

Worked All OARC

A fun contest for all OARC members, to encourage contacts between the community

TL;DR

Worked All OARC (WAO) is a fun contest to encourage community members to make and log QSOs with other members. Any mode, any band (within licence conditions), with multipliers for distance made (long and short!), DXCC reached, novelty and mode. There may be prizes, but they are to encourage participation and innovation, not QSO collecting. Those motivated by numbers will find their own rewards in WAO...

Rules

Aim

To work as many OARC members as you can during the Award period, to encourage some fun through radio operation, to promote OARC on the air and to reward exceptional feats and innovation during the contest.

Dates

The Award Period for WAO season one (WAOS1) will run from 1 June until 31 August 2022 inclusive. QSOs must start and complete within the Award Period, unless there is an exceptional circumstance where the QSO cannot be completed within it.

Callsign

An OARC member may use any valid callsign that they are licensed to operate, including overseas and short contest calls. However, all callsigns used will be individually scored, and those scores will only be added together if the individual chooses to identify themselves and which callsigns they own. This is to recognize that individuals may want to use the Platinum Jubilee RSL, or other RSLs, Club Callsigns (including OARCs own Club Callsign M0OUK) or special Contest Callsigns.

Bands and Modes

Any legal band (i.e. CB or licence free bands count) can be used, and any valid mode of operation used.

Valid QSOs

A valid QSO has the following:

1. It was made between two current OARC members
2. Both parties log the QSO with WAO control
3. The Electromagnetic Spectrum is involved for some part of the QSO
4. Use of repeaters or network segments is permitted
5. OARC should be promoted as part of the QSO, either in the CQ call or by mention in the QSO itself.

Remote, unattended or automatic (think WSJT-X vs WSJT-Z, or JTDX) operation is not permitted. You must key the PTT on the device or permit it to operate, not via a computer link.

Submitting QSOs

QSOs will be submitted via a [Google Form](#). Bulk updates will also be accepted via an agreed CSV format. However, QSOs should not be 'saved up' and submitted at the end of the contest. All QSOs should be submitted within seven days of completion unless there are exceptional circumstances (which can be explained when submitting).

Sites

Members may operate from any location, the home QTH, /M., /MM (for Full Licence holders) /P, /A, even other DXCC (where licensed and allowed).

Scoring

Outline

Scoring will be provided, and a simple count of QSOs logged and members worked will be the primary publish metric. However, a number of 'secret' achievements and leaderboards will also be maintained and prizes awarded. Think outside the box in the spirit of amateur radio.

QSO information to be recorded

Whilst the scoring algorithm will remain a closely guarded secret, in order to 'feed the algorithm', QSOs should be recorded with the following metadata:

- Callsigns used (yours and the other party)
- Datetime (UTC)
- Mode
- Band (for satellites log the Uplink band) (for Discord, log Discord, etc)
- An appropriate locator (sent and received)
- Additional data such as:
 - Satellite used
 - Repeater used
 - Network used
 - Evidence of innovation
 - SSTV mode used

Judging

QSOs will not require validation as all members are trusted to act in the spirit of the contest. However, some sampling of QSOs will take place and a request for confirmation might be required, so it will be worth logging QSOs in the usual places in case of errors or dispute. The judges decision will be final, but all parties will be allowed to make representations in the case of errors or disputes.

Results

An online table for QSOs and most members worked will be maintained and published on OARC discord at regular intervals. Awards will be presented on a Zoom call at the conclusion of the Award Period.

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