

Remembrance Day Contest

Suggested Rule changes for 2012

1. Contest Introduction

This contest commemorates the Amateurs who died during World War II and is designed to encourage friendly participation and help improve the operating skills of participants. It is held on the weekend closest to the 15th August, the date on which hostilities ceased in the southwest Pacific area.

It is preceded by a short opening address by a Guest Speaker transmitted on various WIA frequencies during the few minutes prior to the contest. During this ceremony, a roll call of amateurs who paid the supreme sacrifice during WWII is read.

A perpetual trophy is awarded annually to the Australian state or territory with the best performance. The name of the winning State or Territory is inscribed on the trophy, and that State or Territory then holds the trophy for 12 months.

2. Objective

Amateurs in each VK call area will endeavour to contact other amateurs in VK, ZL and P29. Other stations are welcome to participate but can only claim points for contacts with VK, ZL, and P2 stations. All amateurs Licensed in Australia, and not physically within VK/P29/ZL as VK's outside VK may enter the contest whether their stations are fixed, portable or mobile.

3. Contest Date & Time

Sat 11th August 2012, 0300 UTC to 0259 UTC Sun 12th August 2012.

As a mark of respect, stations are asked to observe 15 minutes silence prior to the start of the contest, during which the opening ceremony will be broadcast.

4. Categories

1. Single Operator
2. Multi-Operator

5. Sub-Categories

1. Phone (FM & SSB)
2. Digital (CW & RTTY only - as per WW2 modes)
3. Mixed

6. Permitted Bands

1. Contacts may be made on all HF and VHF & above bands *except* for WARC bands (10, 18 & 24MHz).

7. Multi-operator Stations

1. Multi-operator stations are only allowed one transmitted signal on air at any time.
 - a. Therefore simultaneous transmissions on different bands are not permitted.
2. Entries are made in the mixed mode category only.

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8. Club Teams

1. A team consists of any three stations operating in any category; however club teams will be in the mixed category by default.
2. The 'Team Leader' MUST nominate his team to the Contest Manager before the start of the contest. Email to vk4sn@wia.org.au with the subject "RD Team Submission"
 - a) Nominations must include the Callsigns and Operators Name. Where multiple teams from one club are submitted, it is suggested to use Team Names, example: Tazzie Devils
 - b) The Team leader must supply postal details for receipt of any awards.
 - c) **Once the contest has started, team members cannot be changed.**
3. Team operators must be members of the **WIA Affiliated club** they represent.
4. Clubs may enter multiples of teams of 3 call-signs.
5. Team can consist of any stations anywhere in VK ZL P29
6. An operator can only be included in one team.
7. Team members cannot contact other team members.
8. The winner of the club team category will be the highest combined score from any one club team.

9. General Rules

1. W.I.A. General Rules for All Contests apply unless specifically changed in these rules.

10. Contacts

1. Suggested Call: "CQ RD", "CQ Contest", or "CQ Test"
2. Exchange: A valid exchange consists of RS(T) followed by a **2 digit number indicating the number of years you have been a licenced Ham, or in the case of a club, the age of the club.**
3. On all bands, stations may be contacted at intervals of not less than **FOUR** hours since the previous contact on that band and mode.
 - a. FM & SSB count as one mode, as does CW & RTTY count for the digital mode. Therefore one cannot QSO with a station in FM and work them on SSB on the same band before the four hours is up.
4. No cross band contacts are allowed.
5. Exchange of contact information via satellites, telephones, repeaters, Echolink, IRLP, or the internet is not in the spirit of the contest and is banned.
6. Contacts via satellites are not allowed for scoring purposes.
7. **Contacts within the same call area are permitted.**

11. Scoring

1. On 160 metres two points per completed valid contact.
2. On 23cm or higher bands two points per completed valid contact.
3. On all other bands one point. (no WARC bands allowed)
4. On CW and RTTY, irrespective of band, double points.
5. All scores obtained by the *transmitting station* between 0100 and 0600 LOCAL time, are doubled.

12. General

1. All operators of single or multi-op stations must perform all operating and logging without assistance.
 - a. Use of public clusters only, is allowed on 50MHz and above.
 - b. Use of skimmer like technology with a bandwidth greater than 3 KHz is not allowed.
2. **Holders of more than one licence or callsign MUST use only one callsign for the contest duration.**
3. Automated operation is not permitted.

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4. Computers can be used for logging and voice, CW and RTTY keying.
5. Different modes must be within the frequency ranges stated in the text descriptions of the latest Call Book as 'mode' only.
 - a. For example, on the two metre band, RD Contest CW contacts may only be made in the range 144.050 to 144.100 MHz. SSB contacts are restricted to 144.100 to 144.400, while FM contacts must be above 146.000 MHz.
 - b. The national simplex calling channels (146.500 MHz on the two metre band), and the frequencies either side thereof, excluding recognised repeater frequencies, are the suggested frequencies. When changing modes, entrants must also change frequency.
6. Any station observed as departing from the generally accepted codes of operating ethics or licence conditions may be disqualified.

13. WW2 ex Military equipment

1. Operators using Ex WW2 equipment will be awarded with a special certificate acknowledging their participation and use of such.
2. A declaration with the heading of WW2 Equipment will operate said units within the "ORIGINAL manufactures specified operating conditions", e.g. no mods to boost the output power etc. A copy of the preferred Certificate is available on the on the WIA website at <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/documents/WWII%20Declaration%202012.pdf>
3. Please include the declaration with your log submission.

