

# Rules for the 75<sup>th</sup> 2020 Oceania DX Contest

## 1. SPECIAL NOTES FOR THE 2020 CONTEST

- a. **The start and finish times for the 2020 contest have been brought forward by 2 hours. The Phone and CW sections each start at 06:00 on Saturday and end at 06:00 on Sunday.**
- b. The deadline for submitting logs is 31 October 2020.
- c. Entrants are reminded of the need to observe any COVID-19 restrictions (e.g. social distancing and travel constraints) that may be in place for the contest dates.
- d. Mike Charteris VK4QS is sponsoring a new plaque for the top entrant from Australia in the CW Single Operator ALL Band QRP category.
- e. Diane Main VK4DI and Bill Main VK4ZD are sponsoring a new plaque for the highest scoring YL entrant from Australia in the Phone section (any category).
- f. Endah Winarti YB3VI is sponsoring a new plaque for the top entrant from Indonesia with an Advanced Class (YC/YF) or Extra Class (YB/YE) licence in any of the Phone Single Operator 40M Band categories (i.e. any power).
- g. Rule 12b has been added to clarify that only one plaque or trophy will be awarded per entry. For example, a station winning a Continent plaque will not be considered for a sub-area award. That award will be given to the runner-up for the sub-area.
- h. A reminder that electronic logs can no longer be submitted via email. They must be submitted on-line using the log submission form at <http://www.b4h.net/ocdx/submitlog.php>. Please contact the Contest Committee at [info@oceaniadxcontest.com](mailto:info@oceaniadxcontest.com) if you are encountering difficulty in submitting your log.
- i. Electronic logs are to be in Cabrillo format which is generated by all popular contest logging software programs. Alternatively, entrants can use the forms at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to manually create and submit a Cabrillo file.
- j. Only one entry may be submitted by each operator or team of operators (Rule 6a).
- k. Portable prefixes can be inserted either in front of or behind the home call sign, e.g., W1XXX operating in ZL could sign as ZL/W1XXX or W1XXX/ZL.
- l. If the station worked does not provide a serial number for the Oceania DX Contest, then log the received number as 001. See Rule 8. This provision allows credit for contacts with stations that are not in the contest.
- m. A reminder that logs from Single Band entrants must record all contacts made during the contest period, even if on other bands. Only contacts made on the band specified in the Cabrillo header or summary sheet will be used for scoring purposes.

## 2. CONTEST PERIODS

Phone Section: 06:00 UTC Saturday 3 October to 06:00 UTC Sunday 4 October 2020

CW Section: 06:00 UTC Saturday 10 October to 06:00 UTC Sunday 11 October 2020

**3. THE AIM** of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region, i.e., 9M6, DU, KH6, VK, ZL, YB, Pacific Islands and all other Oceania entities identified in the ARRL list of DXCC entities at <http://www.arrl.org/country-lists-prefixes> .

**4. THE OBJECT** is for:

- a. Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.

- b. Non-Oceania transmitting stations to contact as many stations as possible inside the Oceania region. There is no penalty for working non-Oceania stations but contacts between non-Oceania stations will score no points or multiplier credits.
- c. Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to copy as many contest stations as possible both inside and outside the Oceania region.
- d. Non-Oceania receiving (SWL) stations to copy as many contest stations as possible inside the Oceania region.

**5. THE BANDS** that can be used are 160M, 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M and 10M (no WARC bands).

## **6. TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

- a. Each operator (or team of operators at a multiple-operator station) is not permitted to submit more than one entry in the Phone section and one entry in the CW section.
- b. High power entrants must not exceed 1500 Watts total output power, or the maximum permitted output power in their country, whichever is less, on any band. Low power entrants must not exceed 100 Watts total output power and QRP entrants must not exceed 5 Watts total output power. Power is measured at the final output connector of the transmitter or associated amplifier.
- c. QSO alerting assistance (e.g., incoming packet spots) is allowed in all entry categories, but self-spotting, asking other stations to spot you, or any other form of soliciting QSOs is not allowed.
- d. An entrant's transmitters and receivers must all be located within a 500-metre diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee, whichever is greater. All antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers used by the entrant.
- e. Remote operation is permitted. The entry location of a remote station is determined by the physical location of the transmitters, receivers, and antennas. A remote station must obey all station and category limitations.

