

Puerto Rico Straight Key Party Rules

Version 1.0 Official

I. Objective

- A. Primary: Have Fun!
- B. Secondary: Go to basics, promote the preservation of CW in Amateur Radio and stimulate CW operation among Puerto Rican Amateur Radio operators.

II. Party Period

- A. Date: The party will start the second Sunday of April (April, 11th, 2004)
- B. Time: 1800Z to 0200Z (Monday) . 8 Hours

III. Categories

- A. Official Party Station: Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League, KP4ES
- B. KP4: Stations located in Puerto Rico archipelago signing /SKP.
- C. Non-KP4: Stations not located in the Puerto Rico archipelago.

IV. Mode

- A. CW Only

V. Exchange

- A. A valid party contact should contain at least:
 - 1. Other Station's Signal Report (RST)
 - 2. Other operator's Name
 - 3. Other operator's QTH

VI. Frequencies:

- A. There are no band and/or frequency restrictions. Any amateur radio frequency may be used for a valid contact.
- B. Suggested frequencies: 30khz above the CW lower sub-band limit.
- C. KP4ES will operate at the following frequencies:
 - 1. 28.030 MHz, 28.130 MHz
 - 2. 21.030 MHz, 21.130 MHz
 - 3. 14.030 MHz
 - 4. 7.030 MHz, 7.130 MHz
 - 5. 3.530 MHz, 3.705 MHz

VII. Miscellaneous

- A. For KP4 stations, a valid contact shall be done using a straight key.
- B. It is encouraged the use of straight key for Non-KP4 stations.
- C. Call signs and exchange information shall be received by each station for a complete QSO.
- D. The use of /SKP is encouraged as part of the ID for KP4 stations. Example: KP4ES/SKP
- E. A participating station may be contacted only once per band for a valid contact.

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VIII. Reporting

A. Non-KP4:

1. QSL all QSOs with KP4 stations signing /SKP via KP4ES.
2. QSLs confirming contacts with KP4 stations signing /SKP shall be received no later than 90 days after the party to be eligible for a certificate (See Awards below).
3. QSLs confirming contacts with KP4 stations signing /SKP shall be received no later than one year after the party to be eligible for special QSL Card.
4. KP4ES Mailing Address:

Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League
PO Box 191917
San Juan, PR 00919-1917
Home Page: www.prarl.org
E-Mail: prarl@prarl.org

B. KP4 Stations:

1. A copy of the log should be submitted to PRARL within 30 days of the event.
Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League
PO Box 191917
San Juan, PR 00919-1917
Home Page: www.prarl.org
E-Mail: prarl@prarl.org
2. Although paper logs are permitted, it is encouraged the use of ADIF/electronic format for log submittals.

IX. Awards

A. Non-KP4 Stations

1. A special Puerto Rican Straight Key Party certificate will be awarded to Non-KP4 stations that: worked KP4ES/SKP in at least 2 bands **and** made at least 2 QSOs with other KP4 stations signing /SKP. To be eligible for the certificate, QSLs confirming contacts with KP4 stations signing /SKP and KP4ES/SKP shall be received no later than 90 days after the party
2. To be eligible for a special Puerto Rican Straight Key Party QSL card, QSLs confirming contacts with KP4 stations signing /SKP and/or KP4ES/SKP shall be received no later than one year after the party. (Via KP4ES)
3. After one year, QSOs remaining unconfirmed will be QSLed via Buro then the log will be considered closed.

B. KP4 Stations

1. A special Puerto Rican Straight Key Party certificate will be awarded for those stations that submit their log showing more than 16 QSOs.