

2026

WEST VIRGINIA QSO PARTY

Sponsored by the West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council.

Saturday June 20, 2026 noon til midnight Eastern time
(1600Z Saturday June 20, 2026 through 0400Z Sunday June 20, 2026)

The Annual WV QSO party is held each year to celebrate West Virginia's admission to the Union on June 20 1863. If June 20th is not a Saturday, the QSO Party is held the Saturday immediately prior.

MAIN CATEGORIES

You may submit an entry for only one category. As an example, if you are operating as mobile using QRP power limitations, you can be either Mobile or QRP.

Remote operating is permitted and the use of spotting nets is allowed to encourage contest participation.

Single Op (Fixed)

No more than one signal on the air, one person operating and logging. Operate high or low power.

Multi/Multi (Fixed)

Unlimited number of signals and operators from one QTH. No contest power limits.

QRP (Fixed or Mobile)

No more than one signal on the air, one person operating and logging.
Max Power 10W output Voice and 5W output CW.

Mobile Operations

Mobile station must be capable of operation while in motion but motion is not necessary. Mobile stations may work and may be worked by other stations upon changing counties. Mobile stations may operate from a county line if the **definition*** of a county line is met and receive bonus points for each county. Stations on a WV county line may be claimed as both a QSO and a multiplier from each county. (2 QSO's and 2 multipliers). No contest power limits for mobiles.

*County line **definition**: County lines are defined as where two counties meet as long as the line is not "wet". "Wet" is defined as two counties that are separated by water, i.e., creek, river, lake, etc. You may **not** operate from a bridge connecting two counties.

Mobiles: Indicate in your log the county (or counties) you're operating from.

Power Categories (output)

QRP: 10 watts Voice and 5 watts CW or less at all times.

Low Power: 100 watts or less

High Power: 101 watts and above

Modes

CW

SSB

Digital (non CW)

Bands

80m through 10m, no WARC bands. Suggested frequencies:

CW (khz): 3545 7045 14045 21045 28045

SSB (khz): 3825 7185 14250 21300 28450

Digital (PSK/RTTY/etc.) (khz): 3580 7080 14080 21080 28080 or normally accepted sub-bands

Multipliers

To be used for credit, the multiplier (**county, state, province, or country**) must be included in log.

Out-of-State Stations - Multipliers are West Virginia counties (55 max).

West Virginia Stations - Multipliers are:

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U.S. states (*50 max - West Virginia counts as a state, District of Columbia counts as Maryland*) and Canadian Provinces (13 max/band).

DXCC entities (*see ARRL DXCC list*) – USA, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada are NOT counted as DXCC entities.

Points

All Phone QSOs = 1 point

All CW and Digital QSOs = 2 points

Latest Summary Sheet, N3FJP and N1MM software have been updated with new QSO points count.

On all HF bands, CW and other digital modes count separately. For example, you can work W1AW on 80 CW; 80 RTTY; and 80 SSB, for three contacts on 80 meters. All digital modes (non CW) are equivalent. If you work W1AW on 80 RTTY you cannot work him again on 80 PSK31.

Exchange

WV stations send RST and county. All others send RST and State/Province/or DXCC country.

Find WV county list with abbreviations at; <https://www.qsl.net/wvqp/> .

Bonus Points

Bonus Points: Work **W8WVA** once per band per mode and receive 100 points for each contact (to be added to final score).

West Virginia mobiles receive a bonus of 100 points for each West Virginia County activated from which they log at least one (1) valid contact. Please see Summary Sheet on last page.

QSL Cards/LOTW

The W8WVA QSL manager is Mike, W8SI. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW for state only confirmations. If you need a county confirmation send QSL Card per QRZ page instructions.

Final Score

Multiply QSO points by the number of multipliers. Then add in the **W8WVA** and/or mobile bonus points for the final score. Fill out a Summary Sheet or submit Cabrillo file showing your claimed score. See last page for the Summary Sheet.

Reporting

Log and summary sheet or Cabrillo file must be e-mailed or sent by regular mail no later than **July 8, 2026** to: Randy Goff KD8G, 1289 Washington Gardens Cir, Washington, WV 26181.

Email logs to wvqlogs@gmail.com. Computer logs should be submitted in Cabrillo format if possible.

Do not send logs on any media such as floppy disks, DVD, CD or thumb drives as only printed or electronic logs will be accepted.

Email confirmation will be sent to all entrants who send electronic logs. If log is submitted by US Mail and a confirmation is requested please provide a Self Addressed Stamped Post Card or envelope. **Results available Aug 5, 2026 at www.qsl.net/wvqp.**

AWARDS

Certificates will be sent to high score in each category in and out of state.

Categories:

WV Single Operator High Power
WV Single Operator Low Power
WV Mobile
WV Multi/Multi
WV QRP

Out of State Single Operator High Power
Out of State Single Operator Low Power
Out of State QRP
Canadian High Score
DX High Score

We hope to CU in the 2026 WVQP. Please Join Us!

73 from West Virginia

2026 WV QSO Party Summary Sheet

Call used: _____ State/Province/Country/County: _____

Operator Call: _____ Operator Name _____

CATEGORIES: Check one (Please check ONE so that your entry isn't added as a check log.)

_____ **SO** -- Low Power **WV**

_____ **MOBILE** -- Mobile - may be assisted (no contest power limits)

_____ **SO** -- High Power **WV**

_____ **QRP SO** -- Single Operator--(Max pwr out: 10 watts phone & 5 watts CW)

_____ **SO** -- Low Power **Non-WV**

_____ **M/M** -- Multi Operators/Multi stations (no contest power limits)

_____ **SO** -- High Power **Non-WV**

SCORING:

QSOs: Phone: _____ x 1 = _____

CW: _____ x 2 = _____

Digital: _____ x 2 = _____

Phone + CW + Digital points _____ =====> **Total QSO points:** _____

Multipliers: To be used for credit, the multiplier (**county, state, or province, country**) must be included in log.

Total number of WV counties worked: _____ (All Stations)

Total number of States & Provinces worked: _____ (WV Stations Only) (WV counts as a Multiplier)

Total number of DXCC entities worked: _____ (WV Stations Only)

Total Counties+States+Provinces+Countries _____ ====> **Total multipliers:** _____

Total QSO points: _____ x **Total Multipliers:** _____ =====> **Total QSO Score:** _____

Bonus Points:

All Stations:

Contacts with W8WVA. Limit once per band per mode. _____ x 100 = _____

For mobile stations operating in WV:

Number of counties activated. At least one contact per county. _____ x 100 = _____

Bonus point total: _____

Total QSO score _____ + **Bonus points** _____ ====> **Final Claimed Score:** _____

"I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations for Amateur Radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of *QSO Party Contest Committee*."

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If submitting Entry Log via US Mail and you want a confirmation please send self addressed and stamped post card.

If submitting Entry Log via E-MAIL, a confirming return e-mail will be sent.

LOGS must be submitted by July 8th, 2026. See rules for details.