



SGARS 2m Summer Contest Rules

Intent: The intent of the St George Amateur Radio Society (SGARS) 2-metre Summer Contest is to encourage SGARS members to explore the limits of VHF propagation by achieving their longest verified two-way contact on the 2-metre amateur band during the Australian summer.

When: The contest shall commence at the start of the first day of December and conclude at the end of the last day of February (i.e. the Australian Summer).

Who: The SGARS 2 metre Contest is open to all individuals who held financial membership at any time during the operating period of the contest. 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 2m Amateur Radio band as defined within the relative legislative documents. Frequencies and power levels in accordance with the current license conditions and associated operator qualifications.

Modes: Modes for use and 'Operating Divisions' are:

- a) Analogue Voice (including but not limited to SSB, AM, FM),
- b) Digital Voice (including but not limited to DSTAR, P25, DMR), and
- c) Non-Voice (digital and/or analogue including CW and any other 'non-voice' mode).

All contacts are to be 'two-way, simplex' and therefore the use of repeaters (including satellites), Echolink, IRLP, VK DMR and any other 'linking' technologies is not permitted.

Operation: Operation is permitted from home, portable or mobile.

Logs:

Contact exchanges, logs and submissions shall include, as a minimum, the following details:

- a) Time and Date of contact (in UTC referenced format)
- b) Frequency of transmission
- c) Mode of Transmission
- d) Call signs of both stations
- e) Maidenhead locators (grid squares) of both stations
- f) Signal reports (in format as appropriate)
- g) Your transmit power (from transceiver into antenna feedline)
- h) Distance of contact

Contest logs and submissions are to be in the form nominated (as attached to these rules) and must be readable (in the sole opinion of the Contest Manager) by the Contest Manager.

Entrants may submit reports/logs in each/any of the Operating Divisions identified above. Submission of an entry in any one Operating Division will not preclude entry in any other Operating Division.



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

Contest submissions 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 2m Summer 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 to all operators who submit a report/log (in accordance with these rules).

The determination of 'Placings' and 'Awards' is entirely at the judgement and discretion of the Contest Manager. No correspondence into the Contest Manager's decisions will be entertained.



SGARS 2m Summer Contest Submission Form

Your Name: _____ Your Amateur Qualification Level: _____

Ref	UTC		Frequency (MHz)	Mode	Your Station			Remote Station		Signal Report Exchange		Distance (km)
	Date	Time			Callsign	Grid Square	Transmit Power (W)	Call Sign	Grid Square	Sent	Received	
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												
10												
11												
12												
13												



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Submission Summary

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____ Amateur Qualification Level: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

a) Single contact over the longest distance

Ref No:	Distance (km)

b) Accumulative distance score over five (5) longest contacts

Contact	Ref No:	Distance (km)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
	TOTAL	

c) Number of contacts over the three months

Month	Number of Contacts
December	
January	
February	
TOTAL	

Signature: _____

For distance calculations

Find your Grid Square: https://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid_square.php

<https://www.egloff.eu/qralocator/>

Distance between Grid Squares: <https://contests.arrl.org/griddistancecalc.php>