



2017 Kansas QSO Party Rules

26 Aug 2017 1400 – 0200 UTC 27 Aug 2017 1400 – 2000 UTC
Saturday 9-9 CDT Sunday 9-3 CDT

NEW FOR 2017

- 51 1x1 calls spell **KANSAS, QSOPARTY, SUNFLOWER** and now **BISON** (the state mammal of Kansas) to earn antique radio stamps. Continue reading to find out how and see the new stamp for 2017.
- Check out our out-of-state “filtered” Sunday and CW Kansas QSO Party Plaques. Turn in a log and you’ll also be entered into a drawing to win our Sunflower Plaque.

OBJECT

Stations outside of Kansas work as many Kansas stations in as many Kansas counties as possible. Stations in Kansas work everyone.

EXCHANGE

Kansas stations send signal report and county. Stations outside of Kansas send signal report and state, Canadian section, or DX.

QSO POINTS

Stations may be worked once on Phone, once on CW and once on Digital per band. Each complete non-duplicate Phone contact is worth 2 points. Each complete non-duplicate CW or Digital contact is worth 3 points.

MULTIPLIERS

Multipliers are counted only once. All stations log Kansas contacts with 3-character county abbreviations. The KS abbreviation is not used. Log all other contacts as two characters. Use DX for stations outside of the United States and Canada.

Kansas Stations – maximum of **64 multipliers** including:

- U.S. states (50) - First Kansas county logged counts as the Kansas multiplier.
- Canadian sections (13) – AB BC MB NB NL NT NS NU ON PE QC SK YT
- DX (1)

Non-Kansas Stations – maximum of **105 Kansas county multipliers**

BONUS STATION

All stations receive a one-time bonus of 100 points for contacting **KS0KS** - Santa Fe Trail ARC. Bonus station contacts also count for QSO credit on all allowable bands and modes.

SCORE

Total score = (QSO points x multipliers) + bonus points (maximum 100)

FREQUENCIES

Contact stations on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. WARC band contacts and contacts using repeaters, digipeaters or the internet do not count. All contacts must be simplex.

Suggested frequencies (recommend staying in the General parts of the bands):

- **HF CW** - 40kHz up from band edge (mobile window 35-40)
- **HF Phone** - 3840, 7240, 14240, 21340, 28440
- **HF Digital** - around customary calling frequencies
- **VHF** - around customary calling frequencies or on simplex frequencies

ENTRY CATEGORIES

- Select one:
 - **Single-Op QRP** - 5W or less, one transmitted signal
 - **Single-Op Low Power** - 100W or less, one transmitted signal
 - **Single-Op High Power** - greater than 100W, one transmitted signal
 - **Multi-Op** - any legal power, multi/multi allowed
 - **Youth** - 100W or less, one transmitted signal (see below)
 - **Kansas School** - any legal power, multi/multi allowed (see below)
 - **Kansas Mobile Single-Op** - 100W or less, one transmitted signal
 - **Kansas Mobile Single-Op CW Only** - 100W or less, one transmitted signal
 - **Kansas Mobile SSB Only** - 100W or less, may be Single-Op or Multi-Op
 - **Kansas Mobile Multi-Op** - 100W or less, one transmitted signal
 - **Kansas Mobile Unlimited** - any legal power, multi/multi allowed
 - **Kansas Mobile Unassisted** - 100W or less, solo driver/operator

MISCELLANEOUS

1. CW contacts must be made in the CW portion of the band. No cross-mode contacts.
2. Mobile is a station that is self-contained and capable of legal motion (street, water, or air) while operating, motion optional.
3. All Kansas Mobile categories may use an additional driver except Unassisted.
4. Mobile Unassisted stations are not expected or encouraged to operate while driving.
5. Kansas stations that change counties are considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for point and multiplier credit.
6. If a Kansas station is on a county line between two or more Kansas counties, a separate QSO must be logged for each county listed as worked.
7. Kansas stations should call CQ Kansas QSO Party, CQ KSQP or CQ KQP.
8. Stations calling Kansas should call CQ Kansas or CQ KS.

9. Kansas mobile stations should identify /M or /county. Kansas 1x1 stations should ID with their actual callsign at least once per hour as per FCC regulations.
10. A Kansas School entry includes students, faculty, staff, alumni, children of the above, etc. Operator(s) may be assisted by a control operator if they are unlicensed.
11. The Youth category is for out-of-state youth ages 17 and under. Operator(s) may be assisted by a control operator if they are unlicensed. This category replaces our out-of-state School category which has never had a plaque winner.
12. The use of spotting nets using DX clusters, packet nodes, telephone, or other means is permissible for all entry categories.
13. Mobiles travelling together may log each other only once per county.

ENTRIES

Entries must be date-stamped or postmarked no later than **October 1**. Only one entry per call sign is allowed. Entry submission implies that the contestant agrees to be bound by the decisions of the Kansas QSO Party Coordinator.

Be sure to include your call sign, name, address, location, entry category and scoring calculation (scoring calculation not needed for Cabrillo files) in your entry. Use the standard Cabrillo header or additional text lines at the top of the file as necessary. Kansas mobile logs should be combined into one log file for submittal. If you qualify as a Kansas Rookie, please note that as well.

In addition to an official entry, all participants are encouraged to submit score and comments to the **3830 Reflector www.3830scores.com** immediately after the event.

Entries with incomplete or improperly logged contacts will be subject to penalties or disqualification. Duplicate QSOs are not counted for points and will not result in penalties, but they may be used to prove the integrity of other logs. Please do not remove duplicates.

