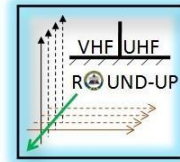




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21 April 2018, 0500 UTC – 22 April 2018 , 0459 UTC

1. Objective:

- For participating amateur radio stations to contact as many amateur radio stations as possible within the allocated contest period.
- Provide a venue for testing propagation.
- Promote club activity.
- Develop and enhance fellowship and friendship among amateurs.
- Collect as many QSL cards as possible for award credit.
- Enjoy the contest.

2. Period of Operation:

- 24 hours

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3. ELIGIBILITY

- All licensed amateur radio stations are encouraged to participate and must operate within the limits of their licenses.

4. Suggested Frequencies

6 meters CW (A1A): 50.000 – 50.110 MHz

6 meters SSB (J3E): 50.111 – 50.250 MHz

2 meters CW (A1A): 144.01 – 144.099 MHz

2 meters SSB (J3E): 144.1 – 144.199 MHz

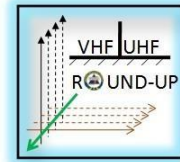
2 meters FM (F3E): 144.2 – 144.98 MHz

2 meters FM (F3E): 145.02 – 145.98 MHz



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70 centimeters CW (A1A): 430 – 431 MHz

70 centimeters SSB (J3E): 431.02 – 433 MHz

70 centimeters FM (F3E): 433.02 – 439.98 MHz

23 centimeters FM (F3E): 1240.020 - 1298.000 MHz

5. ENTRY CLASSIFICATIONS

- Single-operator
 - Single Band 23cm
 - Mobile Single Band 23 cm
 - Single Band 70cm
 - Mobile Single Band 70cm
 - Single Band 2m
 - Mobile Single Band 2m
 - Single Band 6m
 - Mobile Single Band 6m
 - All Band
 - Mobile All Band
- Single-operator , QRP (5W or less)
 - Single Band 23cm
 - Mobile Single Band 23 cm
 - Single Band 70cm
 - Mobile Single Band 70cm
 - Single Band 2m
 - Mobile Single Band 2m
 - Single Band 6m
 - Mobile Single Band 6m
 - All Band
 - Mobile All Band
- Multi-operator, All Band



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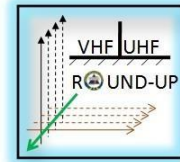
6. RULES

- A participant must use only one callsign during the entire contest.
- A participant is defined as an individual person that participates in the contest either as an individual or part of a team.
- A log submission in the Multi-operator category reporting contacts with its own team members will be disqualified.
- A log submission in the Single-operator category reporting contacts with the multi-operator team he/she participated in the team, will be disqualified.
- All antennas must be physically connected by wires/cables to the transmitters and receivers.
- Contacts made on the EMERGENCY frequency, 145.000 MHz are not valid.
- In the event that HERO is activated, all participants are not to use 144.74 MHz**
- Same station contacts on the same band are allowed provided that the contacts are made on different modes. [i.e. 6 meters J3E and A1A, 2 meters J3E, F3E and A1A). Single Tone generated modulation using F3E emission is not allowed.
- Duplicate contacts on the 23 cm band are not allowed.
- A participating station or club with a special event callsign **MUST** secure a permit from the NTC prior to the contest and failure to obtain the same will disqualify the contest entry. A copy of the Special Permit shall be submitted together with the log submission.
- Contacts via repeaters or the internet are not allowed.
- In the interest of Long Haul QSO's, the use of telephones, text, telegrams, packet, fax machines, internet, HF is allowed to let people know that you are on the air, however, actual QSO's must be completed over the airwaves for contest credit.
- No cross-band and cross mode contacts.
- Mobile stations can participate; however, the entry category shall only be the mobile category even if one contact on any band or mode has been signed with a mobile callsign. For example, if one (1) QSO is signed as DW1TEC/mobile; DW1TEC/mobile 4; the station entry shall automatically fall under the mobile category and can no longer be qualified for any non-mobile entry nor category even if all other QSO's are signed as DW1TEC.
- Mobile stations can provide different Grid Locators as part of their return exchange. However, the station must only contact both mobile and non-mobile station based on the following guidelines:
 - Once on 23cm F3E
 - Once on 70 cm F3E
 - Once on 70 cm A1A
 - Once on 70 cm J3E



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- Once on 2m F3E
 - Once on 2m A1A
 - Once on 2m J3E
 - Once on 6m A1A
 - Once on 6m J3E
- Compliance to the operating frequency per license class privilege are enforced.
 - Timestamps of contacts made must be in UTC. Non-compliance may result in entry disqualification

7. EXCHANGE

RS (T) plus the 6 digit Grid Locator:

Example: 59(9) PK04MN

for information on your grid locator, please visit :

<http://f6fvy.free.fr/qthLocator/fullScreen.php>

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/toys/gridconv.html>

8. MULTIPLIERS

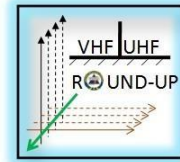
Multipliers are the number of Grid Locators and prefixes worked.

A PREFIX is the letter/numeral combination which forms the first part of the amateur call. Examples: DU1, DU2, 4F2, DW1, DV9, DX5, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall count as a separate prefix. Should a station be signing in as a portable callsign, the prefix credit shall follow the district number where the station is located. (Example: DX3DEF/2, the prefix holds as is DX2) (second example: DW1, DV1, DU1 and 4F1 are unique prefixes and shall count as a multiplier)



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9. QSO POINTS

Contacts between stations from different Radio Districts are worth ten (10) points (example1: DU1 calling a DU2 station, example2: DU station calling a Foreign DX station)

Contacts between stations within the same radio district are worth five (5) points.

10. SCORING

The final score equals the total QSO points multiplied by the total number of grid locators and prefixes worked.

11. AWARDS/PRIZES

Colored award certificates will be awarded to the top finishers in each category. Colored award certificates will be awarded for the second and third place finishers in each category.

Participation certificates will be given to all participating stations submitting their logs on time.

The result of this contest will be published in the PARA website

A special colored certificate shall be given to the stations making the Longest Haul contact on the 6 meter, 2 meter and 70 centimeter, 23 centimeter band.

All awards will be issued to the licensee stations.

12. LOG INSTRUCTIONS

Use the universal coordinated time (UTC) in logging the contacts.

Log all sent and received exchanges.

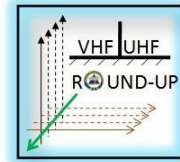
Log/s must be checked for duplicate contacts, correct QSO points and multipliers. Submitted logs must have duplicate contacts clearly marked.

Logs must be submitted on a Cabrillo format (available log conversions are on the internet) to para1932@gmail.com with the subject line stating PARA VHF-UHF CONTEST 2018 LOG. The electronic log must be submitted as a file attachment to the email with the subject line of the email containing the callsign



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A copy of the amateur radio station license and the valid permit for special call signs must be submitted as an attachment to the log sheet/s or as an attachment to the electronic log submission.

13. DISQUALIFICATION

- A. Violation of amateur radio rules and regulations of the contest.
- B. An entrant whose log is deemed by the Contest Committee to contain a large number of discrepancies may be disqualified.

Action and decision of the PARA Contest Committee are official and final.

14. DEADLINE

Submitted logs must be emailed NOT LATER than **21 May 2018**. Logs emailed after the deadline will not be entertained.