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The Youth needs your help next weekend

CQ Hou Koers is the Voortrekkers' national amateur radio communication day, taking place on Saturday, 17 October 2026. Yes, it falls on the same weekend as Jamboree on the Air and the BACAR-14 launch! Chat via amateur radio with other Voortrekkers and Scouts from across South Africa, Namibia and even the rest of the world.



Die Voortrekkers

Learn more about a fascinating

hobby that fosters resilience and aligns perfectly with the Voortrekkers' commitment to service. Contact Andries Visagie (ZS6VL) at andries.visagie@gmail.com for more information about CQ Hou Koers and to offer your assistance in getting a Voortrekker Commando on the air.

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet are the world's largest digital and radio Scout event, promoting friendship and global citizenship. The event takes place every year in October. It is a great opportunity for Scouts and Scout groups to take part in an international jamboree. JOTA/JOTI 2026 takes place from Friday, 16 October, to Sunday, 18 October. Scouts from around the world can join in over the internet or amateur radio, take part in activities and learn about one another's countries.

JOTA/JOTI is open to Scouts and Guides of all ages. To take part, register your branch or group on the JOTA/JOTI website: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>. You can make JOTA/JOTI 2026 part of an event about



October

- 5 - World Teachers' Day
- 6 - Provincial Schools open
- 7 - Draconids Meteor Shower
- 9 - World Postal Day
- 10 - Radio Amateur Examination and Kruger Day
- 12 - World Migratory Bird Day
- 14 - Early Morning Coffee QSO Party
- 16 to 18 - Jamboree-on-the-Air
- 17 - CQ Hou Koers and BACAR-14 launch
- 21 - the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
- 21 and 22 - Orionids Meteor Shower
- 24 and 25 - CQ WW DX Phone contest
- 31 - the SARL VHF/UHF FM Mode Contest

November

- 4 and 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower
- 5 - Guy Fawkes Day
- 7 - the West Rand Boot Sale and the SARL Spring QRP Contest
- 11 - Armistice Day
- 14 - World Diabetes Day
- 17 and 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower
- 21 - SARL Newbie QSO Party
- 28 - the SARL Saturday 40 m Club contest
- 28 and 29 - CQ WW DX CW contest

communication and international Scouting. For a JOTI-only event, you need a computer and a good internet connection. Details are available online when you register.

HF Conditions South Africa

Georg, ZS1GFL, has created real-time HF propagation information for South African amateurs. Visit <https://zs1gfl.ampr.org/HFSA/index.html>. This page provides a free shortwave radio propagation report designed for South African radio amateurs. It briefly shows how favourable radio band conditions are at present. It displays the current state of the Sun and the Earth's magnetic field; together, these determine whether long-distance radio signals will propagate well or fade away.

You can see which bands are worth trying, the potential range of signals and the conditions expected over the next day or two. A world map shows day and night areas and marks the “grey line” along the boundary between them — a prime location for picking up distant stations. Everything updates automatically several times an hour. Times are displayed in both South African time and UTC, synchronized to an accurate clock.

There is also a page dedicated to QO-100, the amateur radio satellite and a guide explaining every term used on the site. The information serves as a guideline, not a guarantee. Radio conditions are constantly changing and no prediction is ever certain. Georg would like to receive feedback from fellow radio amateurs; you can contact him at zs1gfl@gltech.co.za.

JARL WW RTTY Contest

Starting in 2026, the Japan Amateur Radio League will officially take over the JARTS Worldwide RTTY Contest, which has been held for 34 years and will host it as the JARL World Wide RTTY Contest. The first edition will take place on 17 and 18 October; the complete rules can be found at https://www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/rtty_rules_en.html.

Looking for a Manual?

Still running a Kenwood TS-850S, or an old amplifier that just works better than something new? [The Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications](#) (DLARC) has recently uploaded over ten thousand manuals donated from the now-defunct Manuals Plus company.

Curator Kay Savetz, K6KJN, says, “Big news: the Manuals Plus project is done. Like, done done, put a bow on it. This massive manual scanning project started more than a decade ago, in 2015 when a company called Manuals Plus went out of business and donated pallets of rare manuals to Internet Archive. Then, a couple of years ago, DLARC scanned four pallets of the radio-related manuals. In September 2025, I announced in this space that we were back for another bite of the apple, with nine more pallets of tech manuals going to the scanning centre. There was no way to know ahead of time what products the manuals were for: some would be for radio-related equipment, some wouldn’t. Internet Archive scanned it all, then we separated out the material relevant for DLARC. More than 10 600 manuals were deemed “DLARC-worthy” out of a total collection of 13 046 manuals. You’ll find manuals for rare amplifiers, radios, and all sorts of tools and test equipment. My colleague Jason Scott wrote a blog post titled [Manuals Plus: The Wrap-Up](#) that nicely summarizes the whole adventure.”

