

The 2016 International Friendship Exchange &DX Contest RULES
Sponsored by the Girl Scouts Ham Radio Enthusiasts for Service (GSP SHARES)

- I. CONTEST PERIOD:** Phone only
From 0400Z to 0900Z (12:00 to 5:00 P.M.)
Saturday, February 20, 2016
- II. OBJECTIVE:** For Girl Scouts to communicate, to connect, to be partners in doing something good for others and to foster international friendship & understanding through ham radio in cooperation with licensed amateur radio operators.
To convey Thinking Day greetings.
- III. BANDS:** **7MHz, 14MHz and 21MHz**
- IV. ENTRY CATEGORIES:**
1. Multi-Band, Multi-Operator FIXED Station High Power
 2. Multi-Band, Multi-Operator FIXED Station Low Power
 3. Multi-Band, Multi-Operator FIELD Station High Power
 4. Multi-Band, Multi-Operator FIELD Station Low Power
- Each entry must indicate their category on their logsheets and state the actual maximum power output.**

V. POWER AND FREQUENCIES : Shall be within the limits of the Radio Station License of the assisting station.

VI. FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS :

1. Only registered Senior and Cadet Girl Scouts for the year 2015 – 2016 may join. Participants should have had experiences on Ham Radio activities/training/orientations.
2. There should be one (1) patrol per Amateur Radio Station (ARS). However, a Council can have more than one (1) patrol consultant. One patrol should have a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of eight (8) girls, regardless of troop affiliation. All other girls in the station will be observers only.
3. Only amateurs/clubs with valid Radio Station Licenses can assist the Girl Scouts. Stations wishing to operate using a special callsign may request for an endorsement from PARA before filing the same with the National Telecommunications Commission office concerned.
4. Only amateur stations whose clubs are affiliated with PARA will be eligible for certificates and/or awards. It shall be the responsibility of the participating Council/school to inquire from PARA as to the status of the assisting amateur station.
5. Under the full supervision of the licensed amateur radio operator, all the members of the participating patrol should be able to contact at least one station during the contest period.
6. NO local assisting license amateur/club, including licensed Girl Scout amateurs, shall contact stations for his/her patrol.
7. Duplicate contacts are not allowed. A station can be worked only once, except for DX1GSP. (see SCORING)
8. Only the prescribed 2016 INFEX and DX contest registration forms and logsheets shall be submitted.

9. All stations should check back to the Net Control, DX1GSP at 7.095 MHz at exactly 0900Z or 5:00P.M.

VII. CONTEST CALL AND EXCHANGE

For the LOCAL CALL

- Call CQ CQ (*de station call*) Example: CQ CQ this is/from DX1GSP
- Exchange:
Station Callsign, Name, QTH, Signal Report, Serial Number* and Thinking Day Greetings.

For the DX CALL

- Call CQ DX (not contest) Example: CQ DX this is/from DX1GSP
- Exchange :
Station Callsign, QTH, Signal Report and Serial Number*, if the station knows the mechanics of the DX Contest and Thinking Day Greetings. If not, assign a serial number 001 from the DX station.

Explain Thinking Day and DX Contest briefly if the operator of the station worked does not know anything about the event.

* Serial Numbers start with 001.

VIII. SCORING

Any local individual station	- 2 points
Any local club station	- 5 points
Any DX Contact (both YL & OM station)	- 3 points

BONUS POINTS:

Any contact with DX1GSP - 50 points per band

Final score will be the sum total of points of all contacts.

IX. LOG SUBMISSION

1. Council Report on the INFEX and DX Contest with photos.
2. Duly accomplished 2016 DX Contest Logsheet certified true and correct by the assisting licensed amateur.
3. Duly accomplished Registration Form.
4. Photocopy of the amateur/club's valid Radio Station License.
5. Submit Numbers 1 to 4 by email at program@girlscouts.org.ph/nhqprogram@gmail.com or fax/postal mail not later than March 7, 2016 to :

MRS. GINNIE W. ORIBIANA
Program Director
Girl Scouts of the Philippines
National Headquarters
901 Padre Faura Street
1000 Ermita, Manila

IX. DISQUALIFICATION

Violation of amateur radio regulations of the Philippines or the contest rules; unsportsmanlike conduct and taking credit for excessive unverifiable QSOs will be sufficient cause for disqualification.

ANY use by the participants of any non-amateur means including, but not limited to, telephones, internet, SMS, chat rooms or VoIP to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or CONFIRM any contacts during the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification.

X. AWARDS

1. Plaque for the 1st Place and Certificate for the 2nd & 3rd placers for each entry classification in IV will be awarded both to the Councils and the amateurs or the club stations. Certificates of Recognition will be given to the girls of the 12 winning patrols.
2. All registered girls and amateurs/clubs participants will receive Certificates of Participation. This includes local amateurs who were contacted by the girls during the DX Contest provided they have submitted to GSP NHQ the accomplished logsheet to the same mailing address stated above.
3. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
4. The list of winners and participants will be circularized and announced in the PARA DU NET on 40m and on PARA website as soon as all logs have been checked.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ginnie W. Oribiana, Program Director or Mrs. Mildred S. Mendoza, GSP SHARES President at telephone nos. (02)523-8331 to 42 or 526-5193.