

WFD 2022 Suggested Script for QSOs

Although it's not officially a contest, Winter Field Day contacts do accumulate points for the most contacts made, as well as bonus points for operating conditions, special call signs, etc.. Many operators are chasing points so they will attempt as many QSOs as quickly as possible. Don't feel rushed, ensure you get the information needed for the log and have fun!

There is no perfect way to make a QSO, this note shows what could be a typical interaction on air during Field Day. In order to log a contact - a QSO - you must trade callsigns and WFD exchanges with your contact. We will be operating as VE6NQ and our WFD exchange is 1I AB:

1 – to indicate we have one operator at a time

I – to indicate we are operating under the 'Indoor' category (refer to the WFD rules for further information) and

AB – to indicate our location.

Here's an example:

Choose a frequency that seems quiet and check if it's in use by calling out:

Is this frequency in use?

Call out 3 or 4 times. There may be a QSO in progress and you may not hear both sides of it.

If someone comes back with "yes it is", move to a different frequency and start again.

If nothing heard, then call out:

CQ CQ CQ.

Victor Echo Six November Quebec calling CQ Winter Field Day.

CQ CQ CQ VE6NQ

If someone responds, congratulations, you've made a contact! **THE VERY FIRST THING YOU DO IS LOG THEIR CALLSIGN AND WFD EXCHANGE.** QSOs can be rapid-fire and there may not be a chance to ask at the end.

Let's say amateur radio operator with the callsign K9DOG responds to your CQ:

VE6NQ, this is K9DOG. I copy you 59 and we are Two Oscar, India Alpha
Translation – K9DOG hears you at 59 and their WFD exchange is 2 Outdoor from Iowa.

Your reply:

K9DOG, I copy you 2 Oscar, Iowa. You are 59 here in Calgary Alberta. QSL and thank you. 73 from VE6NQ.

Or something similar to acknowledge you've got their callsign, WFD exchange and a signal report. Try to remember 73!

Sometimes, you'll get a bunch of replies – even better! Pick out the call sign you hear best/first and log that one. If you don't catch the full callsign, just ask. For example, let's say you get several replies and the only one you could make out was K9DOsomething. You would reply:

Kilo 9 Delta Oscar QRZ?

That tells everyone who's listening that you're dealing with the K9DO station first, then on to another one. Don't feel rushed. Reply at your own speed.

Phonetics are always encouraged and make the contacts easier to follow.

If you call out CQ a few times and don't get a response right away, it's your choice to either stay and see if someone comes along or move to another frequency and start again.

If you are responding to a CQ or QSO in progress, break in with just your callsign. It will likely take a few attempts but hang in there if it's a particular call you want to log. Sometimes, you can't get through the pile up – no worries. Try later or simply move on.

Good luck and remember – have fun!

WFD 2022 Rules

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