## **7. ENTRY CATEGORIES**

- a. Single Operator QRP (SO QRP): Either all bands or a single band. One person performs all of the operating and logging functions. Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time. The total output power must not exceed 5 Watts.
- b. Single Operator Low Power (SO LP): Either all bands or a single band. One person performs all of the operating and logging functions. Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time. The total output power must not exceed 100 Watts.
- c. Single Operator High Power (SO HP): Either all bands or a single band. One person performs all of the operating and logging functions. Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time. The total output power must not exceed 1500 Watts, or the maximum permitted output power for the station licence, whichever is less.
- d. Multiple Operators and Single Transmitter (M1): More than one person can contribute to the final score during the contest period. Only one transmitted signal is permitted at any time. The total output power must not exceed 1500 Watts, or the maximum permitted output power for the station licence, whichever is less. A maximum of ten (10) band changes may be made in any clock hour (00 through 59 minutes). For example, a change from 20M to 40M and then back to 20M counts as two band changes. Use a single serial number sequence for the entire log.
- e. Multiple Operators and Two Transmitters (M2): More than one person can contribute to the final score during the contest period. A maximum of two transmitted signals is permitted at any time on different bands. The total output power of each transmitted signal must not exceed 1500 Watts, or the maximum permitted output power for the station licence, whichever is less. Either transmitter may work any and all stations. A station may only be worked once per band regardless

of which transmitter is used. The log must indicate which transmitter made each QSO. Each transmitter may make a maximum of eight (8) band changes in any clock hour (00 through 59 minutes). For example, a change from 20M to 40M and then back to 20M counts as two band changes. Use a separate serial number sequence for each band.

- f. Multiple Operators and Multiple Transmitters (MM): More than one person can contribute to the final score during the contest period. No limit to transmitters, but only one transmitted signal (and running station) allowed per band at any time. The total output power of each transmitted signal must not exceed 1500 Watts, or the maximum permitted output power for the station licence, whichever is less. Use a separate serial number sequence for each band.
- g. Short Wave Listener (SWL): Receive only and all bands. One person performs all of the logging functions. The call sign of the station 'being worked' by the heard station must not appear more than once in any group of 3 consecutive log entries on the same band.
- h. Check Log: An entry that is only submitted to assist with log checking. Check logs are not eligible for any awards or certificates.

**8. EXCHANGE:** RS(T) report plus a progressive contact serial number starting at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact. M2 and MM entries are to use a separate serial number starting at 001 for each band. If the station worked does not send a serial number for the contest, then the received number is to be logged as 001.

**9. MULTIPLIER:** The multiplier is the number of different valid prefixes worked. Note that the same prefix may be counted once on each band for multiplier credit.

- a. The prefix is the letter/numeral combination which forms the first part of the amateur call.
- b. Examples of valid prefixes are N8, W8, WD8, HG1, HG19, KC2, OE2, OE25, LY1000, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall count as a separate prefix. A station operating from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. The portable prefix must be an authorized prefix of the country/call area of operation. In cases of portable operation, the portable designator will then become the prefix. Example: N8BJQ operating from Wake Island would sign N8BJQ/KH9 or N8BJQ/NH9. KH6XXX operating from Ohio must use an authorized prefix for the U.S. 8th district (/W8, /AD8, etc.). Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (Ø) after the second letter of the portable designator to form the prefix. Example: PA/N8BJQ would become PAØ. All calls without numbers will be assigned a zero (Ø) after the first two letters to form the prefix. Example: XEFTJW would count as XEØ. Maritime mobile, mobile, /A, /E, /J, /P, or interim license class identifiers do not count as prefixes.
- c. Special event, commemorative, and other unique prefix stations are encouraged to participate. The prefix must be assigned by the licensing authority of the country of operation.

**10. CONTACT POINTS:** Each QSO is credited twenty points on 160M; ten points on 80M; five points on 40M; one point on 20M; two points on 15M; and three points on 10M. Note that the same station may only be counted once on each band for contact points.

**11. THE FINAL SCORE** is the sum of the Contact Points multiplied by the Multiplier (the total number of prefixes worked on all bands, noting that the same prefix can be counted once on each band).

## 12. AWARDS

- a. The trophies and plaques to be awarded are listed in Attachment 1 to these rules.
- b. Only one plaque or trophy will be awarded per entry. For example, a station winning a Continent plaque will not be considered for a sub-area award. That award will be given to the runner-up for that sub-area.

- c. **Certificates** will be awarded to the top scoring station in each category listed under Section 7 for each IARU WAC continent and each country. A participation certificate will also be awarded to every station that makes at least one valid QSO. Participation certificates are not awarded to stations that submit check logs.
- d. The certificates will be made available on the contest web site at <http://www.b4h.net/ocdx/certificates.php> for entrants to download and print at their convenience.
- e. Awards may be withdrawn or added at any time, and at the discretion of the Contest Committee. Refer to the Oceania DX Contest web site at [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com) for the latest information about contest awards.

