Remembrance Day Contest Rules

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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.

The perpetual trophy is ordinarily held by the WIA at its national office and is inscribed annually with the name of the winning State or Territory.

2.   Objective

Amateurs in VK, ZL and P2 will endeavour to contact other amateurs in VK, ZL and P2.
* VK, ZL, and P2 mean any station operating within Australia, New Zealand or Papua New Guinea and their external territories.
* Points are only awarded for valid contacts between VK, ZL and P2 stations.

3.   Contest Date & Time

Weekend in August closest to the 15th, 0300 UTC Saturday to 0300 UTC Sunday.

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. Single Operator – QRP
3. Multi-Operator – Single Transmitter (Multi-Single)
4. Multi-Operator – Unlimited (Multi-Multi)

    NOTE: Multi stations please respect relevant COVID lockdown rules in your area.
    * QRP stations are limited to 5 Watts average (CW/RTTY) or PEP (SSB) at the transmitter output.

5.   Sub-Category Modes for Single Operators

1. Phone (AM, FM & SSB)
2. CW (CW & RTTY)
3. Mixed

6.   Permitted Bands

1. Contacts may be made on MF (160M), HF and VHF & above bands *except* for WARC bands (10, 18 & 24MHZ) which are excluded by IARU agreement from all contest operations.
    a. HF SSB Voice transmissions should be within:
    1843-1875, 3535-3570 and 3600-3700, 7080-7300, 14112-14300, 21150-21450, 28300-29100KHz, otherwise disqualification or points reduction may result.

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7.   Multi-operator Stations

1. Multi-operator *single transmitter* stations
    a. Are only allowed one transmitted signal on air