

## 2023 Rule Changes

### **BACKGROUND:**

For the 2022 Virginia QSO Party, we finally created a new category called Extreme Expedition. At that time we expected we would rethink this for 2023.

In addition we have a lot of mobiles and it would be nice to have some more plaques for the mobile/portable operations.

We propose to restrict the definition of mobile and expedition and then add a new category “rover” to provide for “unlimited” configurations and operations.

We have also removed the number of people involved in the station from the definition of the station category.

Therefore we propose the following definitions:

### **NEW DEFINITION: MOBILE:**

A station operating from a vehicle which is capable of operating while in motion and operates stationary in the same configuration, i.e., able to travel at any time without having to disconnect any wiring or change any antennas in order to move. Commercial power may not be used. Contacts may be made while moving or stopped.

### **NEW DEFINITION: EXPEDITION:**

A station that moves between two or more Virginia non-permanent station locations. All radio equipment, power supplies and antennas must be transported to each operating site. Commercial power may be used. Mobile radios, equipment, and antennas installed in, on or attached to a vehicle wholly for normal mobile operation are not permitted to be used in this class. The vehicle may be used as part of the setup once stopped in the temporary location. An expedition may not make **contest** contacts (**including contest QSO coordination**) while moving **~~between locations~~ regardless of origin or destination.**

### **NEW DEFINITION: ROVER:**

A non-fixed station that is not a mobile or expedition. The rover may make contacts while stationary and/or while moving. The rover may change equipment

and antenna configurations. The rover may operate from a vehicle and/or off a vehicle. The rover may or may not use commercial power.

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Since stations now move and rovers may operate while moving or not moving, we should change QSO points.

**NEW: QSO Points:** Each contact with a mobile, expedition, or rover is three points.

**SAFETY:** We encourage safe operating practice. For mobiles and rovers, motion is optional and discouraged, during operation, unless there is a separate driver who is not operating while driving.

**Potentially we end up with the following plaques:**

2023 Plaque	2022 Plaque	Example Operation
Virginia Mobile Single Operator Single Transmitter	Virginia Mobile Single Operator	Operator making a few contacts on way to grocery store. Extending the concept to a longer trip.
Virginia Mobile Multiple Operator Single Transmitter	Virginia Mobile Multiple Operator Single Transmitter	Operator driving while his granddaughter makes a few contacts on way to grocery store. Also extending the operation to much further distances.
Virginia Expedition	Virginia Expedition	Moving a portable station between two mountain cabin rentals.
Virginia Rover Single Operator Single Transmitter	Virginia Unlimited Expedition	Vehicle modified to facilitate the use of taller or different antennas while stationary.
Virginia Rover Multiple Operator Multiple Transmitter	Virginia Mobile Multiple Operator Multiple Transmitter	Multiple operators in vehicle modified to facilitate the use of taller or different antennas while stationary and multiple radios concurrently.

**Cabrillo Notes:**

For Virginia Stations, mobiles, expeditions and rovers shall indicate LOCATION as VA MOBILE. For example:  
LOCATION: VA MOBILE

The CATEGORY-STATION shall be MOBILE, EXPEDITION, or ROVER. For example:  
CATEGORY-STATION: MOBILE  
CATEGORY-STATION: EXPEDITION  
CATEGORY-STATION: ROVER