



The 6th EPC BPSK63 QSO Party Rules 2011

1. The European PSK Club has the honour to invite the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the EPC BPSK63 QSO Party 2011. The objective of the competition is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world by using the BPSK63 mode. Everybody can work everybody for QSO and multiplier credit.
2. The competition is held every year on the third Sunday of November. This year it starts at 00:00:01 UTC and ends at 23:59:59 UTC on Sunday 20th November, 2011.
3. All contacts should be made by using BPSK63 mode (Binary Phase Shift Keying at 62.5 Baud Rate). According to the EPC HF Band Plan it is recommended to use the following frequencies for contacts during the competition: 1.838 ... 1.843 MHz, 3.580 ... 3.590 MHz, 7.040 ... 7.050 MHz, 14.070 ... 14.080 MHz, 21.070 ... 21.080 MHz, and 28.070 ... 28.080 MHz. All operators may change bands at any time.
4. Transceiver, computer, interface and antennas must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater. All antennas used by the entrant must be physically connected by wires (cables) to the transceivers used by the entrant. Only one transceiver is allowed to be used per participating call sign. Only one signal is allowed at any one time.
5. Only the entrant's call sign can be used to aid the entrant's score. There are no separate entrant categories in the competition; all participants work as SOAB (Single Operator - All Bands). Multi-operator stations are not allowed to take part in the party. All stations at which one performs do all of the operating, logging, and spotting functions. Only one signal is allowed at any one time. The operator may change bands at any time. The output power shall not exceed 100 watts.
6. Every participant should send a real RSQ report, not just 599 for every contact. EPC members should send a signal report plus EPC membership number (example - 579 EPC00001). Please make sure that you don't separate «EPC» from the «Number», and you don't use any characters between. Please make sure that your EPC number consists of 5 (five) digits. Other stations should send a signal report plus a QSO number, starting 001 (example - 589 001).
7. Contacts with EPC members are worth 5 points; contacts with other stations are worth 1 point. The same stations may be contacted again on other bands. A multiplier of 1 (one) is for each different EPC number contacted on each band. The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum of EPC numbers contacted on each band.
8. First, second and third place certificates will be awarded in the World and every continent. First place certificates will be awarded in every participating DXCC country. The EPC BPSK63 World Plaque will be awarded for the first place in the World. All scores will be published on the EPC website. All certificates and plaques will be issued to the licensee of the station used. All certificates will be issued in a PDF format. Winners may purchase special plaques through the EPC BPSK63 QSO Party Committee; plaques will be awarded in the following geographical areas: Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Russia, USA, Canada and Japan. If you are interested in sponsoring a special trophy for the EPC BPSK63 QSO Party, please contact the Committee.
9. All times must be in UTC. All sent and received exchanges are to be logged. We accept logs in the Cabrillo format only. Name your Cabrillo file as your call sign (for example - mm0dgr.cbr), and email it to ut7fp@srars.org. The contest name in the Cabrillo header must be «EPC-PSK63». Be sure to put the station call sign in the «Subject» line of the message. Electronic submission implies a signed declaration that all competition rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed. All entries must be emailed no later than 15 days after the competition.
10. Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the participant, or the rules of the competition; unsportsmanlike conduct; taking credit for excessive unverifiable contacts or unverifiable multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. Incorrectly logged calls or numbers will be counted as unverifiable contacts for culprit only. The use by an entrant of any non-amateur means such as telephones, telegrams, internet, or the use of packet to solicit contacts during the competition is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification. Actions and decisions of the EPC BPSK63 QSO Party Referee are official and final.
11. We recommend MixW software [www.mixw.net] to be used in the contest. The required MixW contest setup files for easy and correct operation in the event are listed at R3BB website [www.digitalrus.ru].