

RULES IARU REGION 1 145 MHz SEPTEMBER CONTEST

1. Eligible entrants

All licensed radio amateurs in Region 1 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!

2. Contest sections

The contest will comprise the following sections :

- i) Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance during the contest, using privately owned equipment and antennas and operating from any location.
- 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. "

A participating station must operate from the same location throughout the event.

3. Date of contest

The contest will start on the first Saturday of September.

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.

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.

6. Type of emission

Contacts may be made in A1A, R3A, A3E or F3E(G3E).

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 IN55CC).

(note: for the "T" part of the report, see section VIb)

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 final claimed score must be shown on the top part of the first sheet.

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).

9. Entries

The entries must be set out on log sheets fulfilling the requirements given under rule 12. Multi-operator stations shall be clearly marked as such. A copy of the logs must be sent to the national VHF Manager or the national Contest Committee postmarked 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.

10. Judging of entries

The final 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 ¹⁾.

The claimed contact will be disqualified for an obviously wrongly stated Locator or a time error of more than 10 minutes.

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

The contest entrants will not be penalized for the failure of non-entrants to comply with the rules.

11. Awards

The winner in each section will receive a certificate.

12. Logsheets

A. *On paper.*

The logsheets for use in the IARU Region 1 contest shall have an upright format not smaller than A4 and shall show the following columns in the order named :

- date
- time in UTC
- callsign of the station worked
- report sent
- report received
- Locator received
- number of points claimed

A standard cover sheet, containing the essential information required to judge the contest entry and with separate space for the comments of the national Contest Manager should be used.

A sample contest cover sheet is shown in Appendix 1.

The cover sheet should show the signature of the first operator certifying the correctness of the log submitted.

Paper logsheets prepared by the national societies and satisfying the above minimum requirements may be used.

B. *In digital form*

The logs shall be in the format defined in Section Iih. See also section IIIaa1, item D

REMARKS

The following note is for the information of the participating societies. They may include them at their discretion in the rules published nationally. Rule 9: The number of log copies to be submitted is left to the discretion of the national society, which may e.g. want a second copy for the judging of a simultaneously held national contest.

¹At the 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 CW subband 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.