

2026 ND QSO Party Rules

North Dakota QSO Party Sponsored by: ARRL ND Section Manager NORDF - and ASM KOYL

Date/Time: Starts at 1800Z (1:00 PM CDST) April 11th, 2026 until 1800Z (1:00 PM CDST) April 12th, 2026 Bands: 160 through 10 meters, 6 & 2 meters, (Excluding the WARC Bands)

Use of a Repeater is not allowed.

Objective:

ND stations to contact as many counties, states, provinces as possible. All Outside North Dakota stations to contact as many ND stations as possible. A station can be fixed, portable or mobile. They will count as one station.

Exchange: ND stations give RST and County. U.S. and Canadian stations give RST and State, Province or Territories DX Stations give RST and DX country.

Modes: Phone= (SSB/FM both counts as Phone); CW= (CW counts as CW) and Digital = (RTTY/PSK), **NO FT8**,

Remotes allowed only through your home station.

Scoring: All contacts count as 1 point per non-duplicated phone, CW or Digital contact on each band.

Multipliers: ND stations multiply points by the sum of ND Counties (53), states/provinces (49 states excluding North Dakota + DC, + 10 Canadian provinces + 3 Canadian Territories = 63 W/VE multipliers total): 116 Total Multipliers for W/VE (Outside North Dakota stations) and DX stations are the 53 ND counties.

You are allowed to make a Phone, CW and a Digital contact with the same station on the same band in each mode.

North Dakota stations may work DXCC countries for points only - no multipliers. Multipliers count once overall, not once per band or mode.

Awards Overall Champion Certificates will be awarded to the Highest scoring ND Station, (Either Fixed, Portable or Mobile)

Highest Scoring Outside ND (US) Station, Highest Scoring Canadian or DX Station.

Second Place Honor Roll Certificates Second highest-scoring ND Station, (Either Fixed, Portable or Mobile)

Highest Scoring Outside DX Station

Highest Phone Score

Highest CW Score

Highest Digital Score

There will also be a beautiful Plaque from the ND Section Manager, as well as a Handmade inlaid call sign which can be displayed on a desk, donated by NDOB, for the **highest scoring ND individual station**.

ND QSO Party Rules: No Remote or Internet QSO's. Stations may operate only one transmitter at a time using the same call sign.

Club entries are welcome and appreciated. CW, Digital or Phone contacts will all count one point.

Stations may be worked once per band and mode, and once per band/mode/county for ND stations.

Each mobile vehicle is considered one station and must use only one call.

Mobile stations may park on a county line but each county must be worked in a separate contact. There are no power limitations in this contest, within legal limit.

Mobile ND stations that change counties are considered to be a new station in each new county. List of ND Counties with 3 letter abbreviations are included at the end of this document.

All operators are asked to use these abbreviations in the exchange.

Standard State and Country abbreviations should be used.

All Canadian Provinces & Territories count as multipliers for ND stations.

There are no multi-op categories therefore, a club station cannot count for overall Champion; mobile operators are encouraged to drive with a friend for safety.

Self spotting is not allowed.

For Paper Logs: An official ND QSO Party summary sheet must accompany your log. ALL entries without a summary sheet will be considered to be check log and won't be included in the final results.

Logs shall indicate UTC, the call of the station worked, the band and mode, RST sent and received, and the state, province, ND county, or DX country. ND mobiles must indicate county changes in the log.

For handwritten logs: Please circle new multipliers as worked. Include \$2.00 to handle postage & supplies if you wish to receive the printed results by mail.

If you become a ND QSO Party winner and want the certificate mailed to you, please send \$2.00. Entries must be postmarked by May 15th, 2025.

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For Electronic Logs send to nancyyoshida50@gmail.com

We ask anyone who produces a computer generated log to please submit their log Cabrillo file via email along with a Summary sheet. Email your results to fettigrd@gmail.com by the May 15th, 2026 deadline. Results of the ND QSO Party will be posted by June 15th, 2026 on www.ndarrlsection.com.

Entries may be disqualified if the rules of the North Dakota QSO Party are not followed. The decision of the North Dakota QSO Party Committee shall be final.

2026 North Dakota QSO Party Summary Sheet Name of person or club station:

_____ Call sign used: _____

Address _____ City _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail

address (to receive results back electronically) _____ Entry

Classes: (Highlight One) North Dakota Station, Outside ND US Station, or

Canadian-DX Station North Dakota Stations: Fill in this Section Station Entry Class:

North Dakota Station can be either fixed, portable or mobile). # CW Contacts =

_____ # of Digital Contacts = _____ # Phone Contacts = _____ Sum of CW + Digital

+ Phone = _____ Total Contact points # States, Provinces, and Territories =

_____ Multipliers max 63 plus # North Dakota Counties = _____

Multipliers max 53 Total Multipliers _____ Final Total = Contact Total X

Multiplier Total _____

Stations Outside North Dakota: Fill in this Section Station Entry Class: **(Highlight One)**

Outside ND US Station , Canadian or DX Stations

Contacts with only ND Stations count.

CW Contacts = _____ # of Digital Contacts = _____ # Phone Contacts = _____

Sum of CW + Digital + Phone = _____ Total Contact points _____ #

of North Dakota counties worked (max. 53) = _____ Total

Multipliers _____ Final Total= Contact Total X Multiplier Total _____

Suggested Frequencies: CW: 1.850, 3.550, 3705, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050

Phone: 1.870, 3.850, 7.250, 14.270, 21.350, 28.450. VHF: 6 meter & 2 meter SSB

& FM Band Plans should be used.

North Dakota County Abbreviations (53)

Adams County-ADM, Barnes CountyBRN, Benson County-BSN, Billings County-BLL, Bottineau County-BOT, Bowman CountyBOW, Burke County-BRK, Burleigh County-BUR, Cass CountyCSS, Cavalier County CAV, Dickey County-DIK, Divide CountyDIV, Dunn County-DUN, Eddy County-EDY, Emmons CountyEMN, Foster County-FOS, Golden Valley CountyGNV, Grand Forks County-GFK, Grant County-GNT, Griggs County-GRG, Hettinger County-HET, Kidder County-KDR, La Moure CountyLMR, Logan County-LOG, McHenry County-MCH, McIntosh County-MCI, McKenzie County-MCK, McLean County-MCL, Mercer County-MCR, Morton County-MTN, Mountrail CountyMRL, Nelson County-NEL, Oliver County-OLR, Pembina CountyPBA, Pierce County PRC, Ramsey County-RMY, Ransom County-RSM, Renville County-REN, Richland County-RLD, Rolette County-ROL, Sargent County-SGT, Sheridan CountySRN, Sioux County-SIX, Slope County-SLP, Stark County STK, Steele County-STL, Stutsman County-STN, Towner County-TWR, Traill County-TRL, Walsh County-WLH, Ward County-WRD, Wells County-WLS, Williams County-WLM Canadian Abbreviations (13) AB Alberta, BC British Columbia, LB Labrador, MB Manitoba, NB New Brunswick, NF Newfoundland, NS Nova Scotia, NT Northwest Territory, ON Ontario, PE Prince Edward Is., QC Quebec, SK Saskatchewan, YT Yukon Territory

Use Standard Two Letter State Abbreviations (50) for this contest. January 2025

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