

FISTS Down Under Inc.

Let's Make a Difference

This is the inaugural FISTS Down Under Inc. contest. The idea is to make as many contacts as possible within a two-hour period using CW only. While it is hoped that the event will be strongly supported by FISTS Down Under Inc. members, it is certainly open to **all licensed amateur radio operators**.

Summary of Rules

Date / Time:	Saturday, 26 August 2017 / 1000 – 1159UTC
Band:	80M & 40M
Categories:	Single Operator ONLY
Mode:	CW only.
Power:	All power level may be used. QRP is 5watts or less.
Exchange:	Something like: de VK2FDU/QRP OP ARTHUR UR RST 599 001 . Signal reports are not required in your submitted log.
Repeat Contacts:	No repeat contacts on a single band.

The contest times are defined in UTC. So everyone is back on a standard time when this contest is run.

Calling

Please call eg. CQ TEST de VK2FDU etc

Scoring

- Score two (2) points for all QRP contacts and one (1) for all other power levels.
- No multipliers apply.
- Special certificates may be awarded– see details under Certificates below.

Logs

Logs must show the following details for each QSO:

Time (UTC)	QRP (Y/N)	Callsign Worked	Name	Serial # Sent	Serial # Received
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- A Summary Sheet showing operator's callsign, name, if QRP station and total points claimed, plus any other information about your station you may wish to submit, must accompany the Log.
- The preferred method of sending the log is email.
- A sample Summary Sheet and Excel log file will be available to all entrants.
- Send Logs and Summary Sheet to, Garry VK2GAZ - email: vk2fdu.auz@gmail.com
- Or via snail mail: Garry Cottle 96 Luttrell Street, Richmond NSW 2753
- Emailed logs must be date-marked no later than 2359 AEST on Friday 15th September, 2017; snail mailed logs must be postmarked no later than Friday, 15th September, 2017.
- Please include information about your station equipment and antenna, how you found band conditions and comments on what you liked, what you'd like to see included or improved, etc.

Certificates and Awards

- Certificates will be awarded to the FISTS Member who has the highest score and the FISTS Member who has the second highest score, **together with prizes.**
- Certificate will be awarded to the NON FISTS operator who has the highest score.
- Merit certificates will be awarded for any station running 1 watt or less (output power) and making 5 or more contacts.
- Merit certificates may be awarded to Foundation licencees entering the contest. Please indicate if this is the case for you.
- A merit certificate may be awarded to an operator making QRP contacts in this contest from a SOTA Summit, a WWFF park or from a beach.
- Operators who believe their station is unique in some way, such as all home brew, using a magnetic loop antenna, extra low power, using a tube or other antique radio or other unique aspect should include this information in their log submission. Go ahead and try something different – it could earn you a merit certificate!