

Texas State Parks On The Air

- All operation must be in compliance with current FCC rules or your country's rules.
- The use of spotting nets on repeaters, packet nodes, simplex operation, telephone or by any other means is permissible.
- Operation on all Amateur bands is permitted, except on 60 meters, 30 meters, 17 meters and 12 meters.
- Operation in all modes is permitted.
- Contacts made through repeaters, digipeaters, internet, or gateways are not permitted.
- Stations may be worked only once per band per mode for QSO count.
- All logs must be submitted no later than May31 immediately following the TSPOTA event. For purposes of clarification, separate logs may be submitted for each mode.
- Stations operating from more than one Texas State park should submit a separate log for each park visited.
- The Texas TSPOTA event is SCHEDULED TO OCCUR ANNUALLY ON THE SECOND FULL WEEKEND (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) IN APRIL. In the event that Easter Sunday falls on this weekend, the TSPOTA event will occur on the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in April
- Operating times are from 1400Z on SATURDAY to 0200Z on SUNDAY and from 1400Z to 2000Z on SUNDAY. Stations may work the entire contest period.
- Exchanges: RS/T plus
 - TX Park: Park designator (number e.g. P032)
 - TX non-park: "TX"
 - Stations outside Texas use abbreviations of State, Canadian Province, or maritime region
 - DX: Outside of the US and Canada use "DX"

Categories

Texas TSPOTA event Summary Sheets and Logs must be submitted for one (1) of these 4 contest classes.

Operation Categories

- SOTP — Single Operator TX Park—(QRP/Low)
- SO — Single Op (QRP/Low/High) (All stations outside of Texas)
- MSTP — Multi-Single TX Park—(QRP/Low)
- MMTXP — Multi-Multi TX Park (QRP/Low)
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- QRP: <=10 watts
- LP: <= 150 watts
- HP: > 150 watts

Texas Club Aggregate Award

This award goes to the Texas club with the highest total score from the sum of all summary sheets submitted across all categories. The club name and call sign must be identified on each of the

individual TSPOTA event Summary Sheets to be included in the count.

Scoring

Work Stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per CW/digital QSO

1 points per phone

QSO Multipliers: Each TX park once

Power: QRP: 3X, Low, 2X, High: 1X

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total multis x power multis

Multipliers are counted once for the TSPOTA event. For example, if you work a park on SSB and on CW that counts as one multiplier

Logs must be submitted by May 31, 2017.

There is currently no logging software with updated information for this contest, please put the park designator number in comments or setup your contest logging, if possible, in programs such as Ham Radio Deluxe to input the RS/T and Park Designator/number. If needed put the designator in a 'comments' section.

Please indicate your call sign (IN CAPITAL LETTERS) and "TSPOTA" in the subject line. For example,

"Subject: KC5LL – TSPOTA"

Email logs to LOGS@TSPOTA.ORG You may also send them to KC5DCT@ARRL.NET

Results will be posted on the TSPOTA website.

Suggested Frequencies

- CW—20 kHz to 40 kHz up from the bottom of the band.
- PHONE—25 kHz up in General segments and 28.300 - 28.500
- VHF—50.200 mHz.....144.200 mHz.