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The sub-group, chaired by Sine, S53RM, met after Day 1 and agreed the following, to replace the proposals in the original version of B16. The changes are minimal, but add 2011 for implementation and the items have been reordered to reflect the actual order of events for submission and adjudication.

- A) *These procedures shall commence from the calendar year 2011*
- B) *An up-to-date copy of the rules for these contests is included in the latest version of the VHF Managers Handbook that can be downloaded from the official IARU R1 web page (<http://www.iaru-r1.org/>).*
- C) *The organizing society shall use any suitable means to announce the contest and invite all the amateur radio operators to participate in the contest.*
- D) *Each IARU Reg 1 member society or their VHF Contest Manager/Committee decides whether logs of all their participants will be submitted by their VHF Contest Manager/Committee or each participant can upload his log directly to the IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot. This decision shall be submitted to the Chairman of the IARU R1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee (at any time, new decision overrides the previous one). In case the member society does not submit this decision, the contest participants of this member society are allowed to upload their logs directly to the IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot. In case the member society decides to organize collection of contest logs on its own, the IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot must not accept direct log uploads from participants of that member society. The rejection response must contain information where to upload the contest log (this information must be included in the submitted decision to the Chairman of the IARU R1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee).*
- E) *Logs from each participant must be sent to their own, nationally agreed, address not later than the second Monday after the end of the contest. Operators from outside the IARU Reg 1 can send their check logs directly to IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot.*
- F) *Contest logs, submitted via the National VHF Contest Managers/Committee, shall be uploaded to IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot by the National VHF Contest Managers, not later than the third Tuesday after the end of the contest. It is envisioned that national collection of contest logs will be made automatic via national contest log servers. Those servers would have an autonomous connection with the IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot for automatic (two way) exchange of the contest logs. It should also be possible to upload the archive file with all the national logs to the IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot.*

- G) The central point for collection of contest logs is a data server called IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot. The web address of this server (currently <http://iaru.oevsv.at/>) shall be published on the official IARU R1 web page.
- H) The log submission procedure is described in the section 5.9.
- I) The IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot shall maintain the alphabetical list of the stations that submitted the contest log separately for each frequency band. Only the call sign and the upload date and time shall be published - the list shall not contain any other data. The list shall be updated immediately after the log is accepted.
- J) The IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot shall publish results based on claimed scores not later than third Wednesday after the end of the contest. The lists should be separate by band and by section. The list must contain: place, callsign, locator, claimed and recalculated scores, number of QSOs, ODX Call, ODX locator, ODX QRB. Optionally the contest location, height and technical data (antennas and TX power) can be published. All the logs shall be made available to all national VHF/Contest managers for their national crosscheck purposes.
- K) The IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot shall perform automatic log cross-checking based on the rules described in the section 5.10.
- L) The IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot shall publish the unofficial results not later than third Thursday after the end of the contest. The list of results, separated by band and by section, shall include at least the following data: call sign, locator, score, number of QSOs, number of deleted QSOs, percentage of deleted QSOs, ODX call sign, ODX Locator and ODX QRB. Optionally the contest location height and technical data (antennas and TX power) can be published. A list of deleted QSOs per log, clearly commented with specified errors, shall be accessible at least to the sender of the log.
- M) Each National VHF Contest Manager/Committee shall mark all disqualified stations on the Robot, based on the arbitration of national complaints not later than the eighth Thursday after the end of the contest. If no such information is received, all submitted logs shall then be eligible for final evaluation.
- N) The IARU R1 VHF&up Contest Robot shall remove all the disqualified stations and shall repeat the log cross-checking process based on the rules described in the section 5.10.
- O) The organising society shall publish the official results not later than the eighth Friday after the end of the contest. The list of results shall include the same data as for the unofficial results. Deleted QSOs and complete logs shall be made publicly available, but no personal details (address, e-mail,...) from a summary sheet. A list of disqualified and check-log stations shall be published. The list of stations with unreliable logs together with comment on unreliability should also be published. Some "most interesting statistical data" should be provided, for example number of received logs per country, number of all contacts, number of all different call signs per country, a list of very long contacts, etc..
- P) The entrants scoring highest in each section shall be awarded the IARU REGION 1 CERTIFICATE. The organizing society will receive the certificates from the chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves committee (signed by the R1 Secretary) and will send those, after having filled in the relevant data and after signature, to the winners in each section. Optionally, certificates for all participants may be provided by the Robot in pdf format. See also chapter 13.

A vote was taken in the full meeting after the sub-group had reported back.

In favour – 14

Abstain UBA, RSGB, DARC

Against ARI who felt that the discussion had been too brief to deal with such significant changes to the procedures.

HA2VR proposed a compromise whereby the server remains restricted to national contest managers during 2010, and during that period, national contest managers have the opportunity to compare results from the IARU robot with their own procedures. If they are happy, then the new procedure may be taken to the 2011 conference.

With this change, a new vote was taken.

Abstain – RSGB

Against – None

All others in favour.