



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

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Please note changes to the wording of the rules under "Operating Periods" below.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 November 2009.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Please note that there is now a 3 hour difference between the eastern states and Western Australia, because daylight saving time no longer applies in WA.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.

E: Home station, 24 hours.

Entrants may enter more than one section.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours, and select which 8 hour period they wish to claim for scoring purposes.

If a station operates for more than 8 hours, it may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections.

If the winner of the 24 hour section has also entered the corresponding 8 hour section, his log will be excluded from the 8 hour section.

Two operators: If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other.

Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time; frequency; station worked; serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated (10 points each)	+	Locators Worked (10 points each)	+	QSOs (1 point each)	x	Multiplier	=	Band Total
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	x	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	x	3	=	240
70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	x	5	=	350
etc.									
Overall Total								=	680

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to vhf-contests@wia.org.au. Acceptable log formats include: ASCII text, RTF, DOC, XLS, MDB, or any Open Office format. Logs must be received by **Monday, 14 December 2009**. Early logs would be appreciated.

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Date:

Section entered:

Station callsign:

- A** Single operator 24 hours
- B** Single operator 8 hours
- C** Multi operator 24 hours
- D** Multi operator 8 hours
- E** Home station 24 hours

Callsigns and names of all operators:

If entering more than one section, please use a separate copy of this sheet for each section.

For Section B or D, time period to be scored:

Postal address for notification of results:

The station operated from the following grid locators:

Postcode:

The station was operated in accordance with the rules of the contest and the spirit of fair and friendly competition. I/We agree to accept the Contest Manager's decision as final.

Signed:

SCORING TABLE

Band	Locators Activated <small>10 points each</small>	Locators Worked <small>10 points each</small>	QSOs made <small>1 point each</small>	Total	Band Multiplier	Band Total
50 MHz	+	+	=	x	1	=
144 MHz	+	+	=	x	3	=
432 MHz	+	+	=	x	5	=
1296 MHz	+	+	=	x	8	=
2.4 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
3.4 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
5.7 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
10 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
Higher	+	+	=	x	10	=

FINAL TOTAL

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