

South Carolina QSO Party www.scqso.com

SCQP Operating Tips

South Carolina Fixed 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.

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 you begin.
- 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.
- "Run" (Call CQ") to work "Out Of State" stations
- "Search & Pounce" to acquire as many SC counties as possible.
- Visit the "Live Feeds" page on the scqso.com website to monitor on air activity.
- Watch the "SCQP Spotter Website" during the event. When you see a new county on the "board" go work it. <http://cwfund.org/funspots/scqp/frames.html>
- 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 not allowed.***
- Get on the air at the start of the contest (1400z) and work the contest as long as possible. .
- Every "Out-Of-State" contact is worth DOUBLE 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 and WW4SF) as you can. These are the only stations allowed to 'self-spot' on the SCQP Spotter site and DX Cluster. You can also see the online schedule for WW4SF via our website. You can work the bonus stations once per mode per band. You can always work the bonus stations for QSO point and multipliers. Points for working the bonus stations are given only once per mode per band. 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 before.
- 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.
- At the end of the contest, submit your Cabrillo or text log by going to scqso.com and clicking "Submit Your Log". Logs received within 24 hours qualify for a special prize drawing.
- Post your scores on 3830scores.com
- ***Above all, enjoy YOUR contest... Let's put South Carolina on the air!***

If you have any questions about SCQP, please email Dave, WN4AFP at dave@pkministrywebs.com