

# The 2025 SARL Holiday Hunt Event

## 1. Aim

The SARL Happy Holidays event aims to promote activity on air over the year-end holidays. Whether you are lucky enough to go on a vacation or have to bargain on a stay-cation, with some extra time on hand, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the hunt for those Work all ZS (WAZS) and Work all Gridsquares (WAGS) contacts.

## 2. Date and times

14 December 22:00 UTC to 15 January 22:00 UTC

## 3. Frequencies and modes

### 3.1 Frequencies

3.1.1 All HF bands

3.1.2 **2m simplex** – No repeater contacts

3.1.3 **70cm simplex** – No repeater contacts

### 3.4 Modes

3.4.1 Phone, CW, Digital (FT8, FT4, VARAC)

3.4.2 A station may be worked only once per band and per mode for points. Eg a 40m CW QSO and a 40m Digital QSO with the same station counts 2 points and subsequent QSOs with that station on CW and Digital do not count for points.

3.4.3 Only QSOs with SADC countries will count towards points.

SADC Countries	Prefix
Angola	D2
Botswana	A2
Comoros	D6
Democratic Republic of Congo	9Q
Eswatini	3DA
Lesotho	7P
Madagascar	5R, 6X
Malawi	7Q
Mauritius	3B8, 3B9
Mozambique	C8, C9
Namibia	V5
Seychelles	S7
Tanzania	5H
Zambia	9J
Zimbabwe	Z2

#### **4. Exchange**

- 4.1. Your name, callsign, the four character gridsquare you are operating from, a realistic RS report and a holiday greeting!
- 4.2. Each QSO claimed for competition credit must comply with the rules found under General Rule “5. Contacts” of the SARL Contest Manual

#### **5. Categories**

- 5.1. Stayers – a station operated from your QTH
- 5.2. Awayers – a portable / field station operated from a gridsquare outside of your QTH gridsquare
- 5.3. Mixers – Combination of the above.

#### **6. Scoring**

##### **6.1 Points**

- 6.1.1 1 point for every QSO with ZS or SADC countries. DX contacts do not score points.
- 6.1.2 2 points for every QSO on the 30m band
- 6.1.3 2 points for every QSO on the 60m band

##### **6.2. Multipliers**

- 6.2.1 The first contact with a ZS gridsquare counts as multiplier  
Each gridsquare counts 1 point. If you work KG54, your grid multiplier will be 1. If you work KG54 and KG33, the multiplier will be 2. The multiplier increases by 1 for each new gridsquare worked. The same gridsquare worked on other bands or modes does not count towards the multiplier.
- 6.2.2 The first contact on a band counts as multiplier  
This follows the same logic as gridsquares. The first 40m contact (irrespective of mode) will earn you a band multiplier of 1. If you work 40m and 20m, the multiplier will be 2 and it increases by one for each new band worked.
- 6.2.3 The first contact with any SADC country counts as multiplier  
The same logic is followed as for the gridsquare and band multipliers.

#### **7. Log Sheets**

- 7.1. Log sheets in MS Excel, cabrillo or ADIF format shall be submitted by 21:59 UTC on 30 January; by e-mail to [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za). When submitting your log, your call sign must appear at the start of the file name, eg ZS2B-2025-Holiday-Hunt.xlsx.
- 7.2 The Excel log sheet is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>

#### **8. Awards**

- 8.1. Electronic placement certificates will be issued for the top three places.
- 8.2. Participants will be awarded a pdf participant certificate.