

# 2002 ARRL June VHF QSO Party Rules

1. **Object:** To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees  $\times$  1 degree grids as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.

2. **Date and Contest Period:** The second full weekend in June. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0300 UTC Monday (**June 8-10, 2002**).

3. **Entry Categories:**

- 3.1. Single Operator.
  - 3.1.1. Low Power
  - 3.1.2. High Power
- 3.2. Single Operator Portable.
- 3.3. Rover.
- 3.4. Multioperator.
- 3.5. Limited Multioperator.

4. **Exchange:** Grid locator (see April 1994 *QST*, p 86).

- 4.1. Exchange of signal report is optional.

5. **Scoring:**

- 5.1. QSO points:
  - 5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
  - 5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
  - 5.1.3. Count three points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
  - 5.1.4. Count four points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO.

5.2. **Multiplier:** The total number of different grids worked per band. Each 2 degrees  $\times$  1 degree grid counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.

5.3. **Final score:** Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.

5.4. **Rovers only:** The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grids) worked per band (regardless of which grid they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid from which they successfully completed a contact.

5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.

6. **Reporting:**

6.1. Electronic submissions may be e-mailed to [JuneVHF@arrl.org](mailto:JuneVHF@arrl.org) and handwritten paper logs or diskettes mailed to June VHF, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

6.2. Entries that have been electronically generated must submit their log file in the Cabrillo file format. Paper printouts of electronic files are not acceptable substitutes.

6.3. Entries must be e-mailed or post-marked no later than July 10, 2002. Late logs may be designated as check-logs only.

7. **Miscellaneous:**

7.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid with the same call sign (such as a Rover).

7.2. Only permitted one signal per band (6, 2, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ , etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.

7.3. Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmit-

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Have an interesting story to share about your participation in the June VHF QSO Party? Want to share your experiences with Mr. Murphy or brag about setting a new personal best score? Have an interesting photograph take during the contest?

Now you have a chance. All participants are invited to share their contest-related stories, experiences and photographs in the new **ARRL Contest On-Line Soapbox**. This is a site for you—the participant—to post your thoughts on the Web. You can find the site at [www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/](http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/). It will serve as a permanent archive for much of the related information on all ARRL contests.

When you visit the site, use the dropdown box to select which ARRL contest that you wish to visit. Members and non-members alike may make posts to the site. We encourage you to particularly share stories that may help attract the interests of new hams or those who might like to try contesting. Use the site to gain information or maybe just enjoy a nice reflection of the fun you had during the contest weekend.

Questions about the ARRL Contest On-Line Soapbox may be addressed to Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Contest Branch Manager at [n1nd@arrl.org](mailto:n1nd@arrl.org) or by phone at 860-594-0232.

ter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.

7.4. Forms may be obtained by:

7.4.1. Downloading from the Internet at the Contest Branch Web site: [www.arrl.org/contests/forms](http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms).

7.4.2. Sending an SASE to June VHF Form Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

8. **Awards:** Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:

8.1. Single operator.

8.1.1. Top single operator low and high power in each ARRL/RAC Section.

8.1.2. Top single operator low and high power on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if W1INF has the highest single-operator all-band score in the CT Section and his 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator's, he will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.

8.2. Top single-operator, QRP portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single-operator, QRP portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

8.3. Top Rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

8.4. Top multioperator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

8.5. Top limited multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)

8.6. Plaques, if sponsored, will be awarded in the following categories:

8.6.1. Top 10 Single Operator (both

High and Low Power) scorers.

8.6.2. Top 5 Single Operator QRP Portable scorers.

8.6.3. Top 5 Rover scorers.

8.6.4. Top 10 Multioperator scorers.

8.6.5. Top 5 Limited Multioperator scorers.

9. **Other:**

9.1 See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" page 101 and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" page 103 in November 2001 *QST*.

9.2. For more information, queries or questions contact [contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org) or 860-594-0232. **QST**

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