

EPC PSK63 QSO Party 2009 Rules

Date and Time Starting time is at 00:00 UTC, and ending time is at 24:00 UTC on Sunday 22 November, 2009.

Objective The European PSK Club has the honour to invite the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the EPC PSK63 QSO Party. The objective of the competition is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world by using the BPSK63 mode. Everybody can work everybody for QSO and multiplier credit.

BANDS AND FREQUENCIES Recommended frequencies are: 160 meters (1.838 – 1.843 MHz), 80 meters (3.580 – 3.590 MHz), 40 meters (7.040 – 7.050 MHz), 20 meters (14.070 – 14.080 MHz), 15 meters (21.070 – 21.080 MHz), and 10 meters (28.070 – 28.080 MHz).

TYPE OF COMPETITION Transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the licensee's address, whichever is greater. All antennas used by the entrant must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers used by the entrant. Only the entrant's call sign can be used to aid the entrant's score. All entrants are allowed to use packet and web clusters. There are no separate entrant categories in the competition; all participants work as SOAB (Single Operator - All Bands). All stations at which one performs do all of the operating, logging, and spotting functions. Only one signal is allowed at any one time. The operator may change bands at any time. The output power shall not exceed 100 watts.

EXCHANGE EPC members should send signal report plus EPC membership number (example – 599 EPC0001). Please make sure that you don't separate «EPC» from the «Number», and you don't use any characters between. Please make sure that your EPC number consists of 4 digits. Other stations should send signal report plus QSO number, starting 001 (example – 599 001).

POINTS Contacts with EPC members are worth 5 points; contacts with other stations are worth 1 point. The same stations may be contacted again on other bands.

Multiplier A multiplier of one is for each different EPC number contacted on each band.

SCORING The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of EPC numbers contacted on each band.

CERTIFICATES AND PLAQUES First, second and third place certificates will be awarded in the World and every continent. First place certificates will be awarded in every participating DXCC country. The EPC PSK63 World Plaque will be awarded for the first place in the World. All scores will be published on the EPC website. All certificates and plaques will be issued to the licensee of the station used. All certificates will be issued in a PDF format and sent via email to the winner. Winners may purchase special plaques through the EPC General Manager; plaques will be awarded in the following geographical areas: Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Russia, USA, Canada and Japan. If you are interested in sponsoring a special trophy for the EPC PSK63 QSO Party, please contact us.

LOG INSTRUCTIONS All times must be in UTC. All sent and received exchanges are to be logged. We accept logs in the Cabrillo format ONLY. Name your Cabrillo file as your callsign (for example – mm0dgr.cbr), and email it to ut7fp@srars.org. The contest name in the Cabrillo header must be «EPC-PSK63». Be sure to put the station callsign in the «Subject» line of the message. Electronic submission implies a signed declaration that all competition rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed. All entries must be emailed no later than 30 days after the competition. Use this sample file as a standard entry log file for the EPC PSK63 QSO Party.

Disqualification Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the participant, or the rules of the competition; unsportsmanlike conduct; taking credit for excessive unverifiable contacts or unverifiable multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. Incorrectly logged calls or numbers will be counted as unverifiable contacts for culprit only. The use by an entrant of any non-amateur means such as telephones, telegrams, internet, or the use of packet to solicit contacts during the competition is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification. Actions and decisions of the EPC PSK63 QSO Party Manager are official and final.

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