

Here's how to make the N3FJP Ohio QSO Party logging program work for OSPOTA.

DISCLAIMER 1): If you are not comfortable "lifting the hood", and making changes to the files in your computer, PLEASE get some help with this, or don't do it.

DISCLAIMER 2): Scott, N3FJP has no responsibility for troubleshooting this hack. This is something that I & others on the Yahoo & Facebook group have come up with for the purpose of logging & duping for OSPOTA. If you have questions, post to one of the OSPOTA groups, or refer to Disclaimer 1.

Disclaimer 3): Make sure that your computer clock is correct, and that you are logging in UTC

So here's how it works:

First, you need to have the OHQP in-state logging program installed and working. It has been found that the directory that we'll be working with does not get created until you start the program the first time. The program isn't free, but the cost is reasonable (\$8.99 as of 8-23-2022). You can find the program at <http://www.n3fjp.com/programs/QSOOH.exe>.

Once you've installed the program and have **run it at least once**, download the county2.txt file from the file section of the Groups.io, or Facebook OSPOTA group file areas. Then, install it in place of the county2.txt file that is in the OH-QSO-Party folder. This folder is reached via your documents folder; **NOT** the program files folder.

In my situation, I renamed the original "county2.txt" to something like "county2_ohqp.txt". That makes it easier to switch back and forth between OHQP & OSPOTA.

That's all there is to it. It works like a charm on Win 10 and 11, and I've had reports that it works well on Win7. I like it because it reads the band information from my rig, and logs it for each contact. The setup for this is the same as for any other of N3FJP's programs, so you can use his help files for this aspect of the program.

Please remember that this hack is for in-park station logging & duping only. Don't rely on it for scoring.

A note for Not-In-Park stations. Since you are only allowed to work In-Park stations for point credit, you must remember to enter only "In-Park" stations into the logger.

Logging Not-In Park stations:

- If you work a Not-In-Park station in Ohio, just enter the park as "NOT".
- For out of state stations, just enter the two letter abbreviation for the State.
- Any Non-US stations are logged as **DX**; even Canadian stations

After the contest

- 1) Look on the File menu for "Write Cabrillo (Contest Submittal) File". Once you create your Cabrillo file, and save it to your computer, open it in a text editor, and correct as needed. For instance:

CONTEST: MRCC-OHQP should be changed to CONTEST: OSPOTA

CLAIMED SCORE This line can be deleted since we use the score from the summary sheet that you fill out and submit.

- 2) Save cabrillo using the convention "k8bf.log, and you are good to go.

This is the cabrillo that you will submit with your summary sheet

I hope this helps. 73 DE WG8X