### 13. GENERAL LOG REQUIREMENTS:

- a. **Transmitting** entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - date and time in UTC, frequency (or band), call sign of the station worked, RS(T) and serial number sent, RS(T) and serial number received. All QSOs must be submitted in date/time order. A log without all required information may be reclassified as a Check Log. All duplicate contacts must be shown - DO NOT delete duplicate contacts. No penalty will be applied for showing duplicate contacts.
- b. **SWL** entries are to submit a log showing the following details for each contact - date and time in UTC, frequency (or band), call sign of the station 'heard', call sign of the station 'being worked' by the 'heard' station, and the RS(T) and serial number sent by the 'heard' station. The same call sign for the station 'being worked' may appear only once in any group of 3 consecutive entries on the same band. Note: in the case of non-Oceania SWL entries, only Oceania call signs should appear in the 'station heard' column.

### 14. ELECTRONIC LOGS are preferred and are mandatory for stations logging more than 50 contacts.

- a. Electronic logs are to be submitted in Cabrillo format as specified at <http://wwrof.org/cabrillo/> and supported by most popular logging programs. The Cabrillo log file must include an accurately completed header (containing the summary information) and the QSO log data. Failure to fill out the header correctly can result in the entry being placed in the wrong category or reclassified as a Check Log. See [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com) for the latest information on the Cabrillo log format requirements.
- b. The log file name is to be in the form callsign.log, for example, if ZL2WB submits a log file - then it should be named zl2wb.log.
- c. Submit your Cabrillo log file using the on-line submission form on the web site at [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com). The web form will check the information in your log for any obvious errors and ask you to correct and resubmit the log if any such errors are found. Otherwise, the web form will acknowledge the successful receipt of your log, and a message confirming receipt (along with a copy of the received log) will also be emailed to you. Please contact the Contest Committee at [info@oceaniadxcontest.com](mailto:info@oceaniadxcontest.com) if you are experiencing any difficulties in submitting your log.
- d. Entrants using paper logging, or logging software that does not produce a Cabrillo file, are encouraged to use the on-line forms at <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> to create and submit a Cabrillo file.

### 15. PAPER LOGS:

- a. Electronic Logs are preferred (see Rule 14 above) but if this is not possible then paper logs in the Oceania DX Contest format may be submitted, provided they contain less than 50 contacts.
- b. Each paper log is to be accompanied by a summary sheet that clearly states:  
The SWL station call sign  
Operator call sign/s

Entrant's name and mailing address (for receipt of awards)  
Mode and Category entered  
Contact points claimed on each band  
Number of multiplier prefixes claimed on each band  
Total claimed score

- c. Official log and summary sheets can be downloaded from the Oceania DX Contest web site at [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com). If you do not have access to the official forms then you may make your own in accordance with the general requirements outlined above and in Section 13 of these rules.
- d. Paper logs are to be posted to: Oceania DX Contest, c/o PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia. Airmail should be used when submitting a log from outside VK or ZL.

## **16. LOG SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

All logs must be submitted on-line or postmarked NO LATER than 31 October 2020. A listing of all logs received on-line will be posted on the Oceania DX Contest web site at [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com).

## **17. DISQUALIFICATION**

Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant or the rules of the contest; unsportsmanlike conduct; or taking credit for excessive unverifiable QSOs or multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. Incorrectly logged calls will be counted as unverifiable contacts. Any entrant that uses means, other than contacts on the permitted bands and modes, to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or CONFIRM any contacts in the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry will be subject to disqualification.

## **18. DECLARATION**

Although no signed declaration is required, by submitting a log you are deemed to have agreed that: 1) you have read and understood the rules of the contest and agree to be bound by them, as well as all rules and regulations of your country which pertain to amateur radio; 2) your log entry may be made available for public viewing; and 3) all actions and decisions of the Oceania DX Contest Committee are official and final.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

The latest information about the contest is published on the Oceania DX Contest web site at [www.oceaniadxcontest.com](http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com). Any queries should be emailed to [info@oceaniadxcontest.com](mailto:info@oceaniadxcontest.com) or posted to the Oceania DX Contest Committee, c/o PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia.