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Somalia, 6O. Pertti, OG2M will be active from Garowe as 6O2M between 5 and 25 October. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB during his spare time. QSL via LoTW.

DR of CONGO, 9Q. The Mediterranean DX Club is active as 9T0MD until 11 October. The 9T prefix has never been used before. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digital. Also, on QO-100 and EME. <https://www.mdxc.support/9t0md/>

The Gambia, C5. Lui, YT3PL; Luc, F5RAV and Darko, E70A are once again active as C5R from near Banjul until 4 November. Their humanitarian work is ongoing – so far, they made 3 new classrooms for WILCOS school for children aged 3 to 5 years old. All the money that is donated will be invested in this project – they already spent €7500 but still need to make new toilets and add new tiles to make new floors.

The Gambia, C5. Alan, G3XAQ will be operating as C56XA from November 17 until December 1. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and FT8. An entry in the CQ WW CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW. OQRS via G3SWH.

Eswatini, 3DA0. Morten, LA9GY will be operating as 3DA0GY from 15 October until 2 November. Morten says, 'I will likely set up the antenna at the same location as last year — Piggs Peak, situated in the mountains of the Hhohho region. A year ago, 99% of the QSOs were CW. This time, I plan to operate SSB in the Worked All Germany Contest and CQ WW. There will likely be a fair number of SSB QSOs outside of the contests as well'

Guinea, 3X. The Belgian Rockall DX group's (Marc, ON4AMX; Filip, ON4FF; Patrick, ON4HIL; Luc, ON4IA; Pascal, ON5RA; Karel, ON5TN; Marc, ON6CC; Wim, ON6DX; Franky, ON7RU and Ronald, PA3EWP) next destination is Guinea. The team will be active as 3X4U between 11 and 23 November. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digital with 5 stations, hexbeams, phased verticals and a foursquare. QSL via MOURX OQRS. <https://rockall.be/>

African Islands

(These unfortunately do not count towards your All Africa Award)

Rodrigues Island, 3B9. Kazu M0CFW will once again be operating as 3B9KW during the CQ WW SSB contest (24 and 25 October) and during the CQ WW CW contest (28 and 29 November). Operation before and after the contest as 3B9/M0CFW between 20 and 28 October and between 22 November and 2 December. QSL via LoTW.

Maderia, CT9. Helmut, DF7EE will once again be active as CT9/DF7EE from 20 to 27 October. An entry in the CQ WW SSB contest is included as CQ3W. Planned operation on 60 m also. QSL via OQRS.

Cape Verde, D4. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active D44PX from Boa Vista between 4 and 11 November. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and digital. He will use a combination of dipoles and verticals with a FT-891. QSL via home call, OQRS.

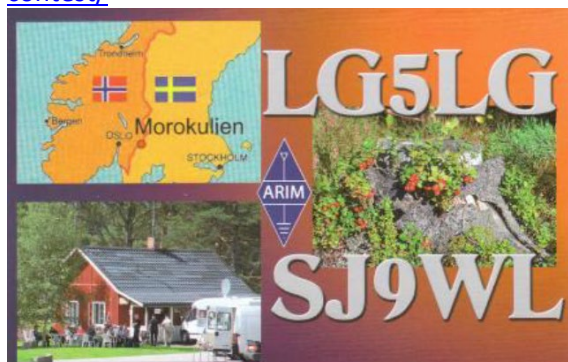
Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 5 to 12 October 2026.

K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 5 October 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 7 October 2026
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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 5
October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 October
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 8 October 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 5 October
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 9 October 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=rules2l>

RSGB 80 m CW Autumn Series
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 5 October
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 8 October 2026
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rautumn.shtml

ARS Spartan Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 6 October
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Skinny; Tubby
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and
power
Work stations: Once per band
Submit logs by: 8 October 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://ars-grp.com/Spartan_Sprint/Spartan_Sprint.html

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
01:00 - 01:59 UTC 6 October
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 7 October 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>

Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest
 19:30 - 20:30 UTC 6 October
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single-Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single-Op Single Band - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band per 15-minute period
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 20:30 UTC 7 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://spcwc.pl/upload>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://spcwc.pl/ttc/rules/en>

Phone Weekly Test
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 October
 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 9 October 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_Rule_s.pdf



A1Club AWT
 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 7 October
 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: 12 October 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 7 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 8 October
 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 10 October 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 7 October
 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: 9 October 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 7 October
 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: 9 October 2026
 Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

UKEICC 80 m Contest
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 October
 Geographic Focus: Europe
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: 6-Character grid square
 QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km (10 pts max); multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 7 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://logs.ukaicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.ukaicc.com/80-m-rules.php

NCCC FT4 Sprint
 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 9 October
 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: 11 October 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 9 October
 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: 11 October 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](http://radiosport.world/wrt.html)

