

Africa All Mode International DX Contest

Aim

The objective of this all-mode contest is to stimulate contesting from Africa. All participating stations worldwide may work any country during the contest period. African DXCC entities are defined as those valid per the ARRL DXCC AF listing published at the time of the contest.



1. Date

12:00 UTC on Saturday 28 March to 12:00 UTC on Sunday 29 March 2026 (The 4th full weekend of March). Both single and multi-operator stations may operate for the entire 24-hour period. There are no mandated breaks in operating time required.

2. Bands

160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, in accordance with your country and specific licensing requirements governing the portion(s) of these bands that you may use. No contest QSOs are allowed on 12, 17, 30 or 60 metres.

3. Modes

CW and SSB.. Mixed-mode entrants may work the same station once on each mode per band.

4. Log Submissions and Deadlines

No paper entries will be accepted for contest or checking purposes. Entries must be submitted in Cabrillo format only and be received no later than 15 days after the contest – Monday 13 April 2026. Entries must be sent to contest@sarl.org.za

5. Awards

Certificates in PDF format will be sent to:

- 5.1. The top three overall scoring entrants
- 5.2. The highest scoring entrant in each category for the contest
- 5.3. The highest scoring entrant in each category per continent
- 5.4. The top three highest scoring South African entrants

To be eligible to receive any of the above certificates, an entrant's log must contain at least one QSO where one of the parties to that QSO is operating from an African DXCC entity.

6. Results

Results will be posted on the South African Radio League website at www.sarl.org.za two months after the entry deadline.

7. Entry Categories

For all categories, the use of spotting nets and skimmers are permitted. For all categories, there are no restrictions on the number of band or mode changes made in any given period

during the contest. Contestants may only submit their log in one of the 18 categories available.

1. Single Operator Single Transmitter

1.1. Single band

- 1.1.1. Phone only, high, low and QRP power levels
- 1.1.2. CW only, high low and QRP power levels
- 1.1.3. Mixed mode, high low and QRP power levels

1.2. All band

- 1.2.1. Phone only, high, low and QRP power levels
- 1.2.2. CW only, high low and QRP power levels
- 1.2.3. Mixed mode, high low and QRP power levels

One person performs all operating and logging functions and without exception, only one transmitted signal is allowed at any given time. Mixed mode entrants may work a station once per mode per band.

2. Multi Operator Single Transmitter

2.1. All band

- 2.1.1. Mixed mode high power
- 2.1.2. Mixed mode low power

3. Multi Operator Multi Transmitter

- 3.1. Mixed mode all band, high power
- 3.2. Mixed mode all band, low power

All Multi-op efforts must enter the mixed mode category. There is no multi-op power level. Stations may be worked once per mode per band. In all categories, cross-mode, cross band and repeater contacts is not allowed.

8. Rookie Award

The rookie awards in the AAM contest aim to reward individual rather than team efforts, which show flexibility and skill in operating procedure for recently licensed amateurs. If the operator was first licensed as a radio amateur less than three (3) years before the start date of the contest they can indicate the date first licensed in the SOAPBOX field.

9. Contest Exchange

- 9.1. The exchange is your RS(T) (not checked during the log checking process), followed by an incremental serial number commencing at "001". Changing modes or bands does not necessitate different serial number ranges, ie the serial number simply progresses from "001" upwards sequentially as you log QSOs in any category, for single or multi-op efforts. A complete exchange, consisting of an RS(T) and serial number, must be logged for each QSO.
- 9.2. Each QSO claimed for competition credit must comply with the rules found under General Rule "5. Contacts".

10. Power Levels

For the purposes of this contest, all entrants must adhere to the power levels (expressed as Peak Envelope Power, or PEP) as set out below when determining their entry category. Additionally, all entrants must adhere to their specific licensing requirements regarding permitted power and other regulations, which take precedent over the contest-defined power levels when operating in the contest.

- 10.1. QRP is defined as 5 watts PEP or less as measured at the antenna port at the transmitter, or power amplifier (if used).
- 10.2. Low power is defined as more than 5 watts PEP but not more than 100 watts PEP measured at the antenna port either at the transmitter, or power amplifier (if used).
- 10.3. High power is defined as more than 100 watts PEP but not more than 1 500 watts PEP measured at the antenna port either at the transmitter, or power amplifier (if used).

11. Points, multipliers and scoring

11.1. Points

All QSO's are awarded 1 point.

11.2. Multiplier

The multiplier increments by one for every AF-DXCC entity worked, for each of the two operating modes: CW and SSB on any of the six operating bands: 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m.

As a worked example:

Band	QSOs	Pts.	Mults	
14000	55	55	3	eg EA8 CW, V5 PH and ZS PH
21000	65	65	3	eg ZS, FR and 7Q all PH
28000	43	43	5	eg ZS, V5, EA8, 7Q and CN on CW
Totals	163	163	11	

Actual Score: 1793

11.3. Total score

The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the sum multipliers.

Example 163 QSO points X 11 multipliers = 1 793 (final score)

12. AF DXCC Entity Definition

- 12.1. For the purposes of this contest, Africa entities are considered as per the standard ARRL DXCC list as published at the time/year of the contest currently taking place. See the end of this document for a list of the AF DXCC Entities.
- 12.2. Ship-based and aeronautical stations only count 1 point when worked and do not count as multipliers regardless of them being in international or territorial waters during the contest period.

13. Cabrillo Information

The **required** information fields at the start of the Cabrillo file are the following.

HEADER information

Bold indicates required fields and *italics* the values/examples of what must be supplied by yourself.

CALLSIGN: *yourcall*

CONTEST: **AF-ALL-MODE-DX**

CATEGORY-OPERATOR: *SINGLE-OP*

CATEGORY-BAND: *ALL*

CATEGORY-MODE: *SSB*

CATEGORY-POWER: *LOW*

NAME: *FirstName LastName*

EMAIL: *your e-mail address (this is the e-mail used to send certificates to)*

QSO Required information fields and format.

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-----info sent-----
QSO: freq  mo date      time call          rst exch  call          rst exch  t
QSO: ***** ** yyyy-mm-dd nnnn ***** nnn ***** ***** nnn ***** n
QSO: 28080 RY 2014-09-12 0531 ZS6A          59 001  W1AW/5          59 073  0
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12345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901
-----info rcvd-----

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Note for Column 81 (transmitter number): For the MULTI-TWO category, the last column in the log indicates which transmitter made the QSO. It must be a 0 or a 1. This column is not required for other categories.

A UDC file for N1MM+ is available at mysarl.org.za/contest-resources which makes cabrillo logs compliant with the above format. Other logging programs do produce Cabrillo files, however please use a text editor to check that the required header information is present in your Cabrillo log and if not edit it into the file yourself.

14. General

- 14.1. Conditions of Entry: Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions set out in this document. The decisions of the South African Radio League Contest Working Group are final and binding.
- 14.2. The use of self-spotting on packet via any means is not permitted.
- 14.3. The use of non-amateur radio means of communications (eg telephone or internet) for soliciting a contact during the contest period is not permitted.
- 14.4. Where contest-preferred segments are incorporated into regional band plans, entrants must observe them.
- 14.5. Penalties and disqualifications: participants breaching the provisions as set out in this document may be subject to a points deduction as decided by the Contest Working Group, or in serious cases disqualification.

- 14.6. Duplicate QSOs will not attract any penalties but will also not count for additional points.
- 14.7. All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-metre diameter circle, excluding antennas.
- 14.8. The use of remote receiving or transmitting installations outside of your own DXCC entity is prohibited.