

“Tune-in to the world - Amateur radio gets people talking.”

WIA National Field Day 2010 Rules

1. Object

To promote amateur radio to the public, to introduce potential operators to amateur radio while working as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands using a variety of modes.

2. Date

The 2010 WIA National Field Day (Field Day) will be held on Saturday 23rd October 2010.

3. Time Period

2200 UTC 22 October to 1000 UTC 23 October 2010 (0900-2100 EDST 23rd October)

4. Bands and Modes

- 4.1. All amateur bands permitted for the level of licence used to run the station.
- 4.2. Phone, CW and Digital (i.e. SSTV, PSK31, RTTY, MT63 etc.) modes are permitted but contacts employing any digital mode are considered as one.
- 4.3. Repeater contacts and the use of IRLP, D-STAR and EchoLink are permitted.

5. Eligibility

The Field Day is open to all amateurs in Australia. Stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

6. Categories

- 6.1. A **Public Station** is a station run by three or more amateur operators (which may be a club) operating on a single callsign from a public place, or club premises open to the public for the duration of the event.
- 6.2. A **Private Station** is a station which does not fulfil the requirements of Public Station and includes an individual operating portable, mobile or from a private residence.

7. Exchange

Serial numbers only commencing at 001 (RST is not required) followed by a suffix.

- 7.1. Public Stations should use a suffix of F for general contacts or G when a guest (non-licensed operator) makes their first contact.
- 7.2. Private Stations should use a suffix of H for a home, P for portable or M for mobile stations.

8. Repeat Contacts

A station contacted in a one hour block may be re-worked in the next one hour block using that particular band and mode combination.

NB To prevent waiting an immediate rework with a recently contacted station is permitted when a guest (non-licensed) operator makes their first contact from a Public Station using the G suffix. Subsequent contacts would be treated as normal contacts.

9. Logs

Public Stations and Private Stations will keep a log for each transmitter operated. Entries should include UTC Time, call sign, mode, number sent and number received.

10. Scoring

Final Score = Contact points + Bonus points (detailed below)

Contact Points

- 10.1. All standard contacts regardless of band or mode count for one point each.
- 10.2. Where a guest (non-licensed person) makes their **first** contact at a Public Station and records their name and telephone number in the log, an additional 50 points will be awarded. The G suffix must be used for this exchange.

Bonus Points that may be awarded to Public Stations

- 10.3. An additional 20 points will be awarded for each amateur assisting in the operation, promotion or other activities at the station. All participants must enter their name, callsign and the nature of their involvement in the logbook.
- 10.4. An additional 200 points will be awarded to a station which operates in a prominent public location (i.e. shopping centre, or adjacent to a public facility). A supporting photograph of the station must be submitted with the log.
- 10.5. An additional 100 points will be awarded for each transceiver for which a log is submitted provided that the transceiver is connected to its own dedicated antenna. Handhelds are not eligible for these points but may be used during the field day.
- 10.6. Where the operational transceiver is powered by renewable energy (i.e. solar, hydro, wind, human powered) an additional 200 points will be awarded. A supporting photograph of the power source must be submitted with the log.
- 10.7. Where the operational transceiver is powered by a non-renewable portable power source (i.e. generator, batteries) an additional 100 points will be awarded. A supporting photograph of the power source must be submitted with the log.
- 10.8. A station logging a contact using CW will be awarded 100 points.
- 10.9. A station logging a contact using a Digital mode (RTTY, PSK32, EchoLink etc) will be awarded 100 points (once off).
- 10.10. Where a station operation is accompanied by publicity the following points will be awarded:
 - Where the station is referred to on a non-amateur television station(s) – 200 points per reference.
 - Where the station is referred to on a commercial radio station(s) – 200 points per reference.
 - Where the station is referred in a press publication(s) – 200 points per reference.

- 10.11. Where the station is visited by an invited Government (including local Government) official (i.e. Member of Parliament or local Mayor) – 100 points per official. A supporting photograph of the visit must be submitted with the log.
- 10.12. Where the station is visited by an invited member of a community emergency service (i.e. CFA, SES) – 100 points. A supporting photograph of the station must be submitted with the log.
- 10.13. Where the station hosts a structured amateur radio educational activity for five or more children below the age of 18, (i.e. formal training, kit building, licence examinations) 200 points will be awarded. A supporting photograph of the activity must be submitted with the log.
- 10.14. Where the station provides a public information table to promote amateur radio – 100 points.
- 10.15. Where the station submits a video, photographs or print articles describing the activities of the Field Day operation at the station – 50 points will be awarded for each type of presentation submitted up to a maximum of 150 points.

11. Awards

- 11.1. In order to be eligible for an award the station must have registered as a participant on the WIA National Field Day Web Site.
- 11.2. All registered participants who submit a log will each receive a participation certificate.
- 11.3. The three highest scoring Public Stations will each receive an award certificate.
- 11.4. The three highest scoring Private Stations will each receive an award certificate.
- 11.5. The WIA National Field Day Coordinator will judge photographs received based on general appearance and presentation of participants, location and equipment layout, and award certificates to the three best public station photographs, videos and articles submitted.

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.1. By submitting an entry you agree to be bound by these rules and agree that the judge's decision on the interpretation of the rules, awarding of points (including bonus points), certificates and awards will be final and that no correspondence will be entered into. The judges may modify these rules in order to preserve the aims of the field day.
- 12.2. The copyright in all material submitted must be held by the submitter and the WIA is expressly authorized to use the material for promotional purposes.
- 12.3. Logs and supporting evidence for bonus points must be received by the National Field Day Co-Coordinator at the Wireless Institute of Australia, electronic logs and evidence to nfd@wia.org.au by 5.00pm on 23 November 2010.
- 12.4. Posted Logs should be addressed to National Field Day Co-Coordinator, Wireless Institute of Australia, PO Box 2042, Bayswater, Victoria, 3153 and received prior to close of business on the 23 Nov 2010.

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