

Rules of the International VHF/UHF Championship of Romania

Date/hour: first full weekend of July

July 4th – 5th 2009, from Saturday 14:00 UTC to Sunday 14:00 UTC

Participants: All licensed Romanian and foreign radio amateurs and contest teams accepting the rules of the contest

Bands: all VHF/UHF/SHF/EHF amateur radio bands, starting with 144 MHz, except 3.4 GHz.

Modes: A1A, J3E and F3E according to IARU Region I bands plan.

Sections:

A = Single operator 144MHz

B = Single operator 432MHz

C = Single operator 1296MHz

D = Single operator multiband 144, 432 and 1296MHz

E = Multioperator multiband 144, 432 and 1296MHz

F = 2320, 5760, 10360, 24192 MHz regardless number of operators.

Single operators can apply for categories A, B, C according to the bands they worked, as well as for category D, no matter the number of bands they worked. The categories to apply for must be **clearly specified in the log files** (PSect row of the EDI files), as well as in the e-mail subject.

Exchange:

RS or RST + separate progressive serial number starting with 001 by bands and WW QTH locator (e.g.: 59 231 KN17WW)

Scoring:

144 MHz = 1 point / km

432 MHz = 5 points / km

1296 MHz = 10 points / km

For D and E sections, the final score is the sum of the points for each band.

For the F section (SHF/EHF), one km distance counts one point. The score on each band is the sum of the points multiplied by the following factor:

1x for 2320 MHz

3x for 5760 MHz

6x for 10368 MHz

9x for 24192 MHz

The final score for the F section is the sum of the scores obtained on each SHF/EHF band.

Terms of competition :

Within a single band one station can only be worked once.

Logs must be created separately for each band.

A contestant can only have one signal per band at any one time.

Single operator stations cannot be assisted or use more transmitters at once. By “assistance” it is meant human help in the operation of the station or contesting (logging, listening to different frequencies, antenna relocation, and so on). Use of DX clusters is allowed but self-spotting is forbidden.

All stations that send their logs issue points, if the log contains at least 1 YO QSO. In order to qualify for classification, a minimum of 3 YO station QSOs are necessary. For multiband categories, these rules apply to QSOs accumulated from all the bands.

For the validation of the QSOs, logs from other VHF/UHF competitions taking place in the same period will be also used. Only logs containing at least 3 YO QSOs will be selected. The callsigns of stations that send their logs, as well as those of stations whose logs are used for validation, will be posted on a web page indicated in the log receipt confirmation email.

Errors (penalties):

- 1) Points for both contestants are annulled in the case of:
 - a difference in the declared time of more than 5 minutes
 - errors in the callsign (omission of /p is also considered callsign error)
 - errors in the WW Locator.
 - errors in the RS (T) or serial number
 - incorrect reporting of the mode
- 2) A 10% of the total number of points on the respective band is removed for each validated double contact (see EDI format template for information on dupe marking)
- 3) Through the disqualification of a contestant all the points issued to other contestants by the disqualified contestant are lost.
- 4) Violation of the Contest Rules will be deemed cause for disqualification of the contestant and the annulment of the points issued by the contestant
- 5) False declaration of the locator leads to disqualification and annulment of all the points issued in the contest.

The decision of the contest committee is final.

Classification / prizes :

Separate classifications are made for each section. The 10 highest scoring contestants will receive awards. For the sections where no YO stations have participated, no classifications will be made.

Log deadline:

31st of July 2009. Logs postmarked after the deadline will be reclassified as check logs. Logs postmarked after the 10th of August 2009 will not be eligible for issuing points.

Instructions for submission of logs:

Contestants are expected to provide the contest logs in EDI format, at the following email address: contest@yo2kqt.ro . All logs received via e-mail will receive receipt confirmations. Logs containing problems will be returned to the sender pending correction, within 2 days from receipt (applicable exclusively to logs sent via e-mail).

In the interest of efficiency and transcription error prevention, the use of paper logs is not recommended. If this variant is nevertheless chosen, the logs has to be accompanied by a Summary sheet showing following information: callsign, country, name, address, section, QSOs number, points, multiplier, score, station description. Paper logs will be sent to the following address:

Radioclubul QSO Banat
P.O.BOX 1 - 100
RO-300790 Timișoara 1
Romania

EDI Format template

Logs in the EDI format are automatically generated by the contest software, but it is absolutely necessary to check the EDI files and to make the necessary additions and corrections. Here is an correctly filled out example EDI file. The boldfaced sections presented below are mandatory:

[REG1TEST;1]
TName=YODX VHF-UHF 2009
TDate=20090704;20090705
PCall=YO5KAP/P
PWWLo=KN17VV
PExch=
PAdr1=P. O. BOX 28, 300185 Sighetu Marmatiei, ROMANIA
PAdr2=
PSect=E
PBand=144 MHz
PClub=YO5KAP
RName=Radioclubul Municipal Sighetu Marmatiei
RCall=YO5KAP
Radr1=
Radr2=
RPoCo=
RCity=
RCoun=Romania
RPhon=
RHBBS=
MOp1=YO5AAA; YO5YJ; YO5LC
Mope2=
STXEq=FT-847
SPowe=50
SRXEq=
SAnte=2 x Yagi 17EL 15dBd
SAntH=10;1220
CQSOs=3,1
CQSOP=1733
CWWLs=
CWWLB=
CExcs=
CExcB=
CDXCs=
CDXCB=
CToSc=1733
CODXC=YP8A/P;KN27SK;360
[Remarks]
Lot of stations, good tropo openings

[QSORecords;3]
080705;1402;YO4MM;1;59;001;59;001;;KN45JE;49;;;;

080705;1410;YP8A/P;1;59;002;59;009;;KN27SK;360;;;;
080705;1416;YO4HF/P;1;59;003;59;005;;KN45CF;43;;;;

Dupes will be awarded 0 points (normally, the software automatically does this, but it is good practice to check the EDI file); moreover, it is recommended that the letter D be added at the end of the QSO line. Example:

080705;1416;YO4HF/P;1;59;003;59;005;;KN45CF;**0**;;;;**D**

We remind you that unmarked doubles are penalized with 10% of the total number of points gained in the respective band.

It is very important that at PCall= the full worked callsign be listed, for example YO5KAP/p, and at PWWLo= the locator from which the contact was worked be filled.

In PSect= the sections in which the contestant operated should be noted, e.g. PSect=E, PSect=A,B,C,D, PSect=A,D

The address filled in PAdr1= will be used in case of issuing the award

Concerning the QSO section of the EDI file, the following will be checked:

The date will be in the **YYMMDD** format, e.g. **090705**, not 20090705, nor 09-07-05, etc.
The data should not be truncated (callsigns, locators, etc)