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Introduction

One of the IARU-Region 1 VHF-UHF contest rules states: *“Any error in the information logged by a station shall result in the loss by the receiving station of all points for that contact.”*

The intention of this paper is to start a discussion on this rule.

Background

In the past **both** stations lost the points for the contact, if an error was noted, Nowadays only the **receiving** station loses points in case of an error in the log.

A mistake can be made on **both** sides: a contest manager / checker cannot be 100 % sure, which station was wrong. Sometimes the receiving station might have written down the wrong report and/or serial number 55-007, while the other gave 55-009 but it can also be that the station that gave the report did not correctly read the serial number, i.e. that he read from his screen/contestlog the wrong line and said 55-009, while he should have given 55-010.

Another example is that operators form a /P station and during a contest QSO forget to mention the /P behind the call, the receiving station writes down the call without /P and gets a penalty afterwards for copying the call incorrect.

Proposal

The Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio-Onderzoek in Nederland, VERON proposes to discuss this matter and come to a decision on what penalties (if any) should be given to both the transmitting and receiving station in case one of them makes a mistake in the log and to adjust the contest rules accordingly.

Recommendation

That the Final Plenary is invited to endorse the view of VERON to start a discussion on penalties for both, the transmitting and receiving station, due to failures made by one of them in the log, and to adjust the contest rules accordingly.