

South Carolina QSO Party www.scqso.com SCQP Operating Tips (South Carolina Stations)

South Carolina Stations (remember everyone wants to work you!)

Your goal is to make as many QSOs as possible while working as many states, provinces and SC counties as possible on all non-WARC bands from 160m-6m.

How to call CQ in the SCQP:

Phone CQ: "CQ The South Carolina QSO Party from WW4SF, Jasper County"

CW CQ: "CQ SCQP DE WW4SF/JASP"

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

Phone: "N9JF from WW4SF you're Five Nine Jasper County, JASP" "Thanks, WW4SF CQ...."

CW: "N9JF DE WW4SF, 599 JASP" "Thanks, WW4SF CQ...."

- 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!*
- Please "RUN, RUN, RUN" (Call CQ) to work "Out Of State" stations. They can't find you if you are not calling CQ!
- Use the "SCQP Spotter Website" during the event and post your activity. Self-spotting is allowed for all stations.
- Alternate between modes on the same band when response is slower to maximize contacts. You can work stations once per mode on each band.
- If you hear a fellow SC station, please spot him 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. .
- Every "Out-Of-State" contact you make is worth DOUBLE QSO points, so maximize this opportunity. A great band choice is 20m during the day and 40m during the evening. Don't forget about 6/10/15 and 80/160 too.
- Use the low bands to find your SC county multipliers.
- 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.
- Stations may ask you to QSY to another band or mode, please QSY if possible.
- Follow the mobiles and work as many of them as possible. The mobiles will help you work all the counties and increase your QSO total.
- The SCQP is an SQP Challenge "Approved Contest" visit stateqsoparty.com for details.
- Post your scores on 3830scores.com.
- ***Above all, this is YOUR contest. Enjoy the 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