

FCG Frequent Contester Program – Rules

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1. **Purpose:** To provide a means of rewarding FCG members for their active participation in contests.
2. **Time Period:** The award year follows the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.
3. **Eligible Contests:** Points will be awarded for participation in the Major Contests (ARRL, CQ, NCJ, IARU), State QSO Parties and other countries' DX contests. See the FCG website for the current [approved list of contests](#).
4. **Scoring:** The Contest Participation Score (CPS) is based on the amount of time operating in each contest as reported on 3830Scores.com multiplied by the multiplier of each contest. Final score is the sum of the individual CPSs.
*Total CPS = Sum of (Individual Contest Op Time * Contest Multiplier).*
 - 4.1. **Score Reporting:** Only activity posted to 3830scores.com is counted. To be counted, Florida Contest Group must be selected as the club.
 - 4.1.1.1. The member is part of a Multi-op activity with non-club members where the FCG has not been selected as the club.
 - 4.1.1.2. The member periodically reports scores to another club. In this case, the member must report at least 30% of their contests with the FCG during the year.
 - 4.1.2. The member must notify the FCG FCP Administrator at FCG.Contesting@gmail.com to get credit for the activities under these exceptions. Please identify the operating callsign, member callsign and contest(s) involved.
 - 4.2. **OP Time:** Operators must fill in the "Op Time" box in 3830scores. If an operator reports a contest but does not indicate an Op Time, the Op Time will default to "1".
 - 4.3. **Multi-ops:** Each operator receives the contest's total OpTime divided by the number of operators.
 - 4.4. **Station Owners:** A station owner who does not participate in a particular contest receives 25% of the points. (This does not affect the operators' scores.)
 - 4.5. Members will be on their honor to report correct information to 3830Scores.
5. **Brackets:** There are five brackets for the purpose of awards:
 - Diamond
 - Platinum
 - Gold
 - Silver
 - Bronze.
6. **Reporting:** A list containing each member's current bracket level and CPS will be posted monthly by the [FCG FCP Administrator](#) on the FCG member reflector and FCG website.
7. **Awards:** Only paid FCG members and Honorary FCG members may receive awards.
 - 7.1. Members in the Silver through Diamond brackets will be awarded extra tickets for the drawings at the Annual FCG Banquet at Orlando HamCation® each year.

Silver	500 points	1 ticket
Gold	1,000 points	2 tickets
Platinum	2,000 points	3 tickets
Diamond	3,000 points	4 tickets

7.2. Because the tickets can only be used for the FCG Banquet drawings, eligible members must attend the Banquet to receive their awards.

8. **Contest Schedules:** The approved contests, this year's contest schedule and the contest schedules for individual modes (CW, SSB, RTTY and Other Digital) can be found on the [FCG website](#). Note that multi-mode contests will appear in multiple contest schedules:

2021 Approved Contests	Alphabetical List of Approved Contests
2021 Contest Schedule	All approved contests During 2021, Date Order
2021 CW Contest Schedule	All approved contests allowing CW
2021 SSB Contest Schedule	All approved contests allowing SSB
2021 RTTY Contest Schedule	All approved contests allowing RTTY
2021 Other Digital Schedule	All approved contests allowing Digital Modes other than RTTY
2021 State QSO Parties Schedule	All state QSO Parties approved by the State QSO Party Group

8.1. The Florida QSO Party and the ARRL 10-Meter Contest are of special interest to the FCG. To spur interest in these two contests, they are considered Bonus Contests, each worth extra points.

8.2. Refer to the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) for official contest dates, times, modes and rules.

9. **Participation:** All members in good standing are automatically included in the FCP

9.1. Any member not wanting to participate in the FCP may opt-out by emailing the FCP Administrator.

10. **Questions.** All questions regarding the FQP should be addressed to the [FCG FCP Administrator](#) at FCG.Contesting@gmail.com.