

IARU HF World Championship

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Statistics 2008

- over 3000 logs
- 56 HQs & 5 IARU representatives
- 800 ... 900 people involved in HQ activities
- leading HQs make > 20K QSOs in 24 hrs
and > 1000 QSOs per hr
- Bigger pileups then on DXpedition !

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What means HQ category ?

- 12 stations – one by band x mode
- Scattered over whole country
- Formed by best stations of their country
- Manned by best operators of their country

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What means HQ category ?

- HQ operators - who are normally competitors - work together in a country wide compound
- Causes high attendance of participants from own country
- Although cheerleading happens introduces new non-contesting people into the game

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Fair play

HQ operation is an incredible amount of organisation and long time preparation

→ Fair play is essential !

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Fair play

- Only **ONE** station per band x mode
No parallel „multiplier station“ using TX
- No RX nor TX use outside your country
- Don't disturb your competitor HQs nor invoke anybody else to do it
- Don't fake QSOs nor Multipliers
? 453 QSOs 20 SSB in 1hr ?
? Maritime mobile zone 38 ?
- Advertizing is OK but also encourage your countrymen to work other HQs as well

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Fair play – how to achieve ?

- „Open logs“ – exchange logs between HQs
- Store traffic with SDR radios + exchange data between participants. It prevents from cheating because cheating COULD be found on tape !
- Build up pressure on IARU log checkers for UBN reports. „Open log check“ needed.
- HQs should become „power users“ & get UBNs before making results official
- 2008 leading HQs lost 26..41 multipliers !??

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Do we need rule changes ?

General Rules:

- Dont change rules just to give yourself an advantage but hurt your competing HQs
- Remember, after changes maybe somebody else will win, but ...

... THE BEST should win !

How to define THE BEST ?

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Rule changes - idea #1

No points for QSOs with your own country

Advantage:

Countries with a low number of participants

Disadvantage:

Countries with a large number of participants

Follows to:

reduces number of participants & QSO totals
some HQs will lose further interest in participation

-> IARU Contest falls back like 20 years ago

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Rule changes - idea #2

same points for all QSOs

Advantage:

HQs from zone 28 (most active ITU zone)

Disadvantage:

HQs outside but close to zone 28

Comments:

☺ This is only a joke ☺

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Rule changes - idea #3

No DX points for HQs close to continental border

Advantage:

All at present time except DX-HQs close to EU

Disadvantage:

HQs outside but close to Europe (EA8, EA9, CT3..)

Question:

How to find an applicable rule ?

How prevent North African HQs from forever win ?

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Rule changes - idea #4

Points by distance (also inside the same continent)

Advantage:

Countries far away from zone 28

Disadvantage:

Countries inside zone 28

Hard to find a rule how to calculate points

Remember:

Contacts with stations 500 KM away on 15 Mtrs can be more difficult then working DX 5000 KM away

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Rule changes - idea #5

3 points for all QSOs in your own continent
but outside your own country

Advantage:

most HQs will earn more points

ITU zone 28 HQs will have highest benefit

Disadvantage:

will get harder to win from EA8, CT3 ...

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More Rule change ideas

Any more ideas ?

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Do we need rule changes ?

- Maybe, but keep the fun for everybody !
- Make IARU HQ activity to your annual highlight independent if you can win or not !
- time for discussion now

Thank you for your attention

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