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## Introduction:

In the current rules for judging of entries in chapter, 5.3.11 is this rule:

*Any error in the information logged by a station shall result in the loss by the receiving station of all points for that contact.*

Therefore, it means that the responsibility is only at the receiving station. We assume that the log at the transmitting side is always without errors and the call sign and contest exchange were sent without errors.

In the chapter 7.1 of VHF Managers' handbook, we have this definition:

*Minimum Requirement for a valid QSO (Vienna 2007):*

*A definition for a valid QSO on VHF and on higher bands is:*

*A valid contact is one where both operators during the contact have*

- (1) Mutually identified each other*
- (2) Received a report, and*
- (3) Received a confirmation of the successful identification and the reception of the report*

*It is emphasised that the responsibility always lies with the operator for the integrity of the contact.*

If one of the correspondents has in the log an error in the received call sign, it is logical that both sides must be penalised. The requirement from chapter 7.1 was not met and the QSO cannot be counted as valid!

This case is not fully covered by the current rules.

## **Recommendation:**

Current rule in chapter 5.3.11 should be changed to:

***Any error in the exchanged information logged by a station shall result in the loss of all points for that contact for both correspondents (receiving and transmitting station) – see section 7.1.***