



SP DX CONTEST 2020 – RULES



1. ORGANIZERS: PZK - Polish Amateur Radio Union (Polski Związek Krótkofalowców) in cooperation with the SP DX Club.
2. OBJECTIVE: For amateurs around the world to contact as many Polish stations in as many provinces of Poland as possible. Polish stations use the following prefixes: 3Z, HF, SN, SO, SP, SQ. Polish stations contact the rest of the world (except Poland) in as many DXCC entities as possible.
3. DATE: The first full weekend of April from 15:00 UTC Saturday to 14:59 UTC Sunday.
4. BANDS: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m according to the IARU Band Plan.
5. MODES: PHONE and CW. Contacts on PHONE and CW with the same station in the MIXED category are counted as separate contacts.
6. CALLING PRACTICE:
 - **Polish stations:** "CQ CONTEST" on PHONE, or "CQ TEST" on CW.
 - **Foreign stations** "CQ SP".
7. EXCHANGE:
 - Polish stations send a report, consisting of a signal report (RS or RST) plus the letter of the province designator (e.g., **59 B**). The 16 province designators are: **B, C, D, F, G, J, K, L, M, O, P, R, S, U, W** and **Z**.
 - Foreign stations send a report consisting of a signal report (RS or RST) plus contact number beginning with 001 (e.g., **59 001**).



8. POINTS:

- **For Polish stations:** A QSO with a DX station (outside Europe): 3 points, a QSO with a station in Europe: 1 point. Contacts between Polish stations: 0 points.
- **For foreign stations:** 3 points for every contact with a Polish station.

9. MULTIPLIER:

- **For Polish stations:** Entities on the current DXCC list (except SP) contacted on each band, regardless of mode.
- **For foreign stations:** Provinces in Poland contacted on each band, regardless of mode, for a maximum of 96 (16 provinces x 6 bands).

10. SCORING: The total QSO points on all bands multiplied by the sum of the multipliers on all bands.

11. CATEGORIES:

- MOAB MIXED
- SOAB MIXED HP
- SOAB MIXED LP
- SOAB MIXED QRP
- SOAB PHONE HP
- SOAB PHONE LP
- SOAB CW HP
- SOAB CW LP
- SOTB MIXED
- SOSB PHONE
- SOSB CW
- SWL MIXED

12. GENERAL RULES AND DEFINITIONS: Every participant must declare one entry category only, and only QSOs matching the category description will be scored. Any other QSOs should be left in the log for cross-checking.

Definition of categories and abbreviations used:

- **MO:** *Multi-operator Single Transmitter* means that only one signal may be transmitted at any given time.
- **SO:** *Single Operator* means that all contest activities, station operating, logging and scorekeeping are performed by one person. In addition, only one signal may be transmitted at any given time.
- **SOTB:** *Single Operator Three Band* - SO on any three chosen bands.
- **HP:** *High Power* - Maximum output power allowed by your license class.
- **LP:** *Low Power* - Maximum output power is 100 watts.
- **QRP:** Maximum output power is 5 watts.
- **AB:** *All Bands*
- **SB:** *Single Band*
- **MIXED:** *Mixed Mode*

- Entrants in all categories may use QSO finding assistance. No self-spotting is allowed.
 - All station transmitters, receivers and antennas must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle. The use of receiving equipment outside the 500 meter circle is considered unsportsmanlike and may be grounds for disqualification.
 - There are no restrictions on the number of band and emission changes allowed each hour for any of the categories.
 - The call sign and the exchange must be correctly copied by both stations in order to receive QSO credit.
 - Duplicate contacts should be left in the log. There is no penalty for any contacts removed from the log by the Contest Committee.
 - QSOs with stations without submitted logs are counted as confirmed only if such a callsign was present at least four (4) times in all submitted logs.
13. SHORT WAVE LISTENERS (SWL): Polish SWLs must log the callsign, signal report and exchange sent by a foreign station, as well as the callsign of the Polish station. Foreign SWLs must log the callsign and exchange sent by the Polish station, as well as the callsign of the foreign station. Points, multiplier and scoring is the same as for transmitting stations. Both Polish stations and foreign stations can only be logged once per band and mode, except if one of the stations is a new multiplier.
14. CONTEST LOGS: Electronic logs in the Cabrillo format should be sent via the spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl website. Logs sent via e-mail **spdx-logs@pzk.org.pl** are also acceptable but Web submissions are preferred. All entries must be submitted no later than April 30 of the year of the contest.
15. CONTEST RESULTS: Preliminary results will be available on the SP DX Contest website spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl on May 15, 2020. Any discrepancies and requests for clarification can be submitted to **spdx-log@pzk.org.pl** until May 30, 2020. Official results will be published on the SPDX Contest website by June 15, 2020.
16. AWARDS: Every participant will be able to download a ready-to-print electronic certificate. Top scores in each category, country and continent may receive plaques sponsored by individuals and groups. It is also expected that there will be special awards in categories designated by their sponsors.
17. DISQUALIFICATION: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant or violation of the rules of the contest, or unsportsmanlike conduct, will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification.
18. DISPUTES: The decisions of the Contest Committee will be final.

SP DX Contest Committee
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