

## **Rules for the Swamp Fox Contest Group “Swamp Foxes On The Air” (SFOTA) Competition**

**Objective:** This is an annual contest to encourage Swamp Fox Contest Group on-air activity.

**Date:** The contest period runs from December 22<sup>nd</sup> of the previous year through December 21<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This schedule allows stations to enter contest data by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Awards:** SFCG will recognize the top scorers in the following categories in the SFOTA:

Most Contest QSOs (Overall Winner)

Most Active (participated in the most contests)

Most CW QSOs

Most Phone QSOs

Most RTTY QSOs

Most Digital QSOs (all digital modes except RTTY)

Fast-Start Award (NEW award, replaces Most Improved) “Rookie” contester who makes the most QSOs in the SFOTA calendar year. Open to any club member who submitted their first contest log in the current SFOTA calendar year or in the previous three SFOTA calendar years. For purposes of this award, we will refer to individuals with this level of experience as a “Rookie” contester. The “Fast-Start” award winner is only eligible to receive this award one time.

Our online “SFOTA Leaderboard” will include real-time QSO totals for all member submissions.

**Valid QSOs:** Valid QSOs made in any radio contest count towards this competition. The radio contest must be open to anyone and whose schedule is posted any universally accepted radio contest calendar. These calendars include, but are not necessarily limited to the ARRL, “CQ magazine”, “The National Contest Journal”, and WA7BNM.

Multi-Op Station Operators – Members of a multi-op contest station may receive credit for all QSOs that the individual operator makes during a contest. It is the individual member’s responsibility to submit the contest data into the SFOTA entry system. Multi-op must be a SFCG member station.

\*\*\* If you are a member of more than one contest club, your log must be credited to Swamp Fox Contest Group to submit your log data for the SFOTA competition.

***Important: It is the intention of this competition that all logs for contest QSOs included in the SFOTA system have been submitted to the contest sponsoring organization per the contest rules AND posted on 3830scores.com.*** The 3830scores.com requirement does not apply if the contest isn’t included in the 3830scores.com database.

Contest Data Submission: "Contest Data Submission: Each operator will submit his/her scores to the SFOTA entry system via a link on the Swamp Fox Contest Group website. Our online system will record your QSO data for each contest. Our "SFOTA Leader Board" will include a QSO total for all member submissions. ***Contest data must be entered by the participant no later than 10 days following the end of a contest.***

Any contests that conclude after December 21st will be included in the following year's SFOTA program. SFOTA contest data submission dates will be reviewed by the SFOTA team. Any late submission data will not be eligible for SFOTA awards.

**Program Changes:** These rules are to be fixed for the period of the SFOTA competition year. Changes to the guidelines shall be at the discretion of the leadership of the Swamp Fox Contest Group with input from the membership of the Swamp Fox Contest Group. Proposed changes for the following year, must be provided to the SFCG President prior to the annual meeting. Changes will be discussed at our annual membership meeting held in January of each year. Awards will be determined by the club officers prior to the annual meeting.

There will be a minimum of two SFCG members who will serve as SFOTA system admins.

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