

John Moyle Memorial Field Day Contest Rules

Rules from 2026 onwards as agreed by the WIA contest committee and others.

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 field operations.

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. Single Op portable 6 hour
 2. Single Op portable 24 hour
 3. Multi-One portable 24 hour (Mixed mode by default)
 4. Multi-Multi portable 24 hour (Mixed mode by default)
 5. Single Op Home 6 hour
 6. Single Op Home 24 hour
 7. Multi-One Home 24 hour (Mixed mode by default)
 8. Multi-Multi Home 24 hour (Mixed mode by default)
- 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)

Reworking: Contest is divided into eight consecutive three-hour blocks.

Duplicates: A station can be worked once per band per mode per block.

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters on HF and 6m, 2m and 70cm on VHF/UHF.
(no WARC bands in accordance with IARU regulations)

Exchange:

- Single OP - Serial Number starting at 001 then consecutively across all bands.
- Multi OP – Serial numbers starting at 001 on each band.
- Note: N1MM logger automatically sets the above method on initial contest configuration.

Multiplier

- Each new prefix counts as a multiplier per band per mode per block.

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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 - 4 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

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.

Awards

- Certificates will be provided as a downloadable PDF from the WIA website.

Results

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

Station Definitions

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.
- All multi-op stations are mixed mode by default.

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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Contest Champion points are allocated to:

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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 layed out in a certain way

X-COMMENT:	FREQ	MODE	DATE	TIME	MYCALL	TX	RST	TX	EXCH	RX	CALL	RX	RST	RX	EXCH
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: