

Indiana QSO Party (INQP) 2009 Rules

1. Objective: For Amateurs worldwide to contact as many stations in Indiana as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter Amateur bands.
2. Date and Contest Period: Contest starts at 1600 UTC Saturday and ends at 0400 UTC Sunday the first full weekend of May. (Saturday noon to midnight EDT or 11am to 11pm CDT.) For 2009, this is May 2-3. All stations may operate the full 12-hour period.
3. Entry Categories:
 - Single-operator (High Power, Low Power or QRP). One person performs all logging, spotting, and operating functions.
 - Low Power is transmitter output of 100 watts or less.
 - QRP is transmitter output power of 5 watts or less.
 - Multi-operator.
 - Mobile. Mobile is defined as a self-contained single or multi-operator station, capable of legal motion (land, water or air), motion optional.
 - Portable. A station set up in a temporary location with temporary antennas (Field Day style).
 - Portable stations may move (in entirety -- antennas included) to a new county.
 - Portable stations may be worked again when they change counties (same as mobile stations).
 - Stations may be either single or multiple operator.
 - Operation while mobile is permitted.
 - County line mobile or portable may operate from only one or two counties at a time. In other words, three and four county operations are not allowed.
 - All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.
 - Use of packet or spotting assistance places one in the Multi-Operator category.
 - Fixed stations enter as Single-operator or Multi-operator only.
4. Contest Exchange:
 - Indiana stations send RS(T) plus Indiana county.
 - Non-Indiana stations in the USA and Canada send RS(T) and state, province or territory.
 - All others send RS(T) only.
5. Scoring:

QSO points:

 - Count one point for each complete two-way phone QSO.
 - Count two points for each complete two-way CW QSO.
 - Stations may be worked once in each mode (CW/phone) on each band (160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10). The same fixed station could theoretically be worked twelve times. Exception: Mobile and portable stations may be worked in each county of operation. For example, you may rework the

same mobile station in both modes on every band every time the mobile moves to a new county.

- A one-time bonus of 50 points may be claimed by working the Bison Stampede special event station - W9UUU. The Stampede station may be worked once per band per mode for regular QSO credit (like any other station), but the bonus is counted only once. *NOTE: The bonus will be added to your score automatically during the log checking process. You do not need to account for it separately in your log.*
- Stations on county line boundaries may be worked for multiple county credit (stations need not physically move to declare a new county). Contacts with such stations should be logged as multiple QSOs.
- Non-Indiana stations may work only Indiana stations.
- Repeater, cross-band and cross-mode contacts are not allowed.

Multipliers:

- Non-Indiana stations:
 - The 92 Indiana counties (see Section 9).
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 - The other 49 U.S. states (District of Columbia counts as Maryland).
 - The 13 Canadian Provinces/Territories: NB, NS, QC, ON, MB, SK, AB, BC, NT, NL, YT, PE and NU.
- Multipliers count once per mode (i.e. once on CW and once on phone). This means you can double your possible mults by working both modes.
- Indiana stations may work DX stations for QSO point credit, but there are no DX multipliers.

Final Scoring:

- Multiply QSO points by total multipliers.

Example #1: KX9IO (in Indiana) has 354 non-duplicate CW QSOs with stations in 39 states/provinces and 27 Indiana counties and 292 non-duplicate SSB QSOs with stations in 41 states/provinces and 32 Indiana counties.

Total score = ((354 x 2) + 292) x (39 + 27 + 41 + 32)

Total score = 1000 x 139

Total score = 139,000

Example #2: WX5ZR (outside Indiana) has 103 non-duplicate CW QSOs with stations in 24 Indiana counties and 42 non-duplicate SSB QSOs with stations in

12 Indiana counties, including two contacts with the Bison Stampede special event station.

Total score = $((103 \times 2) + 42) \times (24 + 12) + 50$

Total score = $248 \times 36 + 50$

Total score = 8978

6. Club Competition: In addition to individual awards, there is an award for the Indiana Amateur Radio Club whose members turn in the highest total aggregate score.
 - o Clubs must be legitimate radio clubs, meeting FCC requirements for club licensing. Clubs need not have a club license or be members of the Indiana Radio Club Council to qualify. The sponsor of Indiana QSO Party, currently the Hoosier DX and Contest Club, is not eligible for this award.
 - o Logs turned in by a club's members must be for contacts made from within the state of Indiana for the Indiana QSO Party.
 - o Club members must CLEARLY indicate only one club affiliation when submitting logs. Cabrillo format logs should show club affiliation in the log header lines. Submissions using other log formats should be suitably marked.
 - o To be eligible for the club competition award, at least three club members must participate. One of the following conditions must be satisfied:
 - at least three club members submit individual logs meeting the above requirements for single operator logs, or
 - the club submits a single log for a multi-operator single transmitter (multi-single) station with at least three club members shown as operators, or
 - the club submits a combination of single and multi-operator station logs to meet the minimum participation requirement.
 - o It is not necessary for a log to be from a station using a club's call sign, although the activation of club stations is encouraged.
7. Awards:
 - o The top scoring fixed station, portable and mobile in Indiana and the top scoring station outside Indiana will receive plaques.
 - o The top scoring club (aggregate score of three or more members' logs from Indiana operations) will receive a plaque.
 - o Certificates for each entry category, each Indiana county, each state/province/territory and each country will be awarded where significant effort or competition is evident.
8. Log Submissions:
 - o Computer generated logs must be submitted as an ASCII text file with Cabrillo format strongly preferred. Logs may be sent via e-mail to inqp@hdxcc.org. Please name both the log file and your summary sheet file with your call (e.g., KJ9D.SUM, KJ9D.LOG, etc.).
 - o Paper logs can be submitted by mail to HDXCC, c/o Mike Goode N9NS, 10340 Broadway, Indianapolis, IN 46280-1344.

- Logs should be submitted no later than June 15, 2009.
9. Suggested Frequencies:
- CW: 1.805 MHz and 40 kHz up from the band edge on 80-10 meters.
 - SSB: 1.845, 3.850, 7.230, 14.250, 21.300 and 28.450 MHz.
 - Try CW on the hour. 160 meters at 0200 UTC
10. Web Site: www.hdxcc.org/inqp Please visit the web site for additional information including:
- A list of Indiana counties and abbreviations
 - Indiana county map
 - Notes on compatible logging software
 - Mobile and county expedition plans
 - Information about the Bison Stampede special event station