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IARU HF World Championship Contest Rules

Introduction

When the International Amateur Radio Union decided to continue the IARU Contest as IARU HF World Championship, the rules were enacted with no essential changes made **since** then. The calculation of QSO points is criticised in many discussions.

Background

The current rules state:

QSO Points:

- 1) **7.1.** Contacts within your own ITU zone, as well as QSOs with any IARU-member society HQ station or IARU official (counting as the special multiplier), count one point each.
 - 7.1.1.** Contacts with a station in the same ITU zone but on a different continent count one point.
- 2) **7.2.** Contacts within your continent (but different ITU zone) count three points.
- 3) **7.3.** Contacts with a different continent and IARU zone count five points.

Many contesters are accustomed to the fact that QSOs with the own continent are scored with different points than DX QSOs (QSOs with other continents). But from the sporting point of view it is difficult to understand that zone borders are separating one continent into different (ITU) zones.

Example: Many German stations take part in this contest which can be found also in the logs of our neighbours. While our Eastern neighbours score one point for each QSO with DL, our Western neighbours score three points for a QSO with Germany because they are located in a different ITU zone accidentally.

Reference: Presentation VIE09_C4_08 IARU HF World Championship

Recommendation

That the HF committee develops a new scoring method.