14. Log Submission

1. Electronic Logging
 - a. Use of logging software is preferred as the output file will be in Cabrillo format which suits our log checking software. See below for logger links.
 - b. Logging software will automatically print a summary in the Cabrillo header.
 - c. Email Logs to rdlogs@wia.org.au with your callsign in the subject.
 - d. On receipt of your log, the robot will send an acknowledgement email to you. Just to be sure, it is advised that you flag your email for "confirmation of receipt", in which case you will receive two emails acknowledging receipt of the log.
2. Paper Logs
 - a. Hand written logs are not preferred, however if sent must be legible and contain **no more than 25 contacts**.
 - b. Entrants are encouraged to enter the paper logs into a logger after the contest and email the Cabrillo log as indicated above.
 - c. Paper logs should be accompanied by a Summary Sheet showing all the details as per the log example below and nominated team name if used.
 - d. Declaration: I hereby certify that I have operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest; signed & dated. Please supply a contact telephone number and email address.
 - e. Send paper logs and summary sheets to: RD Contest Manager. 43 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, QLD 4342.
3. Logs are to be received by the contest manager no later than **30 days** after the contest ends.
4. All logs will be receipted by email.
5. Logs received after the closing date will not be eligible for processing.
6. **Paper logs will not be returned** unless a SASE is forwarded requesting return of the log.
7. VK entrants temporarily operating outside their allocated call area, including those outside continental Australia as defined for DXCC, can elect to have their points credited to their home State by making a statement to that effect on their summary sheet(s).

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15. Contest Results

1. **Determination of Winning State or Territory.**
Scoring will be achieved by taking the total number of logs for each State or Territory, divided by the total number of licences issued in that State or Territory (excluding beacons and repeaters) as published in the WIA Callbook for that year, and multiplying by the total score for that State or Territory. Points can only be considered where a station has submitted a valid log.
2. Unless otherwise elected by the entrant concerned, the scores of VK0 stations will be credited to VK7, and the scores of VK9 to the mainland call area which is geographically closest. Scores of P2, will not be included in these calculations, although entrants in those areas are eligible for all certificate awards.
3. Results will be published **90 days after the close of the contest** and winners announced in AR Magazine and published on the W.I.A. website.

16. Contest Awards

1. Entrants must make at least **25** contacts to be eligible for awards.
2. 1st place certificates will be awarded to **overall** place getters. 2ND & 3RD Placegetters may download their certificate in PDF format.
 - a. Single Operator - Phone
 - b. Single Operator – CW
 - c. Single Operator – Mixed
 - d. Multi-op
 - e. Club Teams
 - f. The top three foundation scorers regardless of category.
3. Downloadable PDF certificates will be available for 1st placegetters in all VK call areas, ZL & P2.
 - a. Single Operator Phone
 - b. Single Operator Digital
 - c. Single Operator Mixed
 - d. Multi-op
 - e. Club Team
4. Participants using WW2 ex military equipment will receive a special acknowledgement certificate as well as any certificates gained in winning any section.

17. Example Log

1. Paper logs should be written to resemble the format for Cabrillo, as indicated below.
2. Every effort to retype paper logs into logging programs is encouraged. (There will be a time when paper logs will not be accepted.)

CALLSIGN: VK4SN
CLUB: Lockyer Valley Radio & Electronics Club Inc
CONTEST: Remembrance Day
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL MIXED
CLAIMED-SCORE: 10
OPERATORS: VK4SN
ADDRESS: NR STREET
ADDRESS: SUBURB
ADDRESS: STATE, POST CODE

Freq (MHz)	Mode	Date	Time (UTC)	Call	Number Sent	Number Rcvd	Pts
7087	PH	2012-8-11	0200	VK1ABC	001	001	1

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7087	PH	2012-8-11	0201	VK1DEF	002	001	1
7005	CW	2012-8-11	0205	VK4ABC	003	009	2
1825	CW	2012-8-11	0210	VK2ABC	004	012	4
1855	PH	2012-8-11	0215	VK3ABC	005	003	2
END-OF-LOG							

18. Logging Software

1. Downloads
 - a. VK Contest Log (VKCL) by Mike Subocz VK3AVV, [Link](#)
 - b. John Drew VK5DJ RD logging program [Link](#)
 - c. WinRD+ logging program by James McBride VK6FJA [Link](#)
 - d. SD logging program by Paul EI5DI [Link](#)
2. Remember to check for updates immediately prior to contests to make sure you have the latest software that will contain up to date scoring and rule changes.

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APPENDIX.

Why the Rule Changes?

1. Start and finish times brought forward by popular demand. This will allow portable stations time to pack up and get home at a reasonable hour including VK6.
2. Combining HF and above sections to encourage VHF/UHF only users to HF and vice versa.
3. FM & SSB combined to the phone section and included CW and RTTY together to keep it simple.
4. Removed the receiving only section and all 16 sections of WW2 ex military equipment as there was only one submission.
5. Military equipment users will receive a special mention certificate.
6. Exchange modified to RS(T) + nr of years as a ham or a club. A lot of feedback indicated that if a participant noticed large scores then the participant would not participate or only be on for a short time.
7. Changes to multi op section now only allow one transmitted signal on air at any time. This will encourage the use of the new introduced 'teams' section.
8. Introduction of teams was brought in to encourage individuals to support their club and gain more on air stations.
9. Awards for foundation licences will encourage more F licence participation.