

FISTS Down Under Inc.



Straight Key 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**.

The idea of a Straight Key contest was that of Michael VK2CCW #14198

Summary of Rules

Date / Time:	Saturday, 19 th May, 2018 / 0930 – 1030UTC (7-30PM Sydney Standard Time)
Band:	80M
Categories:	Single Operator ONLY
Mode:	CW only.
Device:	Straight Key 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.
Repeat Contacts:	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

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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 25th May, 2018; snail mailed logs must be received no later than Friday, 25th May, 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!!