

# Rules for NTMS Rover Sprint

## 1. Objective:

- Increase the number of NTMS Rover stations
- Educate Membership in Roving techniques
- Educate Rovers on site selection
- Increase interest in microwave station operation
- Improve Rover Operation skills
- Encourage Family Member operation

## 2. Date and Contest Period:

April 24, 2004  
Contest Period: 8:00 AM Local Time until 6 PM Local time

## 3. Entry Categories:

Each Band 10 GHz and up

## 4. Exchange:

Six character Maidenhead Locator of the sub-grid in which the stations are located.

## 5. Miscellaneous:

Group of rover stations encouraged to operate from a Central site (not a fixed station) and other rovers to travel to sites away from Central site.

Minimum contact distance of 1 km.

A Rover must move to a different sub-grid before repeating a QSO with the same station.

Rovers are encouraged to car pool or caravan to sites.

All stations are encouraged to invite members without stations (Shotgun Riders/Navigator) to assist in operation both Central site and Rovers operations.

A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may only be used subsequently under any other call during the contest period if the call is assigned to a family member. The rule is intended to encourage NTMS family members to participate in the contest.

## 6. Scoring:

Distance points: The distance in km between stations for each successfully completed QSO. Distance is measured from the center of the subgrid.

QSO points: Count 100 QSO points for each unique call sign worked per band.

Total Score per band: Equals distance points plus QSO points.  
Scores will be tabulated by band with the highest score at the top.

Use of GPS receivers encouraged for distance measurements but distance can be measured using a map and ruler.

**7. Schedules:**

Use of 144.300 MHz is suggested for scheduling and coordination during the contest.

**8. Reporting:**

Reports to be turned in to WA5TKU by May 15, 2004.

Paper or electronic copies accepted. Format of report should follow the 10 GHz and Above ARRL contest form. All participants assisting with a station should be listed on the form.

**9. Certificates:**

All participants, including Shotgun Riders and Family Members, submitting logs to receive certificates.

Scores by bands of each call sign submitting logs to be published in the next issue of *FeedPoint*.