

ARRL Field Day: What's it all about A1FIE:

Here are some answers that will help you to choose a Field Day Class, that will let you set up a Field Day station, with what you have, or can borrow, and where.

First and foremost, FD is a demonstration of setting up and using Amateur Radio equipment under emergency conditions.

This year we are asked by the ARRL to 'Adapt'. Except for a few WWII years, Field Day has never been canceled in 86 years.

1. Firstly, print out a set of FD Rules, FAQ, and other information you may need, from the list and Links, below.
2. Secondly, print out a copy of the 'Field Day Grid', PDF or MS Word document, attached to this letter:

Rules, Entry Forms and Information Packets-

[2020 Field Day Packet](#) (complete - Revised 24 February 2020)

[2020 Field Day FAQ](#) (Revised 24 April 2020)

[2020 Field Day Rules](#) (Revised 21 February 2020)

[2020 GOTA FAQ](#) (Revised 24 February 2020)

[2020 GOTA Scoring](#) (Revised 24 February 2020)

[2020 Control Operator Information](#)

[2020 Safety Officer Info/Checklist](#)

[2020 Field Day Summary Sheet](#)

[2020 Field Day Entry instructions](#)

[2020 W1AW / K6KPH Bulletin Schedule](#) (Revised 24 February 2020)

[2020 Field Day Public Relations Packet](#)

[2020 Social Media](#)

[2020 Educational FAQ](#)

[2020 How to Succeed - by Really Trying](#)

[2020 Field Day Information Flier](#)

[2020 Field Day VHF/UHF Information](#)

[2020 Field Day Log Sheet](#) (keep for your records - don't send to ARRL)

[2020 Field Day 2-Page Dupe Sheet](#) - best if printed on 11"x17" paper stock (send Dupe Sheet (or Cabrillo File Page 1) to ARRL with your bonus documents {do not send Log Sheet})

[2020 ARRL/RAC Section List](#) (effective April 1, 2020)

3. Inventory your equipment at home. If it has not been used for some time you may need to do some checking to see if the lights come on, or that your HF rig is working (Dummy Load Test or make some QSO's).

4. Reading the rules, and the attached Grid chart, decide which Category might be suitable for you:

Examples might be:

Class A: Outside, Tent/EZ-Up, 1+ Transmitters, new antenna, Generator, 3 or more Operators.

Class D: Ham Shack or Kitchen Table, 1 transmitter, existing antenna, 110V mains power

Class E: Ham Shack or Kitchen Table, 1 transmitter, existing antenna, Generator, Batteries or Solar

Get the picture, many combinations:

Important Notes:

The ARRL information notes that FD is from 18:00 Saturday to 20:59 Sunday. This 27-hour operation is only for Class A and B Stations, that setup/assemble their stations at 18:00. All others are 2:00pm EDT to 2:00pm EDT (18:00 UTC Sat to 18:00 UTC Sunday).

Each Station must submit a Log and other information to ARRL via there Log Submission Link. See various documents above for Links and how to fill out Forms, submit photos, and support documents. If using N1MM you will already have the skills to submit N1MM dupe sheets.

Don't forget all the Bonus points. See bottom part of the FD Grid Chart, or Documents noted in the ARRL list above. (ARRL Message, Visiting Dignitaries, Served Agency Visitor, Power Level Bonus, CW and Digital extra multipliers, Sat contact, Advertising your FD operation on Facebook, or Newspaper). Many other extra points available.

Very important to note on your Log submission Form, your Club Name, exactly as follows: **Central Mass Amateur Radio Association**

Please let me know if you find any errors. Send your Call, Name Phone #, this way I can call you next year to help me get all this stuff published.

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