

PROCEDURE FOR ORGANISING IARU REGION 1 VHF/UHF/MICROWAVES CONTESTS

- A. In January of each year the Chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee will send a letter to the society organising the IARU Region 1 VHF, UF/Microwaves, 50 MHz and ATV contests in that year, containing an up-to-date copy of the rules for these contests.
- B. After receipt the organising societies will distribute these rules (e.g. in the form of a printed booklet) together with an invitation to participate in the contests to all IARU Region 1 member societies. The invitation should contain details on where to send the logs etc. This should be done before the end of March of that year.
- C. Not later than the seventh Sunday after the contest the national VHF Manager or properly nominated Contest Committee will forward to the society organising the contest one copy of each entry, after having examined the logs and after having certified those to be acceptable to the best of their knowledge.
- D. In order to obtain the most important results as quickly as possible the following checking procedure has to be followed:
The VHF Manager or properly nominated Contest Committee in each country will check a sufficient number of logs to establish the first three stations in each contest section by:
- Verifying the details of each participating station (section, having obeyed the rules,)
 - checking all national contacts completely and applying the necessary penalties as given in the rules
 - checking all distances of claimed contacts with foreign stations by measurement or calculation and making corrections where necessary. The resulting total score will also be checked.
- After having been dealt with this way, the logs will be sent to the organising society, separated in sections (bands, where applicable) and accompanied by a list showing the details(Call sign, Name, Address, Bands used, Section) of all entrants and their claimed scores. This list has to be signed by the VHF Manager or the responsible of the National Contest Committee of the country.
- E. Two weeks will be allowed for transit to the organising society and thus all national contributions should be in by the ninth Sunday after the contest weekend.
- F. The organising society will allow a margin of three weeks for possible postal delays and will declare the entry closed on the twelfth Sunday after the contest weekend. Entries received after this date will be returned to sender or -if agreed by the sender by mail or fax- be destroyed.
- A. The organising society will judge the contest and send the results to the operator of the IARU R1 web site for publication and will send them (in electronic form) to all VHF Managers and/or Contest Committees of Societies who did send logs, and to the chairman of region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwave committee not later than two months after the date mentioned in F. above (e.g. not later five months after the contest took place). Optionally certificates for all participants may be provided for distribution by national societies. See also section III m.

Preliminary Results

- H. The national VHF-managers and/or national contest committees will as soon they have done the required checking (as in D. above) send (preferably by fax or e-mail) the national results to the editor of the IARU Region 1 VHF Newsletter (i.e. the chairman of the VHF/UHF/MW Committee). He will - using those data- compile the overall PROVISIONAL RESULT for each section and publish those results for the first 100 participants in the VHF Newsletter. Each member society can publish this information as PROVISIONAL RESULT in case the adjudicating society has not distributed the official result within the required time scale.

PROCEDURE FOR ORGANISING THE IARU REGION I UHF/MICROWAVE ATV CONTEST

- A. In January of each year the Chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee will send a letter to the society organising the ATV contest in that year, containing an up-to-date copy of the rules for this contest.
- B. After receipt the organising societies will distribute these rules (e.g. in the form of a printed booklet) together with an invitation to participate in the contests to all IARU Region 1 member

societies in those countries where ATV is allowed, respectively where participation may be expected. The invitation should contain details on where to send the logs etc.

This should be done before the end of March of that year.

- C. Not later than the sixth Monday after the contest the national ATV Manager, VHF Manager or properly nominated Contest Committee will forward to the society organising the contest one copy of each entry, after having examined the logs and after having certified them to be acceptable to the best of their knowledge.
- D. In order to obtain the most important results as quickly as possible the following checking procedure has to be followed:
The VHF Manager or properly nominated Contest Committee in each country will check a sufficient number of logs to establish the first three stations in each contest section by:
- Verifying the details of each participating station (section, having obeyed the rules,)
 - checking all national contacts completely and applying the necessary penalties as given in the rules
 - checking all distances of claimed contacts with foreign stations by measurement or calculation and making corrections where necessary. The resulting total score will also be checked.

After having been dealt with this way, the logs will be sent to the organising society, separated in sections (bands, where applicable) and accompanied by a list showing the details of all entrants and their claimed scores. This list has to be signed by the VHF Manager or the responsible of the National Contest Committee of the country.

- E. Two weeks will be allowed for transit to the organising society and thus all national contributions should be in by the eighth Monday after the contest weekend.
- F. The organising society will allow a margin of one week for possible postal delays and will declare the entry closed on the ninth Monday after the contest weekend. Entries received after this date will be returned to sender.
- G. The organising society will judge the contest and will send the results to all societies (ATV and/or VHF Managers and/or Contest Committees) which did send logs as soon as possible. This will be in electronic form. Optionally the organising society may provide certificates for all participants, to be distributed by the national societies.

Experiments with electronic log control

SARA will prepare an automatic (robot) system for contests evaluation on SARA web site. Each participant should send his log to this system for evaluation . This system will work in parallel operation during the next one or two years. After this period it can see if the system will be usable and can be adopted in IARU R1 V/U/MW contests adjudication.

All national V/U/MW managers should promote usage of electronic logs (in EDI format) in their countries in order to have only electronic logs in near future.