbreviations in the exchange.
- Standard State and Country abbreviations should be used. All Canadian Provinces & Territories count as multipliers for ND stations.
- There are no multi-op categories; mobile operators are encouraged to drive with a friend for safety.
- Self spotting and "cheerleading" are considered poor practice by virtually every contest out there. Someone active from ND in a contest will be spotted LOTS of times by other stations so shouldn't need to self spot.

For Paper Logs: An official ND QSO Party summary sheet must accompany your log. Entries without a summary sheet will be considered to be check logs and won't be included in the final results. Logs shall indicate UTC, the call of the station worked, the band and mode, RST sent and received, and the state, province, ND county, or DX country. ND mobiles must indicate county changes in the log. Any station with over 100 QSO's must submit a dupe sheet. Mobile entries send dupe sheet only for counties from which you make 100 or more contacts. For handwritten logs: Please circle new multipliers as worked.

Include \$2.00 to handle postage & supplies if you wish to receive the printed results by mail. If you become a ND QSO Party winner and want the certificate mailed to you, please send \$2.00. Entries must be postmarked by May 15th, 2012.

Mail to: W0ND, c/o Lynn Nelson, 6940 4th St. SW., Minot, ND, 58701.

For Electronic Logs: We ask anyone who produces a computer generated log to please submit their log via email along with a summary sheet. The ND QSO Party summary sheet can be copied and pasted in the email from the w0nd.com website. Email your results to w0nd@arrl.org by the May 15th, 2012 deadline.

Results of the ND QSO Party will be posted by June 15th, 2012 on www.w0nd.com website.

Entries may be disqualified if the rules of the North Dakota QSO Party are not followed. The decision of the North Dakota QSO Party Committee shall be final.

2012 North Dakota QSO Party Summary Sheet

Name of person or club station: _____

Callsign used: _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address (to receive results back electronically) _____

Entry Classes: (4) North Dakota Fixed Station * North Dakota Mobile Station *
Outside ND US Station * Canadian-DX Station *

North Dakota Stations: Fill in this Section

Station Entry Class (Circle One) ND Fixed ND Mobile

CW Contacts = _____ # of Digital Contacts = _____ # Phone Contacts = _____

Sum of CW + Digital + Phone = _____ Total Contact points

States, Provinces, and Territories = _____ multipliers (max. 63)

North Dakota Counties = _____ multipliers (max of 53)

States/Provinces/Territories + ND Counties = _____ Total # of Multipliers

Final Contest Score (total contact points x total multipliers) = _____

Stations Outside North Dakota: Fill in this Section

Entry Class (Circle One) Outside ND US Station Canadian-DX Station

CW Contacts = _____ # of Digital Contacts = _____ # Phone Contacts = _____

Sum of CW + Digital + Phone = _____ Total Contact points

of North Dakota counties worked (max. 53) = _____ Total # of multipliers

Final Contest Score (total contact points x ND county multipliers) = _____

Suggested Frequencies:

CW: 1.850, 3.550, 3705, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050

Phone: 1.870, 3.850, 7.250, 14.270, 21.350, 28.450.

VHF: 6 meter & 2 meter SSB & FM Band Plans should be used.

PSK-RTTY: Within the ARRL suggested band plans for all bands

North Dakota County Abbreviations (53)

Adams County-ADM, Barnes County-BRN, Benson County-BSN, Billings County-BLL, Bottineau County-BOT, Bowman County-BOW,

Burke County-BRK, Burleigh County-BUR, Cass County-CSS, Cavalier County-CAV, Dickey County-DIK, Divide County-DIV,

Dunn County-DUN, Eddy County-EDY, Emmons County-EMN, Foster County-FOS, Golden Valley County-GNV, Grand Forks County-GFK,

Grant County-GNT, Griggs County-GRG, Hettinger County-HET, Kidder County-KDR, LaMoure County-LMR, Logan County-LOG,

McHenry County-MCH, McIntosh County-MCI, McKenzie County-MCK, McLean County-MCL, Mercer County-MCR, Morton County-MTN,

Mountrail County-MRL, Nelson County-NEL, Oliver County-OLR, Pembina County-PBA, Pierce County-PRC, Ramsey County-RMY,

Ransom County-RSM, Renville County-REN, Richland County-RLD, Rolette County-ROL, Sargent County-SGT, Sheridan County-SRN,

Sioux County-SIX, Slope County-SLP, Stark County-STK, Steele County-STL, Stutsman County-STN, Towner County-TWR,

Traill County-TRL, Walsh County-WLH, Ward County-WRD, Wells County-WLS, Williams County-WLM

Canadian Abbreviations (13)

AB Alberta, BC British Columbia, LB Labrador, MB Manitoba, NB New Brunswick, NF Newfoundland, NS Nova Scotia, NT Northwest Territory, ON Ontario, PE Prince Edward Is., QC Quebec, SK Saskatchewan, YT Yukon Territory

Use Standard Two Letter State Abbreviations (50) for this contest

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