



<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Contest-free Segments</b>		
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## Introduction

The interests of users of our HF spectrum are different. Several societies already limit by rules the contest activity to certain frequency segments of the HF bands to also allow other users to do their favoured activities. It is desirable that all contests organized by Region 1 societies and its subdivisions follow this policy.

## Background

Although the WARC bands are free of contests, they cannot serve in all circumstances the need of non-contesters (due to propagation, skip etc.). The objective of contest preferred segments, which were established in the bandplan in the mid-eighties, is to separate usual from contest activity. Since the bandplan can only suggest where contest activity should take place and this is not done for all HF bands, a better control can be resolved on all bands by the contest organizer with the contest rules, e.g. by adjusting the contest allowed segments in relation to the expected number of contest participants.

## Proposal

Contest rules shall specify on all bands some segments to be kept free of contest activity.

## Recommendation

Within the chapter "Guidelines for HF contest work" of the IARU Region 1 HF-manager handbook a distinct recommendation to incorporate contest free segments in the rules of contests organized by national societies and its subdivisions shall be given and made well known.