Electronic logs should be named with your call sign (ex: W0BH.LOG). Submit your log by one of the following two methods. Deadline for log submissions is October 1.

Method 1 (preferred) – Attach your log file to an email with your call sign in the Subject line. Send the email to logs@ksqsoparty.org. **Cabrillo format preferred.**

Method 2 - Paper logs, or logs on electronic media may be submitted via postal mail to: **Kansas QSO Party, c/o Bob Harder, W0BH, Box 3000, Hesston KS 67062.**

AWARDS

- **Bonus Sunflower Plaque**
Every non-winning Kansas log (minimum 25 contacts) receives one entry and every non-winning non-Kansas log receives one entry for each unique 1x1 call worked in separate bonus plaque drawing pools.

If you didn't win a category, you might still win one of our solid maple laser-engraved Sunflower plaques! Decisions of the Kansas QSO Party Coordinator are final.

- **Plaques** - Awarded to First-place entries with 50 or more contacts as follows:

	Power	Single-Operator	Multi-Operator	Mobile		Canada	DX
Non-KS	High	1	4	N/A	5 Youth	6	7
	Low	2					
	QRP	3					
KS	High	8	11	12-17	18 School	N/A	N/A
	Low	9					
	QRP	10					

Worked All Kansas Plaque - Awarded to the first station to contact all 105 counties using any contest mode(s). This plaque has been awarded the past six years!

Kansas Rookie Plaque - Awarded for the highest in-state score from a first-time Kansas QSO Party participant in the Single-Op category.

Kansas QSO Party “Filtered” Plaques - These plaques are earned by out-of-state single-op participants who didn’t win a category plaque. Awarded for the highest Day 2 (Sunday) score and the highest CW overall score. You can participate on both days using all modes and any power level and still be eligible for either plaque.

- **Kansas QSO Party Certificate and Antique Radio Stamps**

Awarded to stations who spell KANSAS, SUNFLOWER, QSOPARTY or BISON using suffixes of selected 1x1 calls listed on the KSQP web site. Work two different 1x1 calls ending in A and S to spell KANSAS. Letters may be shared between words. KS0KS counts as a wild card and may be used in place of one missing letter.

Example: w0K k0A n0N k0S n0A w0S w0S n0U w0N w0F k0L w0O w0W ...

This year, our stamp is the 1973 Transistor stamp. Descriptions of available stamps are shown on the next page. You may choose one stamp for each word you spell (maximum 3 stamps). You will be able to download your certificate in pdf or jpg format, and your stamp(s) will come by mail.

To receive your certificate and stamps, you must first send in a log as listed above. Then send an email with your call in the subject line to kansas150@hotmail.com. List your name as you’d like it to appear, your address, your email and which stamp(s) in order of preference.

The certificate has room for all nine stamps, so if you already have a certificate, use it again this year. If you prefer, we can also print and mail your certificate to you. Send the details above and \$3 to cover paper, ink, and mailing expenses to: **Bob Harder, W0BH, Box 3000, Hesston KS 67062 (make check to Bob Harder).**

- **Kansas QSO Party Award**

Awarded to all Second and Third-place entries and all participating Kansas 1x1 stations. This award includes the certificate (if you don’t already have it) and three stamps. Kansas 1x1 stations will concentrate on working out-of-state stations.

2017 Kansas QSO Party Sponsors

B & H Sales - Derby, KS
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 Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club
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#1 - Issued December 15, 1960. Commemorates Echo I, the first passive communications satellite.



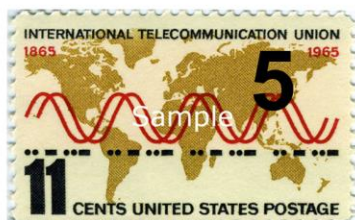
#2 - Issued December 15, 1964 on the 50th anniversary of the ARRL. Note that 2014 was the ARRL Centennial. Commemorates the amateur radio operators who provided emergency communications for the Alaska earthquake earlier in the year.



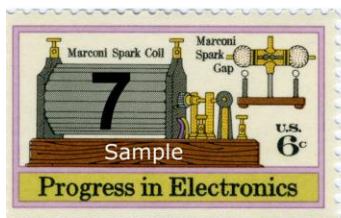
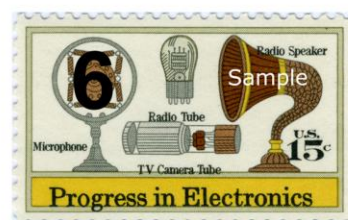
#3 - Issued August 1, 1967. Commemorates 25th anniversary of the Voice of America.



#4 - Issued October 7, 1940. Samuel Finley Breese Morse, working with Alfred Vail and Joseph Henry, publically demonstrated the first single-wire electric telegraph on January 11, 1938.



#5 - Issued October 6, 1965. The Morse code on the stamp spells ITU. Founded in 1869 as the International Telegraph Union, the ITU coordinates our radio spectrum.



#6 #7 #8 #9 - Issued in 1973, these Progress in Electronics stamps feature various early radio components, Marconi's wireless spark gap transmitter (range of 1¼ miles in 1895), the DeForest Audion (first triode vacuum tube invented in 1906) and the transistor (invented by Bell Labs in 1948).

Email KSQP Coordinator Bob Harder, W0BH, at kansas150@hotmail.com with plaque, certificate or rules questions.