

## FISTS Down Under Inc.



## Dit Dah Contest

The idea of the contest is to make as many contacts as possible within a one hour period using a **Straight Key** only. While it is hoped that the event will be strongly supported by FISTS Down Under Inc. members, the contest is certainly open to **all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners**.

### *Summary of Rules*

<b>Date / Time:</b>	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018 / 0930 – 1030UTC (7-30PM Sydney Standard Time)
<b>Band:</b>	80M
<b>Categories:</b>	Single Operator ONLY
<b>Mode:</b>	CW only.
<b>Device:</b>	Any hand operated mechanical key
<b>Power:</b>	All power level may be used. QRP is 5watts or less.
<b>Exchange:</b>	Something like: <b>de VK2FDU/QRP OP ARTHUR UR RST 599 001.</b>
<b>Repeat Contacts:</b>	No repeat contacts.

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

### *Calling*

Please call eg.

QRP stations please call eg

CQ TEST de VK2FDU etc

CQ TEST de VK2FDU/QRP etc

### **Scoring**

- Score one (1) point for each contact.
- Score two (2) points for ALL QRP contacts.
- No multipliers apply.
- Special certificates may be awarded– see details under Certificates and Awards below.

### **Logs**

Logs must show the following details for each QSO:

Time (UTC)	QRP (Y/N)	Callsign Worked	Name	RST & Serial # Sent	RST & Serial # Received	Score
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- **In addition;** a Summary Sheet showing operator's callsign, name and total points claimed, plus any other information about your station you may wish to submit eg. antenna, rig etc, **must** accompany the Log.
- The preferred method of sending the log is email.
- **Please NO logs in PDF formation, use either Excel, Word or CSV**
- A sample Summary Sheet and Excel log file will be available to all entrants at: (<http://fdu.org.au/contests.php> )
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018; snail mailed logs must be received no later than Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018.
- 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*

- A Certificate will be awarded to the FISTS Member, who has the highest score.
- A Certificate will be awarded to the highest scoring QRP station operator.
- A Certificate will be awarded to the NON FISTS operator who has the highest score.
- Certificates may be awarded to Foundation licencees entering the contest.
- Certificates may be awarded to Short Wave Listeners who submit a log.
- 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 as well!!