

2018 SDA QSO PARTY RULES

Contest Periods: 0200 UTC February 18 to 0200 UTC February 19
(2100 EST February 17 to 2100 EST February 18)
(1800 PST February 17 to 1800 PST February 18)

Eligible Participants: Licensed amateurs who are members of the Adventist Amateur Radio Association International or who regularly participate in Adventist Amateur Radio Association International nets or Bible study groups.

Object: To QSO as many different members of the Adventist Amateur Radio Association International located in as many US states, Canadian provinces, and other DXCC entities as possible.

Frequencies: Operation is restricted to 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Suggested operating frequencies are on or within 5 kHz of 3970, 7192, 14328, 21405, and 28320 kHz. Cross-band operation is not permitted.

Calling and Listening Times: Calls and contacts may be made at any time during the contest. Suggested times for calling and listening are on the hour and at 15, 30, and 45 minutes past each hour.

Regularly Scheduled Nets: are suspended during the period of the contest; members are encouraged to be available for contact at the time and frequency of the regularly scheduled nets to earn/give QSO points to participating QSO party stations]

Calling Procedure: Call "CQ SDA" or "CQ SDA QSO Party."

QSO exchange: The QSO exchange consists of the station call sign, the station operator's first name, and state or province or (for stations outside of the USA and Canada) the DXCC entity in which the station is located.

Valid QSO: A QSO is valid when the station you contact confirms the reception of the QSO exchange you sent to him/her and you confirm the reception of the QSO exchange he/she sent to you.

Disqualifications: any violation of SDA QSO party rules or the rules governing amateur radio operators will disqualify a QSO party participant.

Scoring: QSO points are determined from this table:

<u>Transmitter Output</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 to 50 watts	10 points
51 to 750 watts	9 points
751 to 1500 watts	8 points

Total Score = (QSO points total) + (number of different stations QSO'd) + (number of different states, provinces, and DXCC entities outside of USA and Canada QSO'd).

Awards: The station with the highest total score will be declared the overall winner.

Entry Log and Summary: Entry logs must contain your call sign, your name, your address, the QSO exchange that you sent, your transmitter's power output, the band the QSO took place on, the date and time of the QSO, the call sign of the station QSO'd, and the QSO exchange you received. The summary must contain a list of the stations QSO'd, a list of the USA states, Canadian provinces, and DXCC entities outside of the USA and Canada QSO'd, and the total score.

Entry logs must be received by March 19, 2018:

Send the log and summary to: WY8Z, Garth Stoltz, 451 W. Kirby Rd., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017;
Or e-mail to: gstoltz3@sbcglobal.net.