

## FCG Frequent Contester Awards Program - Rules

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 Item 9 below for information about approved contests and contest schedules.
4. **Participation:** All members in good standing are automatically included in the FCAP if they report their contest results on 3830Scores.com.
  - 4.1. Any member not wanting to participate in the FCP may opt-out by emailing the FCAP Administrator.
5. **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.
  - 5.1. **Score Reporting:** Only activity posted to [3830scores.com](http://3830scores.com) is counted. To be counted, Florida Contest Group must be selected as the club.
    - 5.1.1. **Exceptions**
      - 5.1.1.1. The member is part of a Multi-op activity with non-club members where the FCG has not been selected as the club.
      - 5.1.1.2. 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.
    - 5.1.2. The member must notify the FCG FCAP Administrator at [FCG.Contesting@gmail.com](mailto:FCG.Contesting@gmail.com) to get credit for the activities under these exceptions. Please identify the operating callsign, member callsign and contest(s) involved.
  - 5.2. **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".
    - 5.2.1. **Enter Op Time as a decimal value or in the hh:mm format.**
    - 5.2.2. **Do not enter "hours" or any other text.**
    - 5.2.3. If using the hh:mm format, do not enter seconds (hh:mm:ss).
  - 5.3. **Multi-ops:** Each operator receives the contest's total OpTime divided by the number of operators.
  - 5.4. **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.)
    - 5.4.1. **To receive credit, please notify the FCAP Administrator.**
  - 5.5. Members will be on their honor to report correct information to 3830Scores.
6. **Brackets:** There are five brackets for the purpose of awards:
  - Diamond
  - Platinum
  - Gold
  - Silver
  - Bronze.
7. **Reporting:** A list containing each member's current bracket level and CPS will be posted monthly by the FCG FCAP Administrator on the FCG member reflector and FCG website.

8. **Awards:** Only listed FCG members and Honorary FCG members may receive awards.
- 8.1. 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.
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| Silver   | 500 points   | 1 ticket  |
| Gold     | 1,000 points | 2 tickets |
| Platinum | 2,000 points | 3 tickets |
| Diamond  | 3,000 points | 4 tickets |
- 8.2. Because the tickets can only be used for the FCG Banquet drawings, eligible members must attend the Banquet to receive their awards.
9. **Contest Schedules:** This year's list of FCAP Approved Contests and Contest Calendar can be found on the FCG website.
- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Refer to the *WA7BNM Contest Calendar* for official contest dates, times, modes and rules.