



Contesting Live!

How to Have Fun in Contests



W6SX Prime Directive

**The first rule of
contesting is to
have fun.**

Fun Guidelines

- **Read and Understand Contest Rules**
- Run and S&P
- Exchange Protocol
- Nothing Extra
- Dupes are OK
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- **QST Contest Corral**
- **WA7BNM Contest Calendar**

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

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Run and S&P

- Run – Call CQ and other stations call you
- Search and Pounce – Tune around and answer CQing stations



Field Day Examples

Exchange: Class and Section
3A Orange (ORG)



RUN Exchange Protocol

CQ FD W6PH W6PH

W4KFC

W4KFC 3A ORG

2A VA

TU W6PH

W9IOP

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RUN Exchange Protocol

CQ FD W6PH W6PH (FD)

W4KFC

W4KFC 3A ORG

(W6PH) (TU) 2A VA

(W4KFC) TU W6PH

W9IOP

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S&P Exchange Protocol

CQ FD W7RM W7RM

W6PH

W6PH 2B WWA

3A ORG

TU W7RM

Tune and find another CQer



S&P Exchange Protocol

CQ FD W7RM W7RM (FD)

W6PH

W6PH 2B WWA

(W7RM) (TU) 3A ORG

(W6PH) TU W7RM

Tune and find another CQer



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Contest Friendliness

- It's a CONTEST
- Most friendly thing you can do is quickly complete contact per protocol
- Nothing Extra
- Dupes



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Field Day Simulation

- **Exchange: Class and Section**
 - 3A Orange (ORG)
 - Many good ways to make a contest contact
 - Don't worry about goofs
 - Kurt and Hank and all testers goof all the time
 - **Just do it!**



W3LPL

Field Day at W3AO

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77UPoAD4Ij0>



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W6SX First Corollary

Share the fun!



Questions

We will stick around for a bit after session ends. We'll be in convention common area this afternoon.

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