



On June 28-29, 2008 ARRL will sponsor Field Day 2008. D-STAR plans to have a parallel event to test, practice and showcase this technology. **D-STAR Field Day 2008** is designed to expose Amateur Radio Operators, public service agencies and other visitors to Field Day sites to the capabilities of the D-STAR system, provide practice for existing D-STAR operators to make contacts, and to provide statistics on the D-STAR system during stress.

The ARRL Field Day rules prevent repeater contacts, but allow simplex contacts. While the rules of **D-STAR Field Day 2008** are similar to that of ARRL's Field Day, a few changes have been made to allow for enhanced utilization of D-STAR systems during a Field Day event

- Repeater rule relaxation
- Reflector contacts are allowed, non-Reflector contacts receive 1x point.
- Voice, Low-Speed Data, and High-Speed Data are treated as separate bands.
- High-Speed Data contacts are rewarded.
- First-time D-STAR users are rewarded.

Since **D-STAR Field Day 2008** is not associated with ARRL's Field Day, repeater contact points acquired for **D-STAR Field Day 2008** do not count for ARRL Field Day scores. (Points may be used if the transmitter and contacts fulfill all ARRL Field Day requirements and we encourage that you submit the points)

All entries will be accumulated and scores published.



1. **Eligibility:** D-STAR Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

2. **Object:** To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands utilizing the D-STAR protocol and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of D-STAR.

3. **Date and Time Period:** Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2008 will be held June 28-29, 2008.

3.1. Stations may operate the entire 27-hour Field Day period.

4. **Entry Categories:** D-STAR Field Day entries are classified according to the category that their associated ARRL Field Day Station will utilize.

5. **Exchange:** Stations in ARRL / RAC sections will exchange their associated ARRL Field Day operating Class and ARRL / RAC section. Example: a three transmitter class A station in Connecticut which also has a GOTA station and the extra VHF station would send "3A CT" on CW or "3 Alpha Connecticut" on Phone. DX stations send operating class and the term DX (i.e. 2A DX). The D-STAR Field Day transmitters do not count against the ARRL Field Day transmitters unless they are used to accumulate ARRL Field Day points.

6. **Miscellaneous Rules:**

6.1. A person may not contact for QSO credit any station from which they also participate.

6.2. A transmitter/receiver/transceiver used to contact one or more Field Day stations may not subsequently be used under any other callsign to participate in Field Day. Family stations are exempt provided the subsequent callsign used is issued to and used by a different family member.

6.3. Phone, Low Speed Data, and High Speed Data modes on a band are considered as separate modes in each band. A station may be worked only once per mode in each band for credit. For example, the same station worked in Phone mode on 2 meters and Low Speed Data mode on 2 meters counts as two separate contacts for credit.

6.4. Voice contacts will count as 1 point.

6.5. High Speed Data (DD) Contacts will each count 10 points

6.6. A High Speed Data (DD) connection to the Internet will count 10 points, maximum 10 points

6.7. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time on a single band-mode is prohibited. Phone, Low speed Data, and High Speed Data each count as a mode.



6.8. All stations for a single entry should be operated under the associated ARRL Field Day's station callsign. An exception is if the associated stations callsign is the same as a D-STAR Repeater system.

7. **Scoring:** Scores are based on the total number of QSO points made during the Field Day period plus the bonus points.

7.1. QSO Points

7.1.1. Phone contacts count one point each.

7.1.2. Low Speed Data contacts count two points each.

7.1.3. High Speed Data contacts count ten points each.

7.2. Bonus Points: All stations are eligible for certain bonus points. The following bonus points will be added to the score, to determine the final D-STAR Field Day score

7.2.1. Media Publicity: 100 bonus points may be earned for attempting to obtain publicity for D-STAR. This may consist of a mailing or a newsletter to the local club (>20 members)

7.2.2. D-STAR Information Table: 100 bonus points for a D-STAR Information Table at the Field Day site. The purpose is to make appropriate handouts and information available to the visitors and other Field Day participants. Pictures will count as proof for this bonus.

7.2. 3. GOTA Bonus.

7.2. 3.1. When an operator makes their first D-STAR contact, an additional 5 points will be accumulated for that first contact.

7.2.4 Demonstration: 25 bonus points may be earned for each demonstration of D-STAR to a public service agency, public official, or amateur radio official.

8. Reporting:

8.1. Entries may be submitted to DSTARINFO by emailing to DSTARFieldDay@DSTARINFO.com.

8.2. Entries must be postmarked, emailed or submitted by July 28, 2008. Late entries cannot be accepted.

8.3. Complete station logs are not required for submission. The club should maintain log files for one year in case they are requested.

9. Miscellaneous:

9.1. For more D-STAR Field Day information or questions contact:
DSTARFieldDay@DSTARINFO.com.