

4° Contest URI VHF 2024

Rules

Participants

All Italian and foreign OMs in possession of a regular license can participate.

Duration

Annual, divided into six phases.

The duration of each phase is 6 hours, from 07.00 to 13.00 GMT.

The dates for 2023 are:

1° Step) 07 April

2° Step) 19 May

3° Step) 23 June

4° Step) 14 July

5° Step) 25 August

6° Step) 22 September

Reports

Participating stations must pass the RS(RST) report, the progressive number and the complete 6 digit WW Locator (for example: 59 001 JN63PI).

Band

144 MHz, as per Band-Plan IARU Region 1.

Emission Mode

S S B – CW

Connections via EME, satellite or repeater of any kind are not valid.

A station can only be connected once on SSB or CW for each phase.

Categories

144 MHz = 01 - Single Call, Maximum power 100W;

144 MHz = 02 - Single Call, Power above 100W.

Software

You can use any software that manages contests in EDI format. (Contest Assist, QARTest, ContestLogHQB, Tucnak, Taclog, etc)

If the program does not include the categories listed, it is mandatory to indicate on the log the frequency (PBand), category (PSect) and power used (SPowe).

In the absence of the declared power, the log will automatically be inserted into the HI Power category.

For the entire duration of the contest it will not be possible to change category or Call.

Call/p or Call/m are not allowed.

You will be able to participate either on Portable or Fixed as the QRB calculation will be carried out based on the Locator declared when completing the .EDI file to be sent.

Valid QSO

In order for the QSO to be considered valid, it must contain the following information: UTCtime, name of the correspondent, sent and received reports, progressive number and Locator of the complete 6 digit correspondent. (QSOs with 4-digit Locator will be considered invalid).

Score

For each QSO, one point per km will be obtained, based on the calculation of the QRB among the declared locators (6 digits).

During the control phase, the QRB between the two stations will be recalculated by the Contest Manager software.

The total of QRB points will be multiplied by the number of Squares connected for the first time (JN63, JN44, JN33, JM78, ...).

For example, for 13,245 QRB points and 15 Quadrats, the Total Stage Score will be equal to $13,245 \times 15 = 198,675$ points.

In each phase of the Contest it will be possible to reconnect the same Locator (6-digit).

Rankings

Each phase will have its ranking for Italian and foreign stations divided into the two categories.

At the end of the six phases, the final ranking will be drawn up which will be given by the sum of the total scores of each phase.

All OMs who wish to participate in the final ranking of the Contest, even with just one QSO, must send a log extract within the required time and participate in at least four phases (STEP) of the Contest.

If at the end of the Contest there are no stations with four STEPs, the ranking will be drawn up taking into account the total score and the number of Steps of each station participating in the Contest.

There will be two final rankings for each category:

- - classification only Italians power up to 100 watts;
- - classification only foreign power up to 100 watts;
- - classification only for Italians with power exceeding 100 watts;
- - classification only foreign with power exceeding 100 watts.

The rankings will be published on the sites: ik6lmb.altervista.org and www.unionradio.it

Prizes

For each final ranking, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Italian and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd foreign will be awarded with a Diploma.

For each final ranking, a gadget will also be sent to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Italian and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd foreigner who will have participated in at least four(4) phases of the Contest.

All participants who have sent the Log will be sent a Diploma of participation via e-mail.

Send Log

The Log must be sent in EDI format and have the file name:

“Category_Call_Step” (forexample: **01_ik6lmb_01.edi**).

Logs must be sent exclusively to the e-mail: ik6lmb@libero.it within 8 days from the date of the Contest (second Monday after the competition), indicating as subject of the e-mail: "Log U.R.I. month... from (Call)".

Penalty

Any found in the QSO data will result in the cancellation of the QSOs themselves.

Particularly:

- - call sign error = QSO invalidated;
- - locator error = QSO invalidated;
- - error on the report or progressive received = QSO invalidated;
- - time error greater than 10' = QSO invalidated;
- - Unsignaled double QSOs = QSOs invalidated.

Control Log

All Logs received will participate in the various rankings except:

- a) Logs sent after 8 days from the date of the Contest (second Monday after the competition).
- b) on request.

Further notes

The rankings of each phase and the final one will be published on the URI website: www.unionradio.it and on the Contest Manager's website: ik6lmb.altervista.org

a) The decisions of the Contest Manager are final.

b) After the publication of the final rankings on the www.unionradio.it website, the date indicated a margin of the same. Participants will have 15 days for any requests for changes;

after this term, the rankings will be definitive and the decisions of the Contest Manager will be final.

c) rules on the U.R.I website: ik6lmb.altervista.org and www.unionradio.it

Treatment Data

By submitting the Log, entrant AGREE: that Contest Organizer may mark, modify, publish, republish, print, and otherwise distribute (by any means, including paper or electronically) the Log in its original format, in any other format with or without modifications or combined with the Logs of other competitors, for participation in the specific Contest, other Contests or for other reasons, including the training and development of the Radio Amateur activity.

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Contest Manager 2023