

# The Australian Shires Contest

Held the weekend prior to the second Monday of June every year.

Starts: 06.00 UTC Saturday, June 12, 2010

Ends: 06.00 UTC Sunday, June 13, 2010

- I. **Contest Period:** 24 hours for all stations, all categories.
- II. **Objectives:** The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period. IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK

### III.

**A) Bands:** 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. ***Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation***

**B) Modes:** SSB and CW only

### IV. Class of Competition:

#### For all categories:

*Transmitters and receivers for a fixed station must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.*

*If you are a member of a multi op team you can not partake in the contest as an individual in any way. Please note that you are permitted to have up to two transmitted signals going simultaneously.*

*All contest operation must be within operator's licence restrictions and conditions, eg power output, bands used, etc.*

*Single OP stations are only permitted one transmitted signal at a time.*

*No operator is permitted to use more than one callsign for the entirety of the contest.*

*A Rover station is a VK station who goes either portable or mobile for the entirety of the contest. Please note that all portable equipment can not be set up prior to the Friday preceding the contest and no earlier than at 00.01utc. The Rover who moves into a new SHIRE may count the same MULTIPLIER more than once per band as long as the Rover is in a new SHIRE location. Such change in location must be clearly indicated in the log.*

*IE. A Rover station becomes a new QSO to the stations working them when that STATION changes SHIRE locator.*

*Please note that in all categories below you may change band and mode as often as you like. You may also work the same station **multiple consecutive** bands/modes one behind the other. EG work VK4FW on 20m SSB then qsy to 15m CW then qsy to 80m CW then qsy to 40m SSB etc*

- 1. VK Single – OP All Band Rover: Single operator(s) must do all contest related things by themselves.**
- 2. VK Multi – Two All Band Rover : Is 2 or more operators with maximum of two transmitted signals at any one time. This category MUST USE Software CONTEST LOGGERS. All operators must be**

**fully listed when the log is submitted.**

**3. VK Single Op All Band..... same conditions as number 1 above**

**4. VK Multi – Two All Band.... same conditions as number 2 above**

**5. VK Single Op Foundation: Is a VK foundation licensee **who must do all contest related things by themselves.****

**6. DX Single Op—All Band..... Is a single op **who must do all contest related things by themselves.****

**V. Exchange:** All VK operators to exchange callsign, RST followed by the VK shire abbreviation as per the official list provided . EG..... VK4FW .....59BU4 or 599BU4

Stations outside VK to exchange callsign, RST followed by CQ ZONE.

EG. ZL1AMO 5932 or 59932

**VI. Multipliers:** For stations outside VK : The multiplier is the number of different VK shires worked per band. A “VK shire” is counted once per band per mode. IE. If you work it on SSB it can be counted again on CW .To enter the contest you must have worked at least one VK Shire –

**VII.** For VK Stations: The multiplier is each VK shire worked per band and mode as above as well as each CQ Zone worked per band and mode .

**VIII. NB. VARIATION FOR ROVER STATIONS. ROVERS CAN REWORK FROM MULTIPLE LOCATIONS**

**IX..**

**. Scoring:** One (1) point per QSO. ....

Multiply total QSO points times total number of multipliers worked ( ie. If you worked 33 on 80m, 43 on 40m , 16 on 20m, 21 on 15m and 5 on 10m that would be a total of 118)

*Example 1.* VK4FW works stations as follows:

600 qsos x 1 point = 600points

118 vk shires worked + 35 cq zones worked = 153

600 x 153= 91,800

VK4FW final score is 91,800

*Example 2.* ZL1AMO works stations as follows:

700 qsos with VK amateurs x 1 point = 700

118 VK shires work

700 x 118 = 82,600

ZL1AMO final score is 82,600

**X... Awards:** VK Stations : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received. A minimum of 50 qsos must be made to be eligible to receive a certificate.

Stations Outside VK : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received for each continent.

\*\* please note we hope to be able to award a minimum of 4 certificates per category.

The various categories have been sponsored for the next three years by the following operators ( till 2011 ). We thank them very much.

1. VK Single Op ..... kindly donated by VK4KW, Phil Smeaton
2. VK Multi Two .... kindly donated by VK4VCC, Laurie Porter
3. VK Single Op Foundation ..... kindly donated by VK2DX, Nick Hacko
4. VK Single Op Rover... kindly donated by VK6HZ, John Ferrington
5. VK Multi Two Rover ... kindly donated by VK4TI, Trent Sampson
6. DX Single Op ..... as below
  - a) North America ..... kindly donated by VK8PDX, Craig Edwards
  - b) South America ..... kindly donated by VK4NDX, Dave Clifford
  - c) Asia ..... kindly donated by VK4KYL and VK4ZD, Diane and Bill Main
  - d) Europe ..... kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson
  - e) Africa ..... kindly donated by VK3VTH, Tony Hambling
- f) Oceania ..... kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

7) *The VK5NJ Trophy:* Will be awarded to the station who makes the highest number of CW qsos during the contest no matter what category they are in. Please note this has nil to do with actual points and multipliers, it is strictly the actual number of CW qsos made.

8) *Most Valued Contester(s):* The administration will award this trophy to the person(s) that they feel has done the very best they could for the betterment of the contest. This may be in the form of a club activation of a remote shire for example or a person traveling to the most shires - ultimately it will be to those who the administration feels did the best to add value to a particular years contest.

**XI... Miscellaneous:** An operator may sign only one callsign during the contest. This means that an operator cannot generate QSOs by first signing his callsign, then signing his daughter's callsign, even though both callsigns are assigned to the same location.

If in fact a fixed VK station is located on the border of more than one VK shire, they must choose only one VK shire from which to operate from.

**Utilising the various internet dx clusters etc is permitted however ANY FORM OF SOLICITED OR SELF SPOTTING INCLUDING CLUB MEMBERS SPOTTING CLUB OPERATIONS WILL RESULT IN NIL RESULT OF THE LOG.**

ANY use by an entrant of any non-amateur means including, but not limited to, telephones, email, Internet, Instant Messenger, chat rooms, VOIP, or the use of packet to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or

**CONFIRM** any contacts during the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification.

Aeronautical mobile or maritime mobile contacts do not count.

UTC is the required logging time.

**XII .... Log Submissions:** Log entries must be submitted by September 1, 2010 to be eligible for awards. Submit your electronic log in the Cabrillo format created by all major logging programs. Send via e-mail attachment to [contest@vkshires.info](mailto:contest@vkshires.info)

. Subject line: Callsign [used in the contest] only. **SINGLE OP stations may submit a paper log, only if they make less than 100 qsos.**

VK entrants are reminded to be sure their log indicates their VK shire location. If you go portable or mobile the log must clearly define where you changed location.

Click on the “VK SHIRES Web Form” link on the contest website at [www.vkshires.info](http://www.vkshires.info).

Computer-generated logs must be e-submitted. Callsigns of electronic logs received are posted and updated regularly on the website.

Any queries or enquiries please email [vkshires@vkshires.info](mailto:vkshires@vkshires.info)

The Oceania Amateur Radio Dx Group Incorporated is very pleased to be able to be associated with this contest by providing the official web site [www.vkshires.info](http://www.vkshires.info)