

FCG Frequent Contester Awards Program

The FCG Frequent Contester Awards Program (FCAP) provides recognition for FCG members' participation in approved contests. The purpose of the program is to motivate members to frequently enjoy RadioSport.

You don't have to be a high-scoring big gun contester to receive recognition in the FCAP. The program is based on operating time ("butt in the chair") rather than contest scores. Therefore, low-power stations with wire antennas are on an equal playing field with high-power stations with multiple beams.

FCAP points for each contest are calculated by multiplying the member's Op Time by a weight assigned to each contest. These points are then totaled to determine the member's participation level.

There are five participation level brackets for the purpose of awards – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond. Members who have reached at least the Silver plateau will be eligible for extra tickets for the drawing at the Annual FCG Banquet at Orlando HamCation® each year.

Contest participation information is derived from the 3830Scores data base. Therefore, members must enter a contest summary on 3830Scores.com to get FCAP credit. Op Time must be included and the club should be listed as Florida Contest Group.

Members can find their current status by searching for their callsign in the [FCAP Member Status](#) file on the FCG website. This file is updated monthly and is also included in a monthly report distributed on the FCG groups.io reflector.

The approved list of contests includes most contests that have a duration of more than four hours. Each contest has a weight assigned based on whether it's a major contest, QSO party or minor DX contest. This weight represents the number of points received for each hour of participation. The [FCAP Contest Calendar](#) contains the contests, their weights, dates/times, modes, and bands.

A monthly report on the FCG groups.io reflector lists all contests for the coming month. New contests may be added to the approved list at this time. Brief discussions of each contest's highlights are included.

Complete details of the FCAP can be found in the [FCG Frequent Contester Awards Program Rules](#).

Questions should be addressed to the FCAP Administrator at FCG.Contesting@gmail.com.