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 October
 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: 11 October 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 9 October
 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 11 October 2026
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html



Makrothen RTTY Contest
 00:00 - 08:00 UTC 10 October and 16:00 - 24:00 UTC 10 October and 08:00 - 16:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op Single Transceiver - low or high; Single Op Multi-Transceiver - low or high; Multi-Op Single Transceiver - low or high; Multi-Op Multi-Transceiver - low or high
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts
 Exchange: 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per km distance between stations for each QSO; Multiply QSO points by 1,5 for 40 m QSOs or 2,0 for 80 m QSOs; 100 points per QSO between stations in same grid square (no other points or multiplier)
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 21 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: www.pl259.org/makrothen/log-submission/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.pl259.org/makrothen/makrothen-rules/



QRP ARCI Autumn QSO Party
 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 10 October
 Status: Active, but no recent results
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands
 Max operating hours: 24
 Exchange: ARCI: RST, state, province or country and ARCI no; non-ARCI: RST, state, province or country and power out
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent
 Multipliers: States, once per band; VE Provinces, once per band; Countries, once per

band; Power Mult: $>5W=x1$, $1-5W=x7$, $250mW-1W=x10$, $55-250mW=15x$, $<55mW=20x$
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x power mult
 Submit logs by: 1 November 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: www.qrpcontest.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://qrparci.org/contest/fall-qso-party>

10-10 International 10-10 Day Sprint
 00:01 - 23:59 UTC 10 October
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: All
 Bands: 10 m Only
 Classes: Individual; Club; QRP
 Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 18 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: [tentencontest\[at\]ten-ten\[dot\]org](mailto:tentencontest[at]ten-ten[dot]org)
 Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645, USA
 Find rules at: www.ten-ten.org/qso-party-rules/

Oceania DX CW Contest
 06:00 UTC 10 October to 06:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: Oceania
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-One; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; SWL
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 20 points per 160 m QSO; 10 points per 80 m QSO; 5 points per 40 m QSO; 1 point per 20 m QSO; 2 points per 15 m QSO; 3 points per 10 m QSO; 0 points per QSO between two non-OC stations
 Multipliers: Each prefix once per band; Non-OC prefixes do not count as mults for non-OC stations
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 25 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://ocdx.contesting.com/>
 Web-to-Cabrillo form: www.b4h.net/cabforms/oceaniadxcw_cab.php
 Mail logs to: Oceania DX Contest, PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia
 Find rules at: www.oceaniadxcontest.com/

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 12:00 UTC 10 October to 24:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or none
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Bonus Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 18 October 2026
 Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB

12:00 UTC 10 October to 12:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: Scandinavia
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Scandinavian: Single Op Single Band; Non-Scandinavian: Single Op Low Band; Single Op
 Overlays: (TB-Wires/Rookie/Wires-Only/Classic); Multi-Single; Multi-Multi
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: Scandinavian: 2 points per QSO with Europe; Scandinavian: 3 points per QSO with non-Europe; Europe: 1 point per QSO with Scandinavian station; non-Europe: 1 point per QSO with Scandinavian station on 20, 15, 10 m; non-Europe: 3 points per QSO with Scandinavian station on 80, 40 m
 Multipliers: Scandinavian: Each DXCC country once per band; non-Scandinavian: Each Scandinavian call area once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 October 2026
 Upload log at: www.sactest.net/robot/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.sactest.net/blog/scandinavian-activity-contest-2026-rules/



Arizona QSO Party
 15:00 UTC 10 October to 05:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, Phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi/Multi; Mobile; County Expedition Single-

Op - single county or county line; County Expedition Multi-Op - single county or county line
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: AZ: RS(T) and county; non-AZ: RS(T) and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band per mode per county
 QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; Bonus: 100 points for at least one QSO with K7A
 Multipliers: AZ: Each US state, province and country once per mode; non-AZ: Each AZ county once per band per mode
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (see rules web upload preferred)
 Upload log at: <https://azqp.contesting.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.azqp.org/



Pennsylvania QSO Party
 16:00 UTC 10 October to 04:00 UTC 11 October and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone
 Bands: All, except WARC
 Classes: Single Op - CW, Phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - QRP, low or high; PA Single Op Portable - QRP, low or high; PA Multi-Op Portable - QRP, low or high; PA Mobile Single Op; PA Mobile Multi-Op; PA Rover Single Op; PA Rover Multi-Op; PA County Line Single Op; PA County Line Multi-Op
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: PA: Serial no and County; non-PA: Serial no and ARRL/RAC Section

