

ARRL Contest Changes for 2018 – 2019

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Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 contest season! A lot of exciting events have been held over the past year, and we have some program-enhancing updates in store for the coming year. Visit www.arrl.org/arrl-contests-changes-for-2018-2019 for additional details.

HF Contest Log Deadlines Extended to 7 Days

For the 2017 – 2018 contest season, ARRL HF contest log deadlines were reduced to 5 days after the event. This significantly enhanced our ability to release event results in a timely fashion. However, some participant feedback suggested having a subsequent full weekend (7 days after an event) to complete log reviews and web upload submission would be helpful. For the coming contest season, we will extend the HF log deadlines to 7 days following the end of the event.

Club Competition

The new toolset for clubs to comply with the Club Competition rules (as announced in 2016) has been fully implemented. Automations now report eligibility based on club member call/grid inclusion in the club eligibility lists and based on club members' locations within club territories.

New Contest Landing Page on ARRL Web

To give ARRL contest participants the ability to access all post-event information and tools from one page, we are completing development of an ARRL Contest Branch one-stop web page. From there, participants will be able to easily access things like the log uploader, logs received confirmations, log-checking reports, online certificates, contest results/articles, club eligibility files, and more. See <http://contests.arrl.org>

Electronic Log Formats for ARRL 10 GHz & Up Contest/ARRL International EME Contest

We are currently testing ARRL's contest log web uploader for events that have not had Cabrillo options previously, like the ARRL International EME Contest and the 10 GHz & Up Contest.

Collegiate Championship Challenge

In early 2018, through *NCJ* and January's North American QSO Party, the Collegiate Championship Challenge got off to a fine start with efforts led by Craig, K9CT, and the Society of Midwest Contesters. See <https://www.w9smc.com/nacc> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ARRLCARI> for more details.

New Contest Results Authors

ARRL welcomes Phil, K3UA (June VHF Contest); Mark, N5OT (ARRL 160 Meter Contest), and Ralph "Gator," N5RZ (September VHF Contest) as new authors of contest results articles.



Running multioperator in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest are Dave Haupt, W8NF (foreground), and Charles Clark, AF8Z (background).
[Bill Conwell, K2PO, photo]

Online Certificates

ARRL's January, June, and September VHF Contests; the 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest, and the IARU HF Championship now have PDF or JPG certificate image downloads available online at <http://contests.arrl.org/certificates.php>.