

SP DX CONTEST 2024 – RULES



1. ORGANIZERS: PZK - Polish Amateur Radio Union (Polski Związek Krótkofalowców) and 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 and make contacts with the rest of the world (except Poland) in as many DXCC entities as possible.
3. DATE: The first full weekend of April from 06.04.2024 15:00:00 UTC (Saturday) to 07.04.2024 14:59:59 (Sunday).
4. BANDS: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m according to the IARU Band Plan.
5. MODES: SSB and CW. Contacts on SSB and CW with the same station in the MIXED category are counted as separate contacts.
6. CALLING PRACTICE:
 - Polish stations:** "CQ CONTEST" on SSB, 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**).
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8. POINTS:
 - For Polish stations:** A QSO with a DX station (outside Europe) is 3 points, a QSO with a station in Europe is 1 point. Contacts between Polish stations do not count.
 - 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).
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10. SCORING: The total QSO points on all bands multiplied by the sum of the multipliers on all bands.

11. ENTRY 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
- CHECKLOG

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 (CW and SSB)*.
- CHECKLOG:** The entry will be used for cross-checking only.

12. GENERAL RULES.

- Every participant must declare only one of the above entry categories. **Any remaining QSOs, including duplicates, should be left in the log for cross-checking.**
- Entrants in all categories may use QSO finding assistance. **Self-spotting is allowed.**

- All station transmitters, receivers and antennas must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle. No change of location is allowed during the contest period.
- The call sign and the exchange must be correctly copied by both stations in order to receive QSO credit.
- QSOs with stations without submitted logs are counted as confirmed only if:
 - Callsign was present at least ten (10) times in all submitted logs.
 - Exchange numbers are not repeated and follow the rule in section 7
 - The station callsign is not obviously wrong
 - The contest committee reserves the right not to pass a QSO when it considers it to be incorrect

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 only. Logs sent via e-mail are no longer acceptable. All entries must be submitted no later than 2 weeks after the contest (21.04.2024).

15. CONTEST RESULTS: Preliminary results will be available on the SP DX Contest website spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl on 28.04.2024. Any discrepancies and requests for clarification can be submitted to committee@spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl until 05.05.2024. Official results will be published on the SPDX Contest website by 12.05.2024.

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 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. Logs from Russian and Belarusian stations will be used as CHECKLOG.

19. DISPUTES: The decisions of the Contest Committee will be final.

SP DX Contest Committee
Polish Amateur Radio Union