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county
 QSO Points: 2 points per CW QSO; 1 point per phone QSO; PA Mobile Bonus: 500 points for each county operated from with minimum of 10 QSOs; PA Rover Bonus: 500 points for each location operated from with minimum of 10 QSOs; Bonus: 200 points for each QSO with K3ZMC
 Multipliers: PA Stations: Each ARRL section, RAC section, PA county once; PA Stations: One DX country once; non-PA Stations: Each PA county once; QRP Bonus: multiply QSO points by 2 for QRP operation
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults x bonus mult) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 18 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://paqso.org/log-submission.html>
 Web-to-Cabrillo form: www.b4h.net/cabforms/paqp_cab3.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://paqso.org/pa-qso-party-rules.html>

South Dakota QSO Party
 18:00 UTC 10 October to 18:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2, 222, 432
 Classes: In-State Single Op Fixed - CW, Phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; In-State Single Op Rover/Portable - CW, Phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; In-State Multi-Op Fixed - CW, Phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; In-State Multi-Op Rover/Portable - CW, Phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Out-of-State Single Op Fixed - CW, Phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; DX - CW or phone
 Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: SD: RS(T) and county; non-SD: RS(T) and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone or digital QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; Bonus: 100 points for at least one QSO with W00JY; Bonus: 25 points per QSO per mode per band with W1AW/0
 Multipliers: SD: Each SD county, state, province, or country once only; non-SD: Each SD county once only
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 13:00 UTC 24 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: w0ej[at]arrl[dot]net
 Mail logs to: Bill Nixon, 30902 Niles School Rd, Springfield, SD 57062-6334, USA
 Find rules at: www.sdqsparty.com

PODXS 070 Club 160 m Great Pumpkin Sprint
 20:00 UTC 10 October to 20:00 UTC 11 October
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: PSK31
 Bands: 160 m Only
 Classes: QRP; Low Power; Medium Power; High Power
 Max operating hours: 6
 Max power: High Power: 100 watts; Medium Power: 50 watts; Low Power: 25 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and state, province or country
 QSO Points: 1 point/QSO
 Multipliers: Each state, province and DXCC country once only
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 18 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://hamclubs.info/scorer/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: [www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/160 m-great-pumpkin-sprint](http://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/160-m-great-pumpkin-sprint)

UBA ON CW Contest
 06:00 - 10:00 UTC 11 October
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and ON Section; non-ON: RST and serial no
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 16 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: ubaon[at]uba[dot]be
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 12 October
 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 October 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: <http://qrpccontest.com/4sqrp>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules_revised_02_2026.pdf

K1USN Slow Speed Test
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 12 October
 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 October 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 12 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 October
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 October 15, 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 12 October
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 October 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=rules2l>

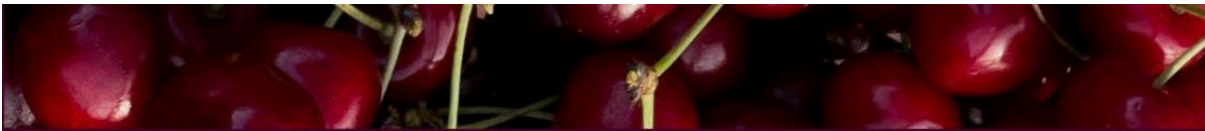
Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 13 October
DARC RTTY Sprint 18:00 - 19:29 UTC 13 October
Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest 19:30 - 20:30 UTC 13 October
NAQCC CW Sprint 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 14 October
Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 October
A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 14 October
CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 15 October
Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 14 October
Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 14 October
RSGB 80 m Data Autumn Series, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 14 October
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 15 October and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 16 October
NTC QSO Party 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 15 October
NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 16 October
Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 16 October
NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 October
K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 16 October
JARL WW RTTY Contest 00:00 UTC 17 October to 24:00 UTC 18 October
New York QSO Party 14:00 UTC 17 October to 02:00 UTC 18 October

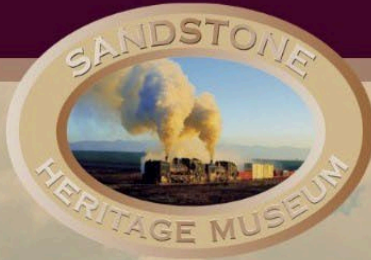
Worked All Germany Contest 15:00 UTC 17 October to 14:59 UTC 18 October
Stew Perry Topband Challenge 15:00 UTC 17 October to 15:00 UTC 18 October
Feld Hell Sprint 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 17 October
Argentina National 7 MHz Contest 21:30 - 23:30 UTC 17 October
Asia-Pacific Autumn CW Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 18 October
Illinois QSO Party 17:00 UTC 18 October to 01:00 UTC 19 October
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 23:00 UTC 18 October to 01:00 UTC 19 October
K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 19 October
ARRL School Club Roundup 13:00 UTC 19 October to 23:59 UTC, Oct 23
ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 19 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 October
OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 19 October
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 20 October
Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest 19:30 - 20:30 UTC 20 October

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