

Creating your “WAS Award Account” and Setting Award Rules.

Applying for the America250 WAS

When applying for the America250 WAS, the application system looks to your **Logbook of The World** account to locate your confirmed (QSL'd) States during 2026.

To understand where you made these contacts from, a WAS Award Account with at least one WAS Award Account Rule must exist which will be used by the America250 WAS award engine to determine your Award, and potential endorsement's, eligibility.

For WAS, Award Rules establish your 50-Mile-circle location from which you accomplished your contacts with all 50 States. You can have more than one WAS Award Account, if for example you operate in Northern States in Summer Months and Southern States in Winter Months (contact w9jj@arrl.org with questions on multiple 50-mile circles).

A Rule Name might be:

W9JJ – Connecticut

For any location you would need to create a rule. To do so log in to your LoTW user dashboard <https://lotw.arrl.org/lotwuser/> then go to AWARDS (red circled), then to “Your LoTW ARRL WAS (Worked All States) Account(s)”, next to Create New WAS Award Account.

The screenshot shows the LoTW user dashboard for user w9jj (167510). The top navigation bar includes links for Admin, Home, Your QSOs, Awards (circled in red), Find Call, Upload File, Your Account, Help, and Beta. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner for "Choice of the World's top DX'ers" and a Yaesu | LoTW® Principal Sponsor. The main content area is titled "Logbook Awards" and contains two sections: "Your LoTW ARRL DXCC (DX Century Club) Account(s)" and "Your LoTW ARRL WAS (Worked All States) Account(s)". In the DXCC section, there is a dropdown menu for "W9JJ - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and a button for "Select DXCC Award Account". In the WAS section, there is a dropdown menu for "W9JJ - Connecticut" and a button for "Create New WAS Award Account" (circled in red). To the right of the WAS section, there is a box titled "About Award Accounts" which lists various award accounts: DXCC, WAS, VUCC, CQ WPX, and CQ WAZ. A Rigol DSA800 Series Spectrum Analyzer is also visible on the right side of the dashboard.

If you've been active in 2026 from just one state, list that state as show below (I'm listing the example as "Connecticut". Type in "your call – your state".

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No QSOs

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WAS Accounts

This WAS account presently matches no QSOs. That means that only QSOs you manually select (via "Your QSOs") will be used for this award account.

To make this WAS account automatically match QSOs, you must [add a rule](#).

Rules and QSO Sets

WAS accounts can be configured to automatically select those of your QSOs that both qualify for a WAS award and also match a set of rules you specify.

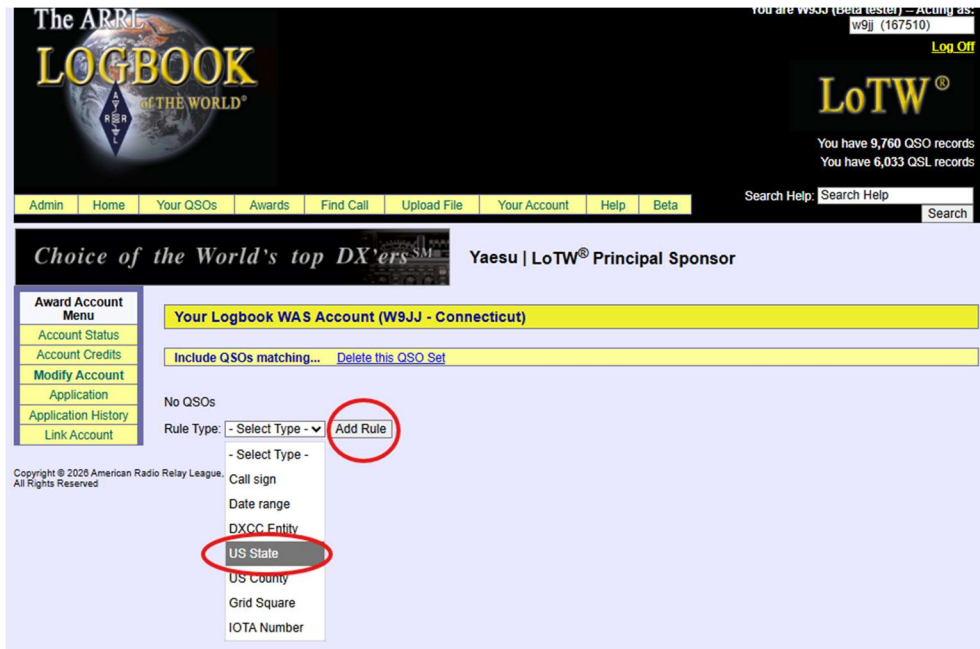
A QSO Set is a list of rules that define QSOs that will be matched. Your account can include more than one QSO Set if needed to encompass all of your QSOs that are eligible for the awards.

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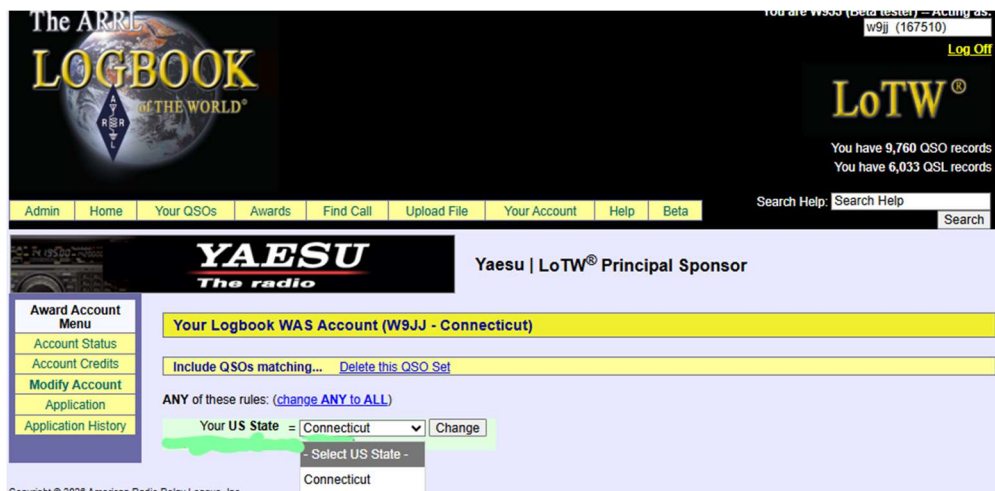
If more than one rule is present in the QSO Set, you may choose whether the QSOs must match all of the specified rules or any of the specified rules.

For an Award Rule, see the red circle at the bottom, click on **Add rule to QSO Set...**

Next, select on the drop-down list the STATE or County [or for DX Stations select Country or Grid Square(s) that you operated from that were within a 50-Mile Circle] category, then select your State (or DXCC Entity or Grid(s)).



Next add/select the actual State name (this comes from your Station Location used in TQSL uploads).



Now press the **CHANGE** button.

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Save account changes *NOTE! Unsaved rule changes have been made*

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Your US State = **Connecticut** [Delete rule](#) [Edit rule](#)

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Lastly, press the **Save account changes** button

If you have operated in 2026 from multiple States (or multiple DXCC Entities, or multiple Grids more than 50-miles apart, create WAS location accounts for each location if you intend to seek multiple America250 WAS Awards, each from the different locations you operated from in 2026).

Allow 24 hours for these Award Account changes to be available to the Award Processing system before applying for the America250 WAS at [ARRL America250 WAS](#)

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