

South Carolina QSO Party www.scqso.com SCQP Operating Tips (“Out-Of-State” Stations)

Your goal is to make as many QSOs with as many South Carolina stations as possible while trying to work all 46 of the South Carolina counties on all non-WARC bands from 160m-6m.

How to call CQ in the SCQP:

Phone CQ: “CQ South Carolina from N4PN, Georgia”

CW CQ: “CQ SC DE N4PN/GA”

The Exchange: (consists of signal report and county, state, province or dx)

Phone: “WW4SF from November Four Papa November, you’re Five Nine Georgia”
“Thanks, N4PN CQ....”

CW: “WW4SF DE N4PN, 599 Georgia” “TU, N4PN CQ SC....”

- READ the rules before the contest begins! Rules can change from year to year.
- FT4/8 ops must follow our FT4/8 Operating Instructions located on our website.
- Download the SC Counties Map and County Abbreviations List
- Decide on the “entry category” that best matches your skills and station.
- Use logging software for all of your contest contacts. N1MM or N3FJP logging software will work well with the SCQP. *Please download the latest version!*
- “Search & Pounce” is best approach when the bands are busy to acquire SC QSOs and to find the SC county multipliers.
- “Run” (Call CQ”) to work “SC” stations if you run out of stations to work.. Be patient...this isn’t easy.
- Watch the “SCQP Spotter Website” during the event. When you see a new county on the “board” go work it. Please ‘give back’ and spot SC stations that you work.
- Alternate between modes on the same band when response is slower to maximize contacts. You can work stations once per mode on each band for multiplier and QSO points.
- If you hear a SC station, please spot the station on our SCQP Spotter website. Self-spotting is allowed.
- Get on the air at the start of the contest (1500z) and work the contest as long as possible.
- SC stations will be working low bands and high bands. Probably 20m and 40m will be the most active bands.
- Work all the bonus stations (W4CAE, WW4SF & K4YTZ) that you can hear. Each bonus station may have operators running from different counties. Please listen and record the contacts accurately. You can work the bonus stations once per mode per band. Points for working the bonus stations are given only once per mode per band per mode. The bonus stations may change counties though and you can always work the bonus stations for QSO points and multipliers if they are in a different county even if you have worked them on the same band and mode. We may have bonus stations operating mobile, please follow them around the state. The mobiles will help you work all the counties and increase your QSO total.
- At the end of the contest, submit your Cabrillo or text log by going to scqso.com and clicking “Submit Your Log”.
- The SCQP is an SQP Challenge “Approved Contest” visit stateqsoparty.com for details.
- Post your scores on 3830scores.com
- ***Above all, enjoy the SCQP contest... thanks for participating and come back next year.***

If you have any questions about the SCQP, please email Dave, WN4AFP at davedmo@gmail.com.