

2020 Mississippi QSO Party

The Seventeenth Mississippi QSO Party, sponsored by the Vicksburg ARC, starts at 1400Z April 4 and ends at 0200Z April 5 (9AM to 9PM local time on Saturday).

Suggested frequencies are:

CW: 50 KHz up from bottom of band. If 40 CW gets crowded after Sunset, try 7030.

Phone: 3862, 7195, 14270, 21370, and 28370 KHz

Digital: use the ARRL Band Plan

VHF frequencies: SSB 50.130 and 144.220; FM 146.55 and 446.00

No 60-Meter, WARC Band, or repeater contacts.

One each Phone/CW/Digital QSO per band.

Mississippi Stations:

Exchange: signal report and county. (Grid Square not valid for exchange)

Contacts: One point for phone; two points for CW or Digital.

Receive a multiplier of one for each Mississippi County, state, province, and DXCC Entity.

Final score is the number of QSO points times the number of Mississippi Counties, states, provinces and countries. Mississippi does not count as a state for multiplier purposes, and the United States and Canada do not count for countries for multiplier purposes.

Stations outside of Mississippi:

Exchange: signal report and state, province, or country. (Grid Square not valid)

Contacts: One point for phone; two points for CW or Digital.

Receive a multiplier of one for each Mississippi County.

Final score is the number of Mississippi QSO points times the number of Mississippi Counties.

Certificates will be awarded to the high scoring station in each Mississippi County (minimum of 50 QSOs). Further, a commendation certificate will be awarded for Mississippi Stations making over 100 QSOs, but not winning their county. Also, the winners of each state, province, or country are eligible for a certificate providing at least 10 valid QSOs are submitted in the log.

In addition, plaques will be awarded to

- the high scoring Mississippi Station (single op)
- the high scoring Mississippi Station (unlimited ops/xmtrs)
- the high scoring Mississippi Portable (single op)
- the high scoring Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs)
- the high scoring Mississippi Mobile (op with no driver)
- the high scoring Mississippi Mobile (op with driver).
- the high scoring Mississippi Club

- the Mississippi Station working the most MS counties (High Score Breaks Tie)
- the high scoring Out-of-State W/VE Station
- the high scoring DX Station (outside W/VE)

Scores for the high scoring portable and mobile stations will be computed from the sum of the scores from each county operated from.

All operators must observe the limitations of their operator licenses.

An operator may not use more than one call sign during the QSO Party.

A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be subsequently used under any other call sign during the QSO Party, except for family stations where more than one call has been issued, and then only if the second call sign is used by a different operator. (The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig and to prohibit manufactured or artificial contacts).

All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter circle.

The high scoring club score will be computed from the sum of the scores from the club entry stations regardless of category. At least five entries must be received from a club to be eligible for the plaque.

Each log must include a scoring summary showing the number of QSOs points, the multiplier, and score. Logs without a scoring summary will be considered as a check log.

Logs should be e-mailed to w5xx@arrl.net or snail-mailed no later than April 30, 2020 to:

Vicksburg ARC
64 Lake Circle Drive,
Vicksburg, MS 39180

These rules will also be posted on www.arrlmiss.org. The results should be posted by late summer.

If any question arises as to the QSO Party rules or results, the decisions of the Vicksburg ARC Contest Committee are final.

For additional information, please contact: Malcolm Keown, W5XX at w5xx@arrl.net.