

Announcing the “SDXA Marathon 2011”

SDXA rules:

*** follow all the CQ Marathon rules as published by CQ, see further below for highlights. and here are some clarifications for SDXA

1. Contest Period:

01 January 2011 00:00Z to 31 October 2011 23:59Z

Results to SDXA secretary by 13 November 2011, 23:59Z

2. Eligibility: any SDXA member in good standing in 2011.

- a. From general CQ rules: Participation is limited to club members operating within a local geographic area defined as within a 275 km radius from center of club area (171 miles from Spokane (downtown))

3. Awards:

Same as CQ awards as published, with the following clarifications:

- SDXA will have 2 divisions:
 - Working division
 - Non-Working division
 - Working defined as having any scheduled work hours every week to aid in your livelihood throughout the contest. The committee will rule on questions to this.
 - Be sure the form turned in is clear what division you are in.
- **4 certificates (not plaques) will be available:**
 - Unlimited – Working
 - Unlimited – Non-working
 - Formula – Working
 - Formula – Non-working

4. This marathon is on the honor system as the full rules talk to.

5. **SDXA Marathon committee:** WU7X Dale and WA0WWW Jay W.

Highlights from the CQ rules:

Full rules: the CQ website at: <http://www.dxmarathon.com/>

Form to use: the form to fill in, for the results is also on the site with the full rules.

Frequencies: Any authorized amateur frequency may be used.

Modes: Three modes will be recognized in the DX Marathon—CW, SSB, and Digital.

Categories: All awards are for single operator only.

Classes: “Formula” and “Unlimited.”

Formula: An entrant may choose one of two options in this class: (1) All contacts must be made with a maximum output power of 10 watts, regardless of band or mode; or (2) the operator may run a maximum of 100 watts output to a simple antenna, such as a vertical or dipole. [see full rules for specifics on simple antennas, but yagi's and quads are not allowed]

An operator in Formula Class must select QRP (10 watts or less) or 100 watts and limited antennas at the beginning of the year's DX Marathon and may not switch between entry modes during the year. All contacts must be made without assistance of any sort, including, but not limited to, lists, passes, or use of higher power or prohibited antennas to initially secure the contact. Use of spotting nets such as a DX Cluster® is allowed.

Unlimited: Any antenna may be used, along with any power level for which the operator is licensed. Use of spotting nets such as DX Cluster® is allowed.

Scoring: Each country worked is worth one point. Each CQ zone worked is worth one point. The total score is the sum of zones and countries worked, on any mode and any authorized band. There are no multipliers of any kind. Each country and zone count only once. A single QSO may count for both a country and a zone. If in the course of the year you work 238 countries and 37 zones, your score is 275.

Awards: Where there is sufficient activity, additional certificates may be issued for other high scorers or for scores using a single mode.

In all cases, the rulings of the CQ DX Marathon Committee and the CQ DX Marathon Manager are final.

Any questions see WU7X, Dale, or myself.
Good marathoning,
73 WA0WWW Jay W
Secretary SDXA.

SDXA Marathon 2010 - results

ad7xg Gary unlimited 39 + 14 = 53

ssb	37	0	1.8	18	0
cw	2	0	3.5	21	32
rtty	0	0	7	24	0
		0	10	28	0
		5	14	sum	37

k7tq Randy unlimited-100W 81 + 28 = 109

ssb	06	0	1.8	18	0
cw	68	1	3.5	21	21
rtty	07	3	7	24	0
		0	10	28	5
		51	14	sum	81

walpma Wayne unlimited 143 + 37 = 180 (zn 2,23,29)

ssb	50	0	1.8	18	26
cw	36	0	3.5	21	49
rtty	57	7	7	24	8
		4	10	28	1
		48	14	sum	143

w6aea George unlimited 175 + 40 = 215 (40 zones)

ssb	63	0	1.8	18	17
cw	59	0	3.5	21	12
rtty	51	9	7	24	0
		4	10	28	3
144	1	128	14	sum	0174

#1 - unlimited

k7gs Gary unlimited 198 + 39 = 237 (zn 22)

ssb	11	0	1.8	18	76
cw	145	2	3.5	21	18
rtty	9	13	7	24	0
		4	10	28	0
		85	14	sum	198

#1 - formula

wa0www jay W formula 100W 40 + 20 = 60

ssb	1	0	1.8	18	1
cw	22	6	3.5	21	0
rtty	8	27	7	24	0
		1	10	28	0
		5	14 sum		40