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The SARL Happy Holidays Hunt

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

The Holidays Hunt will run from 22:00 UTC on Sunday 14 December (00:00 CAT 15 December) to 22:00 UTC on Thursday 15 January 2026. Phone, CW and digital (FT8, FT4, VARAC) QSOs can be used on all the HF bands, 2 m simplex and 70 cm simplex – No repeater QSOs.

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

Only QSOs with SADC countries will count towards points – 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 and South Africa, ZU, ZR, ZS, ZT.

The exchange is your name, call sign, the four-character grid square you are operating from, a realistic RS, RST or RSQ report and a holiday greeting! Each QSO claimed for competition credit must be made by a living person.

You can participate as a Stayer – a station operated from your QTH – home; an Awayer – a portable / field station operated from a grid square outside of your QTH grid square or a Mixer – a combination of the above.

You score one (1) point for every QSO with ZS or SADC countries. DX QSOs do not score points. You score two (2) points for every QSO on the 30 m (*the band segment 10 120 kHz to 10 140 kHz may be used for SSB transmissions in Africa south of the equator during local daylight hours*) and two (2)

December

- 14 to 22 - Chanukah
- 16 - the Day of the Covenant
- 21 - Summer Solstice @ 15:02 UTC and the Ursids Meteor Shower
- 22 - the Ursids Meteor Shower
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Day of Goodwill
- 31 - Old Year's Eve; the end of the YOTA Month, the SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party and the DX Marathon

January

- 1 - News Year's Day, the start of the CQ DX Marathon and the start of the ISS Contact Session
- 3 - the ARRL Kid's Day
- 3 and 4 - the Quadrantids Meteor Shower
- 4 - World Braille Day
- 9 to 11 - the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest
- 10 and 11 - the North American CW QSO Party
- 14 - Provincial Schools open
- 17 - the Delta Crancrids Meteor Shower and the SARL Summer QRP Contest
- 17 and 18 - the the North American SSB QSO Party
- 21 - the Eta Carinids Meteor Shower
- 24 - the International Day of Education and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
- 24 and 25 - the FastOne cycle race

points for every QSO on the 60 m band. (Please note that most SADC counters have access to WRC-15 5 MHz allocation of 5 351.5 to 5 366.5 kHz with 15 Watt EIRP, only South Africa and Lesotho (possibly Mozambique) have access to 5 350.0 – 5 354.0 kHz. Therefore, arrange your 60 metre QSOs.)

Multipliers. The first QSO with a ZS grid square counts as multiplier. Each grid square 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 grid square worked. The same grid square worked on other bands or modes does not count towards the multiplier.

The first QSO on a band, counts as multiplier. This follows the same logic as grid squares. The first 40 m QSO (irrespective of mode) will earn you a band multiplier of 1. If you work 40 m and 20 m, the multiplier will be 2 and it increases by one for each new band worked.

The first QSO with any SADC country counts as multiplier. The same logic is followed as for the grid square and band multipliers.

Submit your log sheet in MS Excel, Cabrillo or ADIF format by 21:59 UTC on Friday 30 January, by e-mail to contest@sarl.org.za. When submitting your log, your call sign must appear at the start of the file name, e.g. 7P8DG 2025 Holiday Hunt.xlsx. The Excel log sheet is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>.

An electronic placement certificate will be issued for the top three places and participants will receive a PDF participant certificate.

The America250 WAS Challenge

2026 marks a year of many celebrations. In addition to the ARRL's Year of the Club, it is also the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. To honour this milestone, the ARRL has introduced a special, yearlong Worked All States (WAS) Award, called the America250-WAS. This for-purchase award will be available throughout 2026 via Logbook of The World (LoTW) and only QSLs made via LoTW count toward the award.

