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Introduction

Beside four official IARU VHF&up contests many sub-regional contests are organized throughout the year. Sub-regional contests are mainly well time coordinated and contest rules are in a good agreement with the official IARU contest rules, the main difference being in contest sections. The contest chapter 5.1 (introduction) states:

It is recommended that the national and sub-regional activity contests rules should be complementary and that those contests should be open to all (National and International contesters) to encourage and promote activity on the VHF, UHF and SHF bands.

A dedicated web page is in use by the national VHF managers to share the contest logs for sub-regional contests (<http://hamradio.pl/sp7njk/index.php>) to improve the log cross-checking coverage of the national contest entrants. Therefore sub-regional contest organizers have a large number of contest logs at their disposal. Automatic data processing enables publishing valuable statistical analysis and available contest logs.

Proposal

It is proposed to amend the chapter 5.8.1 with a note that contest logs used for cross-checking purposes for sub-regional contests adjudication should be made open to public.

5.8.1 All-band sub-regional contests

At the IARU Conference in Folkestone (1961) it was agreed that during sub-regional contests code numbers and Locator should be exchanged according to the rules for IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves contests.

In view of the rather different contest conditions in the various parts of Region 1 the following minimum co-ordination, adopted at the Region 1 Conference in Malmö (1963) and later slightly amended at the Scheveningen Conference (1972) and the Brighton Conference (1981) has been agreed:

- All sub-regional contests will be held between 14.00 UTC on Saturday and 14.00 UTC on Sunday.
- All VHF/UHF/Microwaves Field Days, organised within Region 1, shall coincide as to dates and time limits with sub-regional or official IARU Region 1 contests. At the San Marino 2002 conference it was agreed to recommend that such field days should coincide with the IARU Region1 VHF/UHF/Microwave contest in July.

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Brussels (1969) it was agreed that the sub-regional contest during the first weekend of November shall be a Telegraphy contest, run according to the rules of the official Region 1 contests. Since 1974 ARI has organised the Marconi Memorial Telegraphy contest during this weekend

and has invited all Region 1 amateurs to participate.

Furthermore, at the IARU Region 1 Conference in Cefalu (1984) it was agreed that

- Sub-regional contests on the coordinated dates shall be all-band events, 145 MHz through 240 GHz.

On this basis in many countries member societies of IARU Region 1 organise national contests during the first weekends of March, May, July, September, October and November, whereby the September and October national contests are run concurrently with the IARU Region 1 contests on these weekends.

In view of the fact that in an appreciable number of countries the 50 MHz band had become available to the Amateur Service, the meeting of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee in Vienna, March 1992, adopted the following recommendation:

- From 1993 national societies are encouraged to establish 50 MHz sections in the sub-regional contests.
- This recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee of Region 1 at their meeting in April 1992, and ratified by the 1993 IARU Region 1 Conference.

National VHF Managers or properly nominated Contest Committees should send the electronic contest log data entries from IARU R1 contests to a special web page to allow an exchange of logs for more accurate national evaluation. (Cavtat 2008).

At present time <http://hamradio.pl/sp7njx/index.php> is in use.

Contest logs used for cross-checking purpose shall be made open to the public at the discretion of the sub-regional contest organizer.