

WFD Club Challenge 2023

Once again, the WFDA will sponsor a Club Challenge to go along with the WFD event. The Club Challenge has been evolving for the last couple of years, and this year is no different. Please note that the Club Challenge is separate from the Winter Field Day event but coincides with it.

The class and category you operate as during WFD will not affect your club's performance during the Club Challenge. Your effort while participating in WFD, however small, can help your club rank higher in the WFD Club Challenge. So we encourage you to participate in WFD even if you can't get out and be at your club's physical location.

To help your club in the Club Challenge, you will use your call sign during your effort and enter the Clubs Call sign in the designated spot in the Cabrillo formatted log you submit at the end of the event.

We use the ARRL and FCC definitions of a club, so your club must have at least four members to compete in the Club Challenge.

To enter, we are asking that one person from your group pre-register your club's location on our WFD map. The link is: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/register-location.php>. This is optional but it helps us collect the Club Call signs prior to WFD.

As stated above, to help your club during the Club Challenge, simply submit your own log with your own information. In the Cabrillo formatted log, where it asks you for CLUB: enter your Clubs pre-registered Club Call sign, and if you wish to add your club's name enter it like this

CLUB: K4FUN --- Stones River Amateur Radio Club

Make sure to use the three --- as a separator between the Call Sign first and the name. If you don't enter the name, that is okay as well. We pull the name data from our map.

You are only allowed to participate in one effort. If you operate at your clubs, location your clubs log should include you as an operator in their Cabrillo formatted log under OPERATORS:

You should not go home, use your own call and classification, and then submit your own additional log.

One would expect that most clubs will have all of their efforts in a specific geographic area, but that is not required. A few clubs have highly distributed membership. Many clubs may have members who are not in the area at the time. As an individual, you can participate from anywhere and have your effort go to help your club out during the Club Challenge. If you belong to multiple clubs, you can only choose to help out one of those clubs during the Club Challenge.

As long as you follow the WFD rules, stations within the same club may contact other club members for points. This includes any simplex operation but remember operators may not count for QSO credit, or any contacts with anyone who participated in "their" WFD operation.

The two main logging programs used for WFD are N3FJP and N1MM+; both have a place to enter the club name. Simply enter the club call in that field, and you are good to go.

The WFDA publishes a separate ranking for Club Scores. Your individual effort does not help your club rank higher in the WFD rankings. It will help your club rank higher in the Club Challenge.

So to be clear, you and your club will have individual rankings in the WFD Event. Your club could be ranked 30th. However, with the club members' combined efforts, your club could rank in the top 10 for the Club Challenge.

If there are any problems, the email address of the person who registered the Club Call Sign on the WFD map will be the person we contact first. We have developed the map so that you may register more than one Call Sign if you are a part of a club or multiple clubs.

The Soap Box in the Cabrillo log only needs to be used for its intended purpose; add comments about your setup, what you ate, weather reports, band conditions, and things of that nature. We do enjoy reading the soapbox information and take the comments into consideration while planning the event. Let us know how we are doing, what you did, and what you would like to see in the future.

Good luck in the 2023 WFD Club Challenge

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WFD Club Challenge FAQs

Can my log still be used for the Club Challenge if I operate from another state?

Yes! Many clubs do have highly distributed membership. No matter where you participate from, you can still help your club rank high in the Club Challenge.

Can I enter the Club Challenge If I am an individual or its just me and my buddy?

No! We feel ARRL and FCC definitions of a club apply to the Club Challenge portion of WFD. You must have a minimum number of individual members participating to join in on the club Challenge.

If I make a QSO with my club during the event, do those contacts count toward the Club Challenge?

The WFD rules state: Entrants may not count for QSO credit any contact with anyone who is or was a participant in "their" WFD operation or is present at their WFD location.

If you are at home and will be submitting your own log, you can contact other members of your club who may be at home, operating in a public location, or maybe in another state. If you and a friend are operating 2H, and he contacts you via simplex on his way over, that QSO does not count because you are participating in the same effort.

If I start off working at my club's site and then go home to operate as 1H, can I submit that log and have it used for the Club Challenge?

No. You should not even do this. Your club should list you as an operator in the log they submit. You should only participate in 1 effort.