# Attachment 1: 2020 OCDX Contest Plaques & Trophies

## Oceania

Phone Awards	Awarded to	Sponsor
<b>OCEANIA Ron Wills ZL2TT Memorial Trophy</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in Phone Single Operator ALL Band category (any power)	ZL2GI, ZL2AL, ZL1AZE, Wellington Amateur Radio Club, NZART
<b>OCEANIA Phone Single-Op 40M Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in Phone Single Operator 40M Band category (any power)	Mike Mather ZL2CC
<b>VK6NE Memorial Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in Phone Multiple Operator Single Transmitter category	Northern Corridor Radio Group
<b>OCEANIA Phone M2 Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in Phone Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	South Pacific Contest Club
<b>OCEANIA Phone Newcomer Plaque</b>	<a href="#">Top entrant from Oceania in the Phone Newcomer category</a>	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group
<b>AUSTRALIA Phone Single-Op ALL Band LOW Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Australia in Phone Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Martin Luther VK7GN
<b>AUSTRALIA Phone Single-Op ALL Band HIGH power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Australia in Phone Single Operator ALL Band HIGH power category	Tony Hambling VK3XV
<b>AUSTRALIA Phone YL Plaque</b>	Highest scoring YL entrant from Australia in the Phone section (any category)	Diane Main VK4DI and Bill Main VK4ZD
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA (VK5) Phone Single-Op ALL Band LOW Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from South Australia (VK5) in Phone Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society
<b>NEW ZEALAND Phone Single-Op ALL Band HIGH Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from NEW ZEALAND in Phone Single-Op ALL Band HIGH Power category	FlexRadio Systems and Future Systems
<b>INDONESIA Phone Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Indonesia in Phone Single Operator ALL Band category (any power)	Karsono Suyanto YB0NDT
<b>INDONESIA Phone Single-Op Plaque for General Class licensees</b>	Top entrant from Indonesia with a General licence (YD/YG) in any of the Phone Single Operator categories	YB Land DX Club
<b>INDONESIA Phone Single-Op 40M Plaque for Advanced and Extra Class licensees</b>	Top entrant from Indonesia with an Advanced Class (YC/YF) or Extra Class (YB/YE) licence in any of the Phone Single Operator 40M Band categories (i.e. any power)	Endah Winarti YB3VI

CW Awards	Awarded to	Sponsor
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<b>OCEANIA CW Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator ALL Band category (any power)	Chris Chapman VK3QB
<b>OCEANIA CW Single-Op ALL Band LOW Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Radio Amateur Society of Australia Inc
<b>OCEANIA CW Single-Op 40M Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator 40M Band category (any power)	Mike Mather ZL2CC
<b>OCEANIA VK3AKK Memorial Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Single Operator 15M Band category (any power)	Lou Blasco VK3ALB and Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN
<b>OCEANIA CW M2 Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Oceania in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	South Pacific Contest Club
<b>OCEANIA CW Newcomer Plaque</b>	<a href="#">Top entrant from Oceania in the CW Newcomer category</a>	Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group
<b>AUSTRALIA Frank Hine VK2QL Memorial Trophy</b>	Top entrant from Australia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category (any power)	WIA Federal
<b>AUSTRALIA CW Single-Op All Band QRP Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Australia in CW Single Operator ALL Band QRP category	Mike Charteris VK4QS
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA (VK5) CW Single-Op ALL Band LOW Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from South Australia (VK5) in CW Single Operator ALL Band LOW Power category	Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society
<b>NEW ZEALAND CW Single-Op ALL Band HIGH Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from New Zealand in CW Single Operator ALL Band HIGH power category	Brian Miller VK3MI/ZL1AZE
<b>INDONESIA CW Single-Op ALL Band HIGH Power Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Indonesia in CW Single Operator ALL Band HIGH power category	FlexRadio Systems and Future Systems

<b>Club Awards – Phone and CW</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>AUSTRALIA Club Plaque</b>	<a href="#">Local club from Australia with the greatest number of member stations participating in the Contest</a>	VK Contest Club
<b>NEW ZEALAND Club Competition Plaque</b>	<a href="#">Local New Zealand NZART Branch, DX club, or contest group with the greatest number of single operator entries</a>	Phil Holliday ZL3PAH

## Asia

<b>Phone Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>ASIA Phone Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from Asia in Phone Single Operator ALL Band category	Lee Moyle VK3GK

<b>ASIA Phone M2 Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Asia in Phone Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	QRO Communications and OM Power
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<b>CW Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>ASIA CW Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from Asia in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	Wes Printz W3SE / ZL3TE
<b>ASIA CW M2 Plaque</b>	Top entrant from Asia in CW Multiple Operator Two Transmitter category	QRO Communications and OM Power

## North America

<b>Phone Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>NORTH AMERICA Phone Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from North America in Phone Single Operator ALL Band category	Ken Keeler N6RO

<b>CW Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>NORTH AMERICA CW Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from North America in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	Chris Dimitrijevic VK3FY

## Europe

<b>Phone Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>EUROPE Phone Single-Op ALL Band Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from Europe in Phone Single Operator ALL Band category	Chris Dimitrijevic VK3FY

<b>CW Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Mirek Rozbicki VK6DXI Memorial Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from Europe in CW Single Operator ALL Band category	Slawek Barciuk VK3CTN

## World (non-Oceania)

<b>Phone Awards</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>NON-OCEANIA Phone SWL Plaque</b>	Top Entrant from outside Oceania in the Phone SWL category	No sponsor for 2020