



SGARS 80 Metre Contest Rules

Intent: The intention of The St George Amateur Radio Society (SGARS) 80 metre Contest is for amateur radio operators to prepare for the annual Remembrance Day Contest following in August.

When: The last Saturday in July, 18:00 to 00:00 Midnight local (AEST) – total of 6 hours, in one hourly blocks, e.g. 18.00 to 18.59, 19.00 to 19.59, etc.

Who: The SGARS 80 metre Contest is open to all VK and ZL amateur radio. The contest is open only to single operation, non-assisted stations. Multi-operator stations are not permitted. Operators must use their normal callsign such as VK#ABC - 2, 3 or 4 letter callsigns.

The use of 2x1 contest call signs is NOT permitted.

Where: On the 80 metre band, 3500 to 3700 kHz (explicitly excluding the 'SSB DX Window' between 3776 and 3800 kHz). Frequencies and power levels in accordance with the current license conditions and associated operator qualifications.

Modes: Modes for use are Phone (SSB, AM, FM, Digital Voice), CW and Digital Data modes including but not limited to RTTY, FSTV and SSTV. No repeaters, EchoLink and such.

Club Station: The St George Amateur Radio will operate the club station, call sign VK2LE, for the duration of the contest SSB phone mode only.

Scoring: 2 points per contact with individual stations, per each one-hour block, e.g. 18.00 to 18.59 – 2 points, 19.00 to 19.59 – 2 points, etc.

Double points, (4 points) per unique contact, are scored in the last hour between 23.00 and 23.59.

Your first contact with the SGARS club station VK2LE (SSB phone only) will attract 10 points, except in the last hour, 23.00 to 23.59 which will only attract the maximum of 4 points. After your first contact, further hourly contacts with VK2LE will only attract the same points as for other stations, i.e. 2 points each hour.

Operation: Operation is permitted from home, portable or mobile. Operators are encouraged to routinely change frequency.

Operators must leave a break of at least 10 minutes between contacts with the same station at adjacent hourly blocks, or successfully complete one other contact with a different station between the two contacts.

Logs:

Logs must show – Date, Time, Callsign, Frequency, Mode, Your Serial Number and Other Station Serial Number.

Contacts with stations not participating in the contest, can be recorded at **NIC** (Not In Contest) instead of providing a serial number.

Log submissions must also show total score claimed.

Logs submitted must be readable (in the sole opinion of the Contest Manager) by the Contest Manager.



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Logs must be submitted by 2359 AEST on the Sunday two weeks after the conclusion of the contest.

Logs must be submitted by email to contest@sgars.org

With your log, please include your full name, call sign, email address **and** postal address. Entrants are encouraged (but not required) to submit photos and/or upload a short video clip of their 80 metre contest participation to websites such as YouTube (send the link with your log submission), which may be shown on the night of award presentation.

Results and Awards:

Certificates will be issued to winners and place getters as well as participation certificates.

The following contest awards and certificates will be given;

<u>1st Place</u>	Special 1 st place certificate
<u>2nd Place</u>	Certificate - 2 nd Place
<u>3rd Place</u>	Certificate – 3 rd Place
<u>4th Place</u>	Certificate – 4 th Place
<u>5th Place</u>	Certificate – 5 th Place
<u>Highest Scoring SGARS Member</u>	The 80 Metre Trophy will be awarded to the SGARS member with the highest point score
<u>Night Owl</u>	The operator with the highest number of points in the final hour of the contest, that is from 23:00 to 00:00 midnight local.
<u>Winner “Foundation” level operator</u>	Certificate – 1 st Place “ <u>Foundation</u> ” Call. The Foundation level operator with the highest score of all Foundation call logs submitted.
<u>Participation</u>	All operators who submit a log (in accordance with these rules) shall be provided with a certificate acknowledging their participation.