

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2019

OQP 2019 was a great contest, and for the first time, there was two nail biters in the final results! First off, there was an issue with the Rover category. One of the participants indicated that N1MM did not score his Rover log correctly, and this made for a bit of excitement as we sorted out the issue behind the scenes. So, here is what happened: N1MM does not score a Rover log correctly. As it turns out, no contest logging software will correctly score a Rover log in the OQP. Under the rules, there are bonus points for Rover stations when they activate three (or more) counties, and make at least three QSO's per activated county. To help make up for the difficulties in achieving this, there are bonus points awarded to a Rover station.

N1MM makes a point that they do NOT correctly account for bonus points for Rover stations. After looking into the issue, the only way a contest logging program could come up with a correct score for a Rover would be to recalculate the log after each QSO! This is not realistic, and we made it clear to N1MM that this is not a realistic expectation. Rather: We rescore ALL the logs at the end of the contest, using our own OQP log scoring software. Our software scores each log the same. Bonus points for Rover logs are accounted for, and we generate the final (official) score for each station. Bottom line being: if you are a rover in the OQP, WE will calculate your final score – any contest logger will be hard pressed to do this in real time. The good news being – once this log was scored, his final score went up – a lot, and moved him into first place in the final results!

Which brings up the second issue that we ran into with log scoring. Some scores went up, and some scores went down, in part due to multipliers that our log scoring software found. For a few logs, we found one or more multipliers over the claimed score, resulting in the final score going up. In a few cases, some QSO's were lost due to logging errors, or our log scoring software found fewer multipliers, and the claimed score went down. Each log was cross-checked with other received logs, and every effort was made to ensure that we came up with an accurate score for each participant. It was a nail-biter up to end, but the Rover log of VE3WG took first place!

Last, but not least, we received over 170 logs for OQP 2019! Thank you for participating and submitting a log! We appreciate every log that was received, and it helped ensure the most accurate results possible.

CONTEST RECORDS

Another record breaking year indeed! As we went through the records, 15 county and state records were updated, which is just wonderful! Congratulations to all the stations who got on, and helped make OQP 2019 a great event indeed,

Thanks for your Participation

Contest Club Ontario wishes to thank everyone for taking part in our OQP Party. Without you, there would not be an Ontario QSO Party! Yes – we know – you heard the same thing last year, but its true. We DO appreciate each and every entry – large and small. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

We also wish to thank the many folks at Contest Club Ontario who work behind the scenes who help promote the Ontario QSO Party, who compile and score the logs, and deliver the final results. It helps US become better contesters, and we enjoy the opportunity to be part of the greater contesting community. Hope to see to seeing you again in 2020 when the snow leaves and summer is once again around the corner!