The America250-WAS Award is earned by confirming contact with all 50 states between 00:00 UTC 1 January 2026 and 23:59 UTC 31 December 2026. Endorsements for this award include:

- W1AW/Portable — Confirm contact with W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states (states will be active for two 7-day periods during the year) on HF, VHF and above (excluding 60 metres) on all three modes (CW/phone/digital).
- Triple-Play — Confirm contact with stations in all 50 states on all three modes (CW/phone/digital), regardless of band.
- Affiliated Clubs — Confirm contact with Affiliated Club call signs (the call sign must be as shown on the ARRL Affiliated Club web page at www.arrl.org/find-a-club. For example, contacts made with the Newington Amateur Radio League, W1OKY, count for Connecticut when contacting all 50 states. Visit lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started to get your club call sign set up in LoTW for a call sign certificate. Direct any questions to lotw-help@arrl.org.

Questions regarding the America250-WAS Award can be directed to ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, w9jj@arrl.org.

ConTest University CTU in Dayton for 2026 - registration is now open!

I am proud to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 Dayton ConTest University ("CTU") to be held all day on Thursday 14 May 2026 at the Hope Hotel. <https://www.hopehotel.com/>.

This is the day before Hamvention opens in Xenia, Ohio. CTU 2025 Dayton was amazing and we expect 2026 CTU to be even better!

Eight different countries have hosted CTUs over the past seventeen years. USA, Australia, Russia, Germany, Italy, England, Brazil and Finland. Over 12 000 students have attended these CTUs with more than 120 CTU Professors sharing their contesting experiences.

2026 CTU will be the 17th year for CTU at Dayton. To give you an idea of the quality of the CTU content and activities you can see videos and PDF presentations from past CTUs on the CTU web site at <https://www.contestuniversity.com/>.

The 2026 CTU Dayton course outline will be posted once all professors have confirmed for 2026. Check the CTU website frequently for updates. We have several NEW (first time at CTU - experienced) professors for 2026! Each presentation is carefully prepared with up-to-date information - the CTU professors are experienced contesters and will share their knowledge. You can ask questions and find out new ways to enjoy radio sport contesting!

There are scholarships (student registration fee paid) available for CTU through a generous grant from the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) for those students 25 years old and younger. Please use the "contact us" button on the CTU website to get more information. 2026 Student registration information is on the CTU web site now <https://www.contestuniversity.com/>. CTU registration makes a great Christmas gift!

Important - as we did last year - if you want to sign up for CTU 2026 Dayton and you have given (or will give one by Hamvention 2026) a talk about Amateur Radio to any club, Hamfest or group since 14 May 2025 - you qualify for a \$10,00 registration fee discount. Please choose the "Registration with Club talk discount" option to get the \$10,00 discount. Spreading the word about amateur radio is lots of fun and can save you money at CTU!

Thanks to all of the CTU sponsors including Icom America, DX Engineering, the Northern California DX Foundation, YASME, ARDC, ARRL and the Radio Club of America for making CTU possible. CTU would not happen without the leadership of Teri, K8MNJ. Also, thanks to K3MNJ, N8AMY and K1SO for all their help with CTU. Special thanks to Scott, KA9FOX from QTH.com for hosting, constructing and maintaining the CTU headquarters web site.

Please post this CTU announcement to your club newsletters, bulletins and websites! Hope to see you in Dayton at CTU 2026 and Merry Christmas, Tim, K3LR - Contest University Chairman

The FCC Allocates 60-Metre World-Wide Amateur Band Approved at WRC-15; Continues Amateur Use of Four Additional 60-Meter Channels and Updates 420 MHz Coordination Information

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on 9 December 2025, released a long-awaited Report and Order adopting a new amateur radio spectrum allocation in the 60-metre band that was approved for worldwide use on a secondary basis in the WRC-15 (World Radiocommunication Conference 2015) Final Acts. The Commission also agreed with a petition from ARRL to continue to allow amateur operations on four existing 60-metre channels outside the international allocation with a full 100 watts. The new rules will go into effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, when amateurs may then begin using the allocation.

The Report and Order can be found online at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-final-rules-implementing-wrc-15>.

Specifically, the Commission allocated 5 351.5 – 5 366.5 kHz (60 metres) to the amateur service on a secondary basis with a permitted power of 9,15 watts ERP. The Commission also authorized amateurs to continue using four existing channels outside of the 5 351.5 – 5 366.5 kHz band centred on 5 332, 5 348, 5 373 and 5 405 kHz on a secondary basis with a permitted power of 100 watts ERP. There are no antenna restrictions, but antenna gain must be used to calculate ERP.

The 60-metre allocation is available to amateurs holding a General Class or above license. The maximum permissible signal bandwidth is 2,8 kHz.

Amateurs are cautioned that this allocation is strictly on a secondary basis and amateurs must avoid interfering with non-amateur stations using this spectrum. This obligation includes the responsibility to monitor for such stations using appropriate receiver bandwidths. The FCC emphasized that "allowing amateur operations in this band while fully protecting incumbent primary Federal operations is our priority and even intermittent interference in this band could jeopardize important Federal operations."

The Commission left open ARRL's 2017 Petition for Rulemaking to implement this WRC allocation (RM-11785), stating that "we expect the Commission may address any necessary power adjustments for the new 15 kilohertz international allocation in that proceeding." The ARRL will be

observing operations in the new band to evaluate the effect of the 9,15-watt limit and has already been monitoring the regulations and experiences of amateurs in other countries.

Finally, in the same Report and Order, the FCC updated 420 - 450 MHz coordination and contact information for geographic areas where the peak envelope power (PEP) of amateur stations operating is generally limited to 50 watts. There was no substantive change to the areas covered by the power limitation.

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

South Africa, ZS. The special event stations ZS100SARL, ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ celebrate the 100th anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL) until the end of 2025.

Central African Republic, TL. João, CR7BNW, is now active TL8BNW from the Central African Republic until June 2026. He was heard on 20 m digital. He states on QRZ.com, "The equipment has already started to arrive... Assembly and testing just begun. I will start broadcasting during Christmas week 20th to 25th SSB." He stated earlier, "I will be operating on 40, 20, 15 and 10 m using a dipole on SSB and digital modes." All contacts will be logged in LoTW and QRZ. December is almost here and Christmas is approaching and good things are coming. There will be the possibility of sending QSL from Portugal and the possibility of a Special hand-painted Edition at the end of the tour. More information will be available soon."

South Sudan, Z8. It has been reported that Diya, YI1DZ, will once again be active as Z81D from Juba, South Sudan, starting around 14 December. Activity will be on 40 to 6 m using SSB and digital, with a "chance" to operate possibly on 80/60 m. QSL via OM3JW, ClubLog, LoTW or eQSL.

Morocco, CN. Members of the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active as CN35CAN during the 35th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations, the biennial international competition for African football (soccer) teams. Morocco will host the tournament from 21 December to 18 January 2026. QSL direct, see qrz.com.



Namibia V5. Hanspeter, HB9BFM, will be active as V5/HB9BFM from several different locations (see QRZ.com for more details) in Namibia between 26 August and 20 September 2026. Mostly of his activity will be between 16:00 – 19:00 UTC on Olivia 8/250 at 14 072,000 kHz centre frequency, with some operations on 20 m Varac. Equipment is an Icom IC-7300 using the following antennas - Windom Dipole for 3,5 MHz and 7 MHz; HB9XBG-Vertical-Dipole for 14 MHz and HB9XBG-Vertical-Dipole for 21 MHz. QSL via HB9BFM direct: Hanspeter Baumeler, 3907 Simplon-Hospiz, Switzerland

African Islands

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 15 to 22 December 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 15 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide

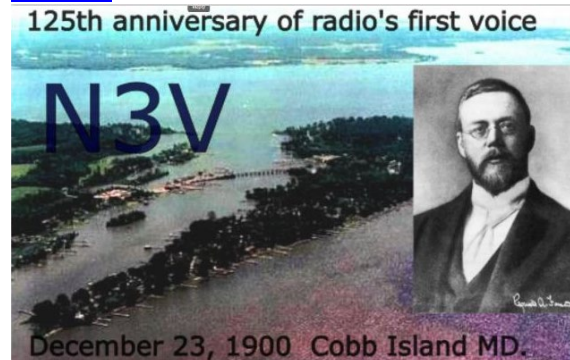
Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 17 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html



4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 15 December
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: CW: 5 watts, SSB: 10 watts
 Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 17 December 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://qrpcontest.com/4sqr>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.4sqr.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

ICWC Medium Speed Test
 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 15 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 16 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Name and QSO no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 18 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://internationalcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 15 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 19 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2>

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 16 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Overlay: Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL (female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years)
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL
 Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 17 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

NAQCC CW Sprint
 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 17 December
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
 Classes: (none)
 Max power: 1 watt
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power
 Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net and jcoreyc@gmail.com
 Upload log at: http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: http://naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html



QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 17 December
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 40 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 18 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Weekly Test
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 17 December
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: 100 watts
 Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
 Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 19 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
[www.perluma.com/Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)



A1Club AWT
 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 17 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Member: RST and name
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

CWops Test (CWT)
 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 18 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Member: Name and member no or CWA; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 08:00 UTC 20 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40
 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 17 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 40 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per 10-minute period
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 19 December 2025
 Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

Mini-Test 80

18:00 - 18:59 UTC 17 December
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts
LP: 100 watts
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per 10-minute period
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 19 December 2025
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 18 December and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 December
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 20 m Only
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 13 wpm – RST, state, province or country, name and member no or power
Work stations: Once per day
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 25 December 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
<https://qrcontest.com/pigwalk20/autolog.php>
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Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://qrcontest.com/pigwalk20/>

NTC QSO Party
19:00 - 20:00 UTC 18 December

Geographic Focus: The Netherlands
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Electronic Keyer; Mechanical Keyer
Exchange: NTC Member: RST and member no; non-Member: RST and "NM" - Less than 25 wpm
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with PI4NTC, PF6NTC or PG6NTC; 2 points per QSO with NTC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 22 December 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://pi4ntc.nl/ntcqp/>



NCCC FT4 Sprint
01:00 - 01:30 UTC 19 December
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: 4-character grid square
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 21 December 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html

Weekly RTTY Test
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 19 December

Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single-Op - QRP or low
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Name and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call sign once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 21 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>



QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 19 December
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 20 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 19 December

Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Max power: 100 watts
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 21 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

AGB-Party Contest
 16:00 - 17:00 UTC 19 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Digital; Single Op QRP; Multi-Op; SWL
 Exchange: AGB Member: RST, QSO no and member no; non-Member: RST and QSO no
 Work stations: Once per mode per 15-minute period (see rules)
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with AGB member
 Multipliers: Each AGB member once; Each DXCC/WAE country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 16 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: eu1eu@mail.ru
 Mail logs to: Igor "Harry" Getmann, EU1EU, P.O.Box 143, Minsk 220005, Belarus
 Find rules at:
www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm

K1USN Slow Speed Test
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 19 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 21 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

Feld Hell Sprint
 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 20 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: Feld Hell
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: (none)
 Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: (see rules)
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Bonus Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: (see rules)
 Submit logs by: 24 December 2025
 Upload log at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/Happy-Birthday-Rudolph-Sprint>

OK DX RTTY Contest
 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 20 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op; SWL
 Max operating hours: 24 hours
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
 Exchange: RST and CQ Zone

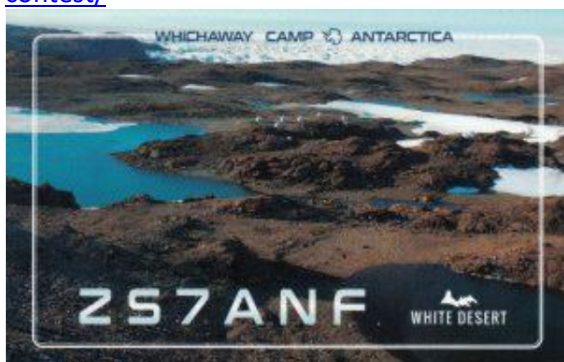
QSO Points: 10 - 20 m: 1-point same continent, 2 points different continent; 40 - 80 m: 3 points same continent, 6 points different continent
 Multipliers: DXCC Countries, once per band; OK stations, once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (DXCC mults and OK mults)
 Submit logs by: 27 December 2025
 Upload log at:
<http://okrtty.crk.cz/index.php?page=send-log>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://okrtty.crk.cz/index.php?page=english>



RAC Winter Contest
 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 20 December
 Mode: CW, Phone
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted All Band - low or high; Single Op All Band CW; Single Op All Band Phone; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Overlay; Rookie; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi
 Max operating hours: 24 hours
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: VE: RS(T) and province or territory; non-VE and VE0: RS(T) and serial no
 QSO Points: VE/VE0: 10 points; non-VE/VE0: 2 points; RAC official stations: 20 points
 Multipliers: VE provinces and territories (13), once per mode per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: canadawinter@rac.ca
 Upload log at: <https://contest.rac.ca/>
 Mail logs to: Radio Amateurs of Canada, 720 Belfast Road, Suite 217, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z5, Canada
 Find rules at: www.rac.ca/contesting-results/

Croatian DX Contest

14:00 UTC 20 December to 14:00 UTC 21 December
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed-low or high; Single Op All Band Mixed QRP; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Two Bands; Single Op Overlay: Youth; Multi-Single
Max operating hours: 24 hours
Max power: HP: 100 or more watts; LP: <100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: 9A: RS(T) and county; non-9A: RS(T) and ITU Zone
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each ITU zone once per band per mode; 9A: DXCC/WAE Countries once per band per mode; non-9A: Each 9A county once per band per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 29 December 2025
Upload log at:
www.hamradio.hr/hfrobot/index.php?Lang=english
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.hamradio.hr/9a-dx-contest/



ARRL CW Rookie Roundup

18:00 - 23:59 UTC 21 December
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Rookie; Multi-Op Rookie;
Non-Rookies
Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name, 2-digit year first licensed and state, province, XE area or DX

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-rookie; 2 points per QSO with rookie

Multipliers: Each US state and DC once; Each VE province once; Each XE call area once; One DX once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 24 December 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<https://contests.arrl.org/arrlrrscoresubmission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

23:00 UTC 21 December to 01:00 UTC 22 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 27 December 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://qrptest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrptest.com/pigrun/>

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 December

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and
 state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country
 once per band; W/VE do not count as country
 mults
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 24 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

ICWC Medium Speed Test
 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22
 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: Name and QSO no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each call once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 25 December 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)

Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 23 December
 SKCC Sprint 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 24 December
 QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 24 December
 Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 24 December
 A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 24 December
 CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 24 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00
 - 08:00 UTC 25 December
 Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 24 December
 Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 24 December
 NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 26 December
 Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 26 December

Find rules at:
<https://internationalcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 22 December
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single
 Op Single Band - QRP or low
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each last character of worked
 station call suffix once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 26 December 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules21>

QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 26 December
NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 December
DARC Christmas Contest 08:30 - 10:59 UTC 26 December
K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 26 December
Stew Perry Topband Challenge 15:00 UTC 27 December to 15:00 UTC 28 December
Original QRP Contest 15:00 UTC 27 December to 15:00 UTC 28 December
RAEM Contest 00:00 - 11:59 UTC 28 December
K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 29 December
YOTA Contest 10:00 - 21:59 UTC 29 December
QCX Challenge 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 December
ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 December
OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 29 December
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 30 December

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