

4.9.1 Eligible entrants

All licensed radio amateurs in Region 1 who are authorized to use 50 MHz can participate in the contest. Multiple operator entries will be accepted, provided only one callsign is used during the contest. The contestants must operate within the letter and spirit of the contest and at no greater power than permitted in the ordinary licenses of their country. Stations operating under special high power licenses do so "hors concours" and cannot be placed in the contest proper.

Stations operating temporarily outside their "home-country" are for the purpose of the contest participating as stations in the country where they operate and their logs will have to be submitted to the VHF-Manager/Contest Committee of that country. Logs sent to the contest committee of their home country shall not be submitted to the adjudicating society!

4.9.2 Contest sections

The contest will comprise the following sections :

i) Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance during the contest.

ii) All other entrants

No more than one transmitter may be in use at any one time. All the equipment of the station (transmitters, receivers and antennas, etc) must be located within a single circle of no greater than 500 metres diameter.

4.9.3 Date of contest

The contest will begin on the third Saturday of June.

4.9.4 Duration of contest

The contest will commence at 1400 hours UTC on the Saturday and will end at 1400 hours UTC on the Sunday.

4.9.5 Contacts

Each station can be worked only once, whether it is fixed, portable or mobile. If a station is worked again during the same contest, only one contact will count for points, but any duplicate contacts should be logged without claim for points and clearly marked as duplicates.

Contacts made via active repeaters do not count for points. Any telephony contacts made with stations transmitting in the telegraphy sub band shall not count for points.

4.9.6 Type of emission

Contacts may be made in A1A, J3E or F3E (G3E).

4.9.7 Contest exchanges

Code numbers exchanged during each contact shall consist of the RS or RST report followed by a serial number commencing with 001 for the first contact and increasing by one for each successive contact. This exchange must immediately be followed by the complete Locator of the sending station.

Examples : 59003 JO20DB or 579123 IN55DD

Note: for the "T" part of the report, see chapter 7.9.9

4.9.8 Scoring

Points will be scored on the basis of one point per kilometre, i.e. the calculated distance in kms will be truncated to an integer value and 1 km will be added. The centre of each locator square is used for distance calculations. In case only a 4-character locator has been received, **the contact is invalid**. In order to make contest scores comparable, for the conversion from degrees to kilometres a factor of 111.2 should be used when calculating distances with the aid of the spherical geometry equation (Noordwijkerhout, 1987).

4.9.9 Entries

The entries must be set out in digital/electronic form fulfilling the requirements under rule 12. Logs must be sent to the national VHF Manager or the national Contest Committee not later than the second Monday following the contest weekend. Late entries will not be accepted. The submission of the logs implies that the entrant accepts the contest rules.

4.9.10 Judging of entries

The judging of the entries shall be the responsibility of the organising society, whose decision shall be final. Entrants deliberately contravening any of these rules or flagrantly disregarding the IARU Region 1 bandplans shall be disqualified (see footnote 1) on monitoring.

The claimed contact will be disqualified for any error in the information logged by the station. Claiming points for a duplicate contact will be penalized by deducting ten times the number of points claimed for that duplicate contact from the score. Any errors in the logged information will result in the loss of all points for that contact by the receiving station.

4.9.11 Awards

The winner in each section will receive a certificate.

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4.9.12 Logs

The logs shall be in the format defined in Section 4.11. See also section IIIaa1, item D. (See footnote 2)

4.9.13 Footnotes :

1.)

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Scheveningen (1972) it was decided that to effect this:

a) each VHF Manager and/or national Contest Committee shall be responsible for monitoring during contests. Additional monitoring stations may be appointed but these stations may not take part in the contest.

b) telephony contacts made with stations operating in the telegraphy sub band shall not count for points.

c) the national VHF Manager/Contest Committee is responsible for disqualification based upon the results obtained from a) and b) above.

2.)

Contest entries for the year 2006 may still be submitted on paper logsheets.