

John Moyle Memorial Field Day Contest Rules
2026 Onwards (updated for 2027)

Contest Introduction

The Field Day is held over the 3rd full weekend in March and run from UTC 0100 on the Saturday to 0059 on the Sunday and is open to all amateurs.

Aim Of the Contest

The aim is to encourage and provide familiarization with portable and field operation and provide training for emergency situations. The rules are therefore specifically designed and focused to encourage maximum participation.

Objective

All stations are welcome to participate, but DX stations can only claim points for contacts with VK, ZL and P2 stations. All VK, ZL and P2 stations can claim points for all contacts, with any station in the world, if valid serial numbers are exchanged.

Date and Time

- 3rd full weekend in March
- 0100z Saturday to 0059z Sunday (24 hours)

Categories

1. Separate HF and VHF and above categories as below.

2. Enter one log with all HF and VHF+ contacts. vklogchecker (log submission site) will pull out the separate categories when the log is submitted and enter you in both HF and VHF and above entries if they exist, as per the categories below.

- a) Single Op portable 6 hour
- b) Single Op portable 24 hour
- c) Multi-One Portable 6 hour
- d) Multi-One portable 24 hour
- e) Multi-Multi Portable 6 hour
- f) Multi-Multi portable 24 hour
- g) Single Op Home 6 hour
- h) Single Op Home 24 hour
- i) Multi-One Home 24 hour
- j) Multi-Multi Home 24 hour

- An overlay of YOUTH (Single Op, 25 years and younger) is accepted for any of the above categories.

Modes:

- Phone (SSB AM FM)
- CW
- Mixed (both PH and CW modes)

Time Blocks: Contest is divided into eight consecutive three-hour blocks starting at 0100 UTC.

Re-working: A station can be worked once per band per mode per block.

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters on HF and 50MHz to 241Ghz on VHF/UHF/SHF.
(no WARC bands in accordance with IARU regulations)

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Exchange:

- Single OP & Multi-one - Serial Number starting at 001 then consecutively across all bands.
- Multi-two or Multi-multi – Serial numbers starting at 001 on each band.

Multiplier

- Each new prefix from VK, P2, and ZL stations count as a multiplier credit once per band per mode per block. VK4, VL4, VJ4, ZL1, and ZM1 are examples of new prefixes when first logged.

Power

- All entrants are to operate with power not to exceed their licence conditions for the mode and band of operation.

Scoring

- Portable and home stations: Phone – 1 point, CW - 2 points.
- Total score: Add up the Multipliers for each block and multiply by the total points.
- DX stations can only claim points for contacts with VK, ZL and P2 stations.

Logging

- N1MM logger+ using User Defined Contest (UDC) WIA-JMMFD.udc
- New Cabrillo Spreadsheet log allows copying and pasting to vklogchecker.com
- Note: All files can be downloaded from the WIA website.

Log Submission

- Logs must be submitted within 14 days to vklogchecker.com
- Only Cabrillo Ver3 logs or the new Excel Cabrillo spreadsheet format is allowed.
- Upload Cabrillo Ver3 logs or copy and paste the final spreadsheet log to vklogchecker dot com.
 - Or send Spreadsheet or Cabrillo log to the manager if all else fails.
- Entries in the 6-hour category may contain more than 6 hours of QSO's in the log, but only the first six hours are used to calculate the score. Extra contacts will be used for cross checking.
- Resubmitting your log will overwrite the previous entry. Resubmit to make any corrections.

Awards

- Certificates will be provided as a downloadable PDF from the WIA website.
- The President's Shield, a perpetual trophy held at Andersson House, will be awarded to the portable Australian Club station, with the highest score. For this contest "Club Station" means a club affiliated with the WIA. The winning club will receive an individually inscribed wall plaque as permanent recognition.

Results

- Results will be released within a fortnight from end of log submission.

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Station Definitions

Portable Station

- A portable station comprises field equipment operating from a power source, e.g. batteries, portable generator, solar power, wind power, independent of any permanent facilities, and which is not the normal location of any amateur station.

Single Operator

- A single operator station is where one person performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions.
- One signal on air only.

Multi-One Station

- One transmitter with two or more operators.
- One signal on air only.
- All multi-op stations are mixed mode by default.

Multi-Multi Operator Stations (Includes Multi-Two)

- A multi-operator station is where two or more transmitters are used and where two or more operators run the station.
- One signal per band only.

General Rules

- Phone includes SSB, AM, and FM. A station can only be worked in one phone mode per band per block.
- None of the portable field equipment may be erected on the site earlier than 28 hours before the beginning of the contest.
- Mains power operation of a portable station is expressly forbidden. If a station goes portable and uses mains power, then the station becomes a 'fixed' home station.
- All equipment comprising the portable station must be located within an 800m diameter circle.
- There is *no need* to sign portable or use the /p after the serial number as done in the past. – The Cabrillo header will contain that information when the log is submitted.
- Only one callsign can be used during the contest.
- Persons who participate in a Multi station cannot submit a log under their personal callsign.
- Scheduling a contact may only be done using radios and frequencies in use with the contest.
- Simplex operation only. Contacts are not valid via repeaters, satellites or the internet.
- Six-hour logs are a consecutive 6 hours starting from the first contact and ends six hours later. Starting at the start of a block is not necessary, just 6 hours from when the first contact is made.
- Rule violations and/or missing or incorrect information in a log may result in the log being classified as a Checklog and will not be valid for points or awards.
- WIA General rules apply unless varied in this document.

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Contest Champion points are allocated to:

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• If a station gains CC points in both HF and the VHF category, then the highest points will count only. A station cannot claim CC points for both categories

Blocks

UTC BLOCKS		
100	to	400
400	to	700
700	to	1000
1000	to	1300
1300	to	1600
1600	to	1900
1900	to	2200
2200	to	100

Sample Cabrillo Log on next page.

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Sample Cabrillo Log

START-OF-LOG 3.0:

LOCATION: DX
CALLSIGN: VK4Z
CLUB: VKCC
CONTEST: WIA-JMMFD
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP
CATEGORY-ASSISTED: NON-ASSISTED
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-MODE: MIXED
CATEGORY-POWER: HIGH
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE
CATEGORY-OVERLAY: YOUTH
CLAIMED-SCORE: 14
OPERATORS: VK4ME
NAME: ME
ADDRESS: 123 MYSTREET RD
ADDRESS-CITY: SOMEWHERE
ADDRESS-STATE-PROVINCE: QLD
ADDRESS-POSTALCODE: 4999
ADDRESS-COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA
GRID-LOCATOR: QG62aa
EMAIL: me@email.aa
CREATED-BY: VK4Z
SOAPBOX: SAMPLE CABRILLO

SOAPBOX: Cabrillo is just a text file laid out in a certain way

X-COMMENT:	FREQ	MODE	DATE	TIME	MYCALL	TX	RST	TXEXCH	RXCALL	RXRST	RXEXCH
QSO:	7000	CW	2025-11-1	1	VK4Z	59	1	VK4XYZ	59	1	
QSO:	7000	PH	2025-11-1	2	VK4Z	59	2	VK4XYZ	59	2	
QSO:	3500	PH	2025-11-1	100	VK4Z	59	3	VK1ABC	59	1	
QSO:	3500	CW	2025-11-1	1100	VK4Z	59	4	VK2ABC	59	3	
QSO:	3500	CW	2025-11-1	1102	VK4Z	59	5	VK6ABC	59	2	

END-OF-LOG:

Note: the X-COMMENT line is not required, but is here to show the column headings.

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