

❖ Guidance for Operating the ARRL W1AW/Ø VOTA Special Event

- MN ARRL Clubs and ARRL members may reserve W1AW/Ø operating time slots during Minnesota's 2nd VOTA week from August 2nd through 8th UTC.
 - Slots are for **two-hours** (UTC; CDT is odd hours) using a chosen **mode** and **band** combination.
 - Multiple **two-hour** slots may be reserved based on priority and availability.
 - Acceptable **modes** include VOICE, CW, and DIGITAL (including FT8/4, RTTY, PSK, etc.).
 - Acceptable **bands** include HF, VHF, UHF, etc. (except WARC bands).
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>ARRL Affiliated Clubs have priority for reserving W1AW/Ø time slots by entering “(club callsign)/club” on the signup webpage.

>> Starting July 1st for reserving up to 8 time slots per day.

>ARRL members may also reserve W1AW/Ø time slots.

>> Starting July 8th for reserving up to 4 time slots per day.

>Reserve open time slots within 6 hours before starting time.

- Your W1AW/Ø transmitter must be **located** within Minnesota.
- W1AW/Ø operators must upload their ADIF files (after each day or end of week) to the ARRL log pre-review site and make the necessary corrections.
- The state coordinators will then review your pre-reviewed logs and submit them to LoTW.
- The point counts are automatically applied after the final LoTW log submission.
- Remember that a time slot is for two-hours with a specific mode and band combination.
 - *Once they are reserved, you can't switch times, modes, or bands.
 - More information is available by [clicking here](#). For FAQ [click here](#).
- **No approval is necessary** to reserve MN W1AW/Ø time slots. Just [click here](#).
- During the week of July 24th, several Zoom sessions will be scheduled for Q&A.
- *For assistance please contact your state coordinators: arrl_mn_acc@donkelly.biz

❖ Guidance for working W1AW/x VOTA Portable Stations

- Anyone may work W1AW/x portable stations from within or outside of their state.
 - The [state activation schedule](#) finds the state(s) that you're missing to complete your WAS.
 - W1AW/x is worth 5 points for each mode and band combination.
 - You can work all W1AW/X portable stations again (during their 2nd week) without duplication.
 - The W1AW/x portable stations are obligated to submit their contacts to Logbook of the World (LoTW), so you don't have to (but you should).

❖ Guidance for working ARRL Volunteer or Individual Stations

- Anyone may work participating stations from within or outside of their state.
 - Work participating stations anytime during the year 2023; not just W1AW/X portable stations.
 - Just call CQ VOTA (call) or answer stations calling CQ VOTA.
 - You may contact each station on all mode and band combinations (no WARC bands).
 - One of the stations must submit their log to LoTW. Then both stations earn QSO points credit.
 - It's not necessary for a volunteer station to identify their point value.
 - Make contact with a fellow ARRL member, and you each receive a point.
 - The number of points for a contact are based on the [VOTA QSO Points Table](#).