Rules – Swamp Foxes On The Air (SFOTA) Competition (ver 012401)

SFOTA is an internal club competition designed to encourage the on-air contesting activity of the SFCG membership. Website/Leaderboard. SFOTA.com

Contest Period:
The contest period runs from December 22nd of the previous year through December 21st of the current year. This schedule allows stations to enter contest data by December 31st

Eligibility:
Any current member of the SFCG is eligible to participate in the SFOTA internal club competition. Participants must follow the score submission requirements to receive SFOTA credit toward SFOTA awards.

Scoring:
The competition is scored based upon the number of QSOs made by SFOTA participants. All QSOs must be made in an amateur radio contest which must be open to anyone AND that the contest schedule is posted on any generally accepted amateur radio contest calendar. These calendars include, but are not necessarily limited to the ARRL, "CQ magazine", "The National Contest Journal", and WA7BNM.

Score Submission Process (Single Op):
Complete the following requirements for each contest in which you have participated:

- If the contest includes a club competition (i.e. ARRL & CQ contests), then the SFOTA participant must attribute his/her score to SFCG to receive SFOTA credit.
- Submit the contest log, per the contest rules and required submission process.
- Enter the score/QSO data into the 3830scores.com database AND select "Swamp Fox Contest Group" in the "Club" form field.
- ***SFOTA participants who want credit must enter the number of completed QSOs into the SFOTA,com database within 10 days of the contest.***

Score Submission Process (Multi-Op - SFCG Member Station):
SFOTA participants who are operators at a SFCG member's multi-op station will receive credit for all QSOs made by the SFOTA participant during the contest, by doing the following:

- If the contest includes a club competition (i.e. ARRL & CQ contests), then the SFOTA participant must request of station owner/manager to attribute his/her portion of the total score to the SFCG to receive SFOTA credit.
- Request the station owner/manager to enter the score/QSO data into the 3830scores.com database AND select "Swamp Fox Contest Group" in the "Club" form field.
- Request of the station owner/manager to enter the callsigns of all the operators in the "Operator(s) Call(s)" field on the 3830scores.com entry.
- Confirm the SFOTA participant's QSO total with the station owner/manager.
- Confirm that the multi-op station log was submitted to the contest, per the contest rules and required submission process.
- ***SFOTA participants who want credit must enter the number of completed QSOs into the SFOTA,com database within 10 days of the contest.***

Score Submission Process (Multi-Op – Non-SFCG Member Station):
SFOTA participants who are operators at a non-SFCG multi-op station who operate in the multi-op category may receive SFOTA credit for QSOs made regardless of the location. To receive SFOTA credit, it is the responsibility of the SFOTA participant(s) to do the following:

- If the contest includes a club competition (i.e. ARRL & CQ contests), then the SFOTA participant must request the station owner/manager to attribute his/her portion of the total score to the SFCG to receive SFOTA credit.
- Request the station owner/manager to enter the score/QSO data into the 3830scores.com database AND list the callsigns of all SFCG members in the "Comments" field on the submission form.
- Confirm the SFOTA participant's QSO total with the station owner/manager.
- Confirm that the multi-op station log was submitted to the contest, per the contest rules and required submission process.
- ***SFOTA participants who want credit must enter the number of completed QSOs into the SFOTA,com database within 10 days of the contest.***

For all operator categories: The data submission to 3830scores.com requirement does not apply if the contest is not included in the 3830scores.com database.

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

Most Contest QSOs (Overall Winners 1st. 2nd 3rd place)
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 - "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.

Administration:
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. Awards will be determined by the club officers prior to the annual meeting.

A minimum of two SFCG members will be responsible for the administration of this competition. The SFOTA.com website/database is managed by Tony Austin, K4AMA. If you have any questions regarding the SFOTA competition, please contact Dave WN4AFP at daveedmo@gmail.com