

2012 SDA QSO PARTY RULES

Contest Periods: February 25 from 2100 EST to 2400 EST and February 26 from 0900 EST to 1700 EST
February 25 from 1800 PST to 2100 PST and February 26 from 0600 PST to 1400 PST
February 26 from 0200 UTC to 0500 UTC and February 26 from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC

Object: To QSO as many different SDA amateur radio stations in as many different union conferences and union missions throughout the world as possible.

Eligible Participants: All SDA amateur radio operators are eligible to participate. Non-SDA amateur radio operators who regularly check into the AARN or SDA Bible Study Groups may also participate.

Frequencies: Contest operation is restricted to 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Crossband operation is not permitted. Suggested operating frequencies are on or within 15 khz of 3970, 7270, 14328, 21405, and 28400 khz.

Calling and Listening Times: Suggested times for calling and listening are on the hour and half hour; however, calls and contacts may be made at any time during the two contest periods.

Calling Procedure: Call "CQ SDA" or "CQ SDA QSO Party".

QSO Exchange: The QSO Exchange consists of a station's call, the operator's first name, and the union conference or union mission in which the station is located. Additional conversation is encouraged.

Valid QSO: A QSO is valid only if both stations send their QSO Exchanges to each other, acknowledge receiving the QSO Exchange sent to them, and enter the received Contact Exchange in their log along with the date and time of the QSO and the band on which it was made. You may contact a station as many times and on as many bands as you wish during the QSO Party, but can have only one Valid QSO Party contact with that station on each of the five bands.

Invalid QSO: A QSO is invalid if it is made on or within 5 khz of the frequency of an AARN or SDA Bible Study Group session that is in progress.

Disqualifications: Any violation of SDA QSO Party Rules or the rules governing amateur radio operators will disqualify a QSO Party participant.

Scoring: QSO points are determined from the following table:

Transmitter Output Power	A QSO With a Station	A QSO With a Station
	On Your Continent	On Another Continent
0 to 200 watts pep	10 points	12 points
201 to 600 watts pep	9 points	11 points
601 to 1500 watts pep	8 points	10 points

Total Score = (QSO points total) + (number of different stations QSOed) + (number of different unions QSOed)

Awards: The station with the highest total score will be the overall winner.

Entry Log and Summary: Entry logs must contain the date, time, QSO number, call of station QSOed, band, emission type, transmitter power output, QSO Exchange received, and QSO Exchange sent for each QSO. The Summary must contain a list of the stations QSOed, a list of the unions QSOed, and the total score.

Send the entry log and summary to W8FEM, Dick Sowler, 8869 George Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-1407, e-mail w8fem@arrl.net. Entry logs must be received by April 1, 2012.