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SARL QRP Summer Contest

The 2026 QRP Challenge series commences this coming Saturday morning 17 January 2026, start at 07:00 UTC. This is your invitation to join operators from across the country and perhaps even further afield, for two hours of pure radio fun and excitement.



You can experiment freely by using phone and CW across 40, 20 and 10 m at any time from your favourite operating spot and using your favourite equipment—no restrictions! The exchange is simple – a realistic RS or RST report, your six-character grid square and your output power in watts. You score more - earn a point for every grid square worked. Plan your strategy, have fun and climb the leaderboard. And get featured - snap a selfie with your station in action and submit it with your log for a bonus point and a chance to be featured in Radio ZS.

Whether you are chasing points or just chasing fun and irrespective of whether you are running QRP or QRO, everyone is welcome and invited to the party. Do not wait, prepare your gear and get ready to make 2026 your year! Catch you on the airwaves this coming Saturday 17 January between 07:00 and 09:00 UTC. See all the details on page 43 of the 2026 SARL Contest Manual.

The January Power Hour Tech Talk

January

- 14 - Provincial Schools open
- 17 - the Delta Cancriids 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
- 30 - closing date for SARL Symposium Paper proposals
- 31 - the closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nominations

February

- 1 - the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day
- 2 - World Wetlands Day
- 7 - the East Rand Boot Sale
- 8 - the Hamsat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party
- 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12A - World Radio Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 14 and 15 - the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and the Ride for Sight cycle race

Are you curious about digital radio, or eager to learn more about D-STAR? Then do not miss out! Mark your calendars for 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 28 January 2026 and join us for the very first Power Hour Tech Talk of the year! We are thrilled to welcome our renowned guest, Dick, ZS6BUN who will guide us through a fascinating Digital D-STAR Primer.

Whether you are a seasoned operator or just starting out, this session promises to spark your interest in this amazing digital mode. D-STAR or Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio lets you connect with operators worldwide using digital voice and data.

Want to know more? Spread the word, set a reminder and join us on Zoom for an evening of discovery and inspiration. Do not miss this opportunity - Power Hour Tech Talk, 19:00 CAT on 28 January. See you there!

DXpedition Trophy

The DXpedition Trophy (DXPT) is an annual global amateur radio competition designed to encourage and reward contacts made with selected major DXpeditions. It runs from 1 January to 31 December, and the award programme for registered users is managed automatically. DXPT is seeking sponsors for the plaques to be awarded to this year's winners, see <https://www.dxpt.org/en/plaque-8.asp>.

QSL Gallery

The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 23 115 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2015 - 24), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945 - 80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters," the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945 - 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome. <http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php>.

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Malawi, 7Q. Chris, ZS6RI, is currently active from Karonga in Malawi's North as 7Q5C. Lengthy work assignments of 6 months will keep him busy there until 2027. QSL via ClubLog, LoTW.

Guinea 3X. Herman, YB3GIH has been active as 3X/YB3GIH from Boffa, Guinea since 31 December and expects to remain there for about six months. He operates SSB on 20 and 15 metres. QSOs are uploaded to eQSL, Club Log and LoTW.

Nigeria 5N. Lars, DM1HLK has lived in Ikeja, Nigeria since 2022 and got his 5N4DMZ licence in December 2025. For now, he is operating portable from the rooftop of his apartment complex, with a fixed setup planned for a later date. "At the moment only active on digital modes", he says, "but hope to get proficient enough to active on CW during 2026". QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

Kenya, 5Z4. Michael, OZ6ABL, informs that he will be active as 5Z4/OZ6ABL from Watamu (WW Loc. LI06AP), Kenya, between 15 January and 28 February 2026. He states, "It is my trip number 14 to Kenya, but the first time I am taking my radio with me :-)." Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 6 m (no 60 m) using CW, SSB and digital. Radio equipment will be an IC-7300 (w/100 w) into a Buddipole and wire antennas. QSL via his home call sign OZ6ABL, ClubLog or LoTW. Bureau is OK, but slow. Michael states, "I will be on the radio as much as possible, but it is not a DXpedition will run like holiday style."

Benin, TY. Gérard, F5NVF is now on his way to Benin. His plane was cancelled on 6 January due to snow at Paris CDG airport. Upon arrival he should be QRV mainly on CW at the end of the week / weekend.

The Gambia, C5. Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally, into February or March. active mainly on the high bands using SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

Central African Republic, TL. Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and digital with a dipole.

Namibia, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is once again active as V51WH until 24 March with activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60 m included).

South Sudan, Z8. Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until 30 March. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and digital. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

Tanzania, 5H. A few sources are reporting that Chas, NK8O, is heading back to the Chihoni Medical Centre in Dodoma, Tanzania, between 17 January and 17 February and will be active as 5H3DX. Look for activity on 30 to 10 m using CW, SSB, PSK31 and FT. QSL via NK8O, LoTW, ClubLog. NO Bureau.

Tanzania, 5H. Mik, DK5MIK aims to climb Mt Kilimanjaro later this month. Depending on weather and tour conditions, he plans to operate with a KX2 radio occasionally from POTA TZ-0005. However, this will only be CW QRP, and only when it fits within the group's schedule; the focus is on the climb, not on radio communication, says Mik. Also, from 26 to 28 January, a short trip to Zanzibar AF-032 is in the works where Mik will try to operate from there also QRP CW, holiday style. Call sign: 5H3MK.

Rwanda, 9X. Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW starting from 22 January for 18 days. Activity will be holiday-style on QO-100 and from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digital.

African Islands

Canary Islands, EA8. Christoph, DA1CM posted the following, "Starting 11 January I will be working the bands on Tenerife Island, Canary Islands as EA8/DA1CM. Except from doing Islands-On-The-Air (IOTA) on AF-004, I am also doing some multi-activations, as you can do POTA and SOTA in combination. Please send QSL-Cards via Bureau to my primary call sign DA1CM. All the QSOs will later also be uploaded to LoTW, QRZ.com, eQSL, HAMQTH. In case you require QSL via Bureau please send me an e-mail."

Italian Africa, IG9. Milan, S58MU reports that a Slovenian team will be on a DXpedition to Lampedusa Island (IOTA AF-019, WAZ 33, ITU 37; WLOTA # 2312; QTH Locator JM65H) from 18 to 26 January. The Team is IG9/S51V; IG9/S52OT; IG9/S53R; IG9/S53T; IG9/S54W (this call will be used in the CQ WW 160 m contest); IG9/S56DX; IG9/S57UN; IG9/S58MU; IG9/S59A; IG9/S59ZZ; IG9/YT3H and IG9ITO. QSL via the S5 QSL bureau.

Cape Verde, D4. Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from 6 to 19 February with activity on HF with high-efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.

Sao Tome & Principe, S9. Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from 5 to 20 February, holiday style on 60, 40, 30 and 15 metres using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 12 to 19 January 2026.

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 12 January

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 14 January 2026

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 12 January

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: 14 January 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://qrptest.com/4sqrp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf



ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12

January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 January

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 15 January 2026

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

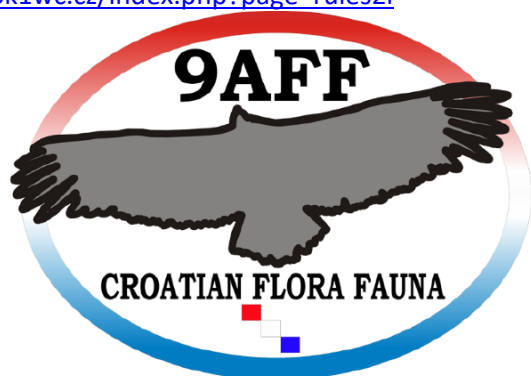
Find rules at:

<https://internationalcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 12 January

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 16 January 2026
 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 13 January
 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 14 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

DARC RTTY Sprint
 18:00 - 19:29 UTC 13 January
 Geographic Focus: Germany
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op Single Xmtr - QRP or low
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: DL: RST and DOK or NM; non-DL: RST and serial no
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each DOK once per band
 Each prefix once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 19:29 UTC 20 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://dxhf2.darc.de/~shortrylog/upload.cgi?form=referat&lang=en>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/rtty-kurz/darc-rtty-contest-english-version/darc-rtty-rules/

QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 14 January
 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 15 January 2026
 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 14 January
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 16 January 2026
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 14 January
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: 19 January 2026
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 14 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 15 January
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 17 January 2026
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 14 January
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: 16 January 2026
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 14 January

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

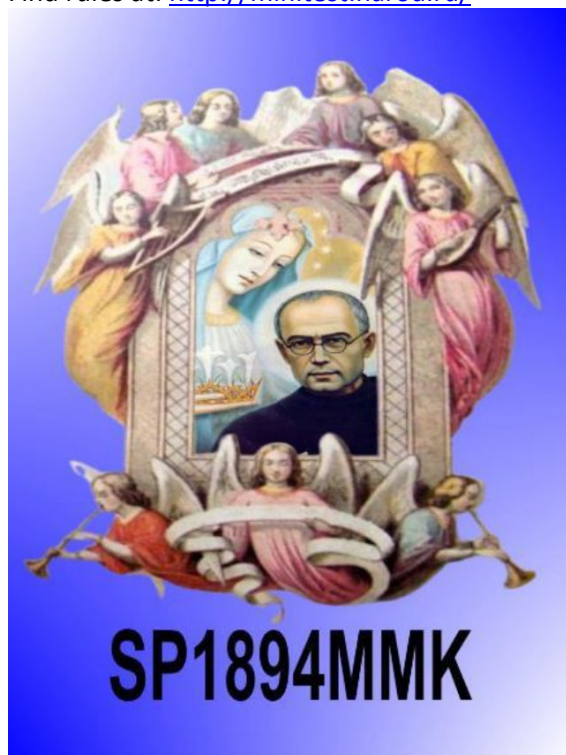
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 January 2026

Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>



AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest

23:00 UTC 14 January to 23:00 UTC 15 January
and 23:00 UTC 17 January to 23:00 UTC 18
January

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, Eqpt Year and Input Power (see rules for format)

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 15 February 2026

E-mail logs to: smfetter@verizon.net

Mail logs to: Steve Fetter, WA8UEG, 263

McKay Road, Henryville, PA 18332, USA

Find rules at:

www.antiquewireless.org/homepage/linc-cundall-memorial-cw-contest/

NTC QSO Party

19:00 - 20:00 UTC 15 January

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: 19 January 2026

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 16 January

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: 18 January 2026
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 16 January
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: 18 January 2026
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 16 January
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 17 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 January

Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
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 KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province 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: 18 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>



K1USN Slow Speed Test
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 16 January
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 18 January 2026

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

Hungarian DX Contest

12:00 UTC 17 January to 11:59 UTC 18 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - CW or SSB - low or high; Single Op All Band Mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band; Single Op 3 Band; Multi-Single; YOTA-6H
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: HA: RS(T) and 2-letter county; non-HA: RS(T) and serial no
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent; 10 points per QSO with HA station
Multipliers: Each Hungarian county, once per band; Each DXCC and WAE country, once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 23 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://ha-dx.com/en/submit-log>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://ha-dx.com/en/contest-rules>



PRO Digi Contest

12:00 UTC 17 January to 11:59 UTC 18 January
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY, FT4, BPSK63
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (see rules)
Max power: High: >50 watts; Low: 50 watts

Exchange: Digi Club Member: RST, serial no and "M"; non-Members: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: QSO with own country: 1 point; QSO with own continent or other continents: 2 points; QSO with Digi club member: 2 bonus points; QSO between Digi club members: 6 bonus points
Multipliers: Each prefix outside of entrant's country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 25 January 2026
E-mail logs to: digi@proradiocontestclub.ro
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://proradiocontestclub.com/PDC%20Rules.html>

RSGB AFS SSB Contest

13:00 - 17:00 UTC 17 January
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op or Multi-Op – low, medium or high - (see rules for team requirements)
Max power: HP: 400 watts; MP: 100 watts; LP: 10 watts
Exchange: RS and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 18 January 2026
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rafs.shtml

North American SSB QSO Party

18:00 UTC 17 January to 05:59 UTC 18 January
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low; Single Op Assisted - QRP or low; Single Op Overlay: Youth; Multi-Two (Low)
Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours; Multi-Two: 12 hours

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 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/DC (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: 05:59 UTC 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
www.ncjweb.com/naqplogsubmit/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf

NA Collegiate SSB Championship
 18:00 UTC 17 January to 05:59 UTC 18 January
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: North America
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Multi-One - low
 Max operating hours: 12 hours; Max power: LP: 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/DC (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: 05:59 UTC 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
www.ncjweb.com/naqplogsubmit/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.w9smc.com/nacc/

Feld Hell Sprint

20:00 UTC 17 January to 05:59 UTC 18 January
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: Feld Hell
 Bands: 160, 80, 40 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: 22 January 2026
 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/low-down-sprint>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
 23:00 UTC 18 January to 01:00 UTC 19 January
 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: 24 January 2026
 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 19 January
 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 January 2026
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 19 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 January
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 22 January 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 20 January
QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 21 January
Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 January
A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 21 January

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 19 January
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 23 January 2026
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>

RSGB FT4 Contest
20:00 - 22:00 UTC 19 January
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: Signal report
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 5 points per QSO with HQ stations G#6XX
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each HQ station G#6XX once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 20 January 2026
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/r80m_ft4.shtml

CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 21 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 22 January
Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 21 January
Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 21 January
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 23 January
NAQCC CW Sprint 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 22 January
NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 23 January
Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 23 January
QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 23 January
NCCC Sprint Ladder 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 January
K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 23 January
CQ 160-Metre CW Contest, 22:00 UTC 23 January to 22:00 UTC 25 January
REF CW Contest, 06:00 UTC 24 January to 18:00 UTC 25 January
BARTG RTTY Sprint 12:00 UTC 24 January to 12:00 UTC 25 January
Winter Field Day 16:00 UTC 24 January to 21:59 UTC 25 January
Australia Day Contest 22:00 UTC 25 January to 10:00 UTC 26 January
K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 26 January
QCX Challenge 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 January
ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 January
OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 26 January
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 27 January

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