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How to encourage (contest) activities?

It is often stated that activity on the VUSHF bands is not what it used to be. And outside the contest periods hardly anybody is active.

In order to get some activity outside the regional and sub-regional contest weekends many societies have established activity nights or activity contests like the NAC, UKAC, etc.

But these local contests should encourage more activity in general rather than only at the national level!

It is therefore proposed that the National contest committees should avoid rules that do not include all activity (National or International) on the VUSHF bands.

Example:

“QTH Locator Multipliers. The multiplier is the sum of the number of different large locator squares (e.g. JO65, KO04, etc.) worked on that band. Only contacts with “National stations” count for multipliers.”

In the Nordic Countries we have established an “Open class” in the NAC for participants outside the Nordic area. The Open class has been raising activity on “both sides” benefitting activity.

We feel the latter approach is more positive and creates more activity.