

# 54th Running of Calif QSO Party



1600 UTC October 5, 2019 to 2200 UTC October 6, 2019

CQP & improving your operating skills From an operating point of view, what do Public Service, chasing DX or working contests have in common? They all require accurate copy of information under stress – whether the stress of the moment, the adrenaline rush of rare DX or contest pile up, you have to accurately copy and relay information. Entering a contest either casually to give some points or as a serious effort, Contesting provides a great learning experience for information copy “under fire”. The first weekend of October (October 5-6 this year) sees the 54th running of the California QSO Party – a great opportunity for stations in California because everyone else HAS TO WORK US! We are the DX! Whether you are a “big gun” with stacked yagis and 1500 watts, or a “little

pistol" with 100  
watts to a vertical or a wire antenna, everyone else in the  
world wants to work  
YOU to pick up one of the 58 counties in our state. It's a lot  
of fun being on  
the receiving end of a pile up or searching & pouncing for  
other states and  
countries. For California stations the object of the contest  
is to work as many  
stations as possible on SSB and CW. You can work the same  
station on each band  
and each mode for score credit. Every US state and Canadian  
province you work  
counts as a multiplier – 58 total for us just like the number  
of counties in  
California.

<http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>