

OFFICIAL IARU REGION 1 VHF/UHF/MICROWAVES CONTESTS

IARU Region 1 has organised official international contests on the VHF/UHF/Microwaves bands since 1956, when an all-band contest during the first weekend of September was established.

In 1962 a separate UHF/Microwaves contest was added, which was initially held during the last weekend of May (decision Turin, 1961). From 1970 onwards this date was set at the first weekend of October (Brussels, 1969).

As of 1970 an SWL contest was established, to be run concurrently with the official Region 1 VHF and UHF/Microwaves contests.

During the IARU Region 1 Conference in Scheveningen (1972) it was decided that as of 1973 the September contest would only be held on 145 MHz.

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Noordwijkerhout (1987) an IARU Region 1 ATV contest was added, to be held during the second weekend of September.

Finally, at the IARU Region 1 Conference in De Haan (1993) an official 50 MHz contest was established, to be held as from 1994 during the first weekend of June. In San Marino 2002 the date was changed into the third weekend of June.

Hence currently six official IARU Region 1 contests are organised annually :

1. The VHF contest during the first weekend of September - only on 145 MHz;
2. The UHF/Microwaves contest during the first weekend of October on 435 MHz and higher bands;
3. The SWL contest run concurrently with the September VHF contest;
4. The SWL contest run concurrently with the October UHF/Microwaves contest.
5. The ATV contest during the second weekend of September;
6. The 50 MHz contest during the third weekend of June.

Member societies of IARU Region 1 organise and judge the results of the above contests.

The procedures for the organisation of the VHF and UHF/Microwaves contests are set out in Appendix 1. A list of IARU Region 1 member societies which have organised these contests or will do so in the near future can be found in Appendix 2.

The September IARU Region 1 ATV contest is organized and judged by a member society in a country where ATV transmissions are authorized.

The rules for the official Region 1 contests are set out in sections IIIb (145 MHz), IIIc (UHF/Microwaves), IIId (SWL), IIIe (ATV) and IIIf (50 MHz).

N.B. Attention is drawn to the fact that since 1974 during the first weekend of November the Italian member society ARI organises the Marconi-Memorial Telegraphy contest as an international contest for the whole of Region 1. This contest, run according to the rules of the official Region 1 contests, is judged by the ARI VHF Committee, and the results are distributed to all participating countries via the VHF Managers of the member societies. *This ARI contest replaces the former IARU Region 1 Telegraphy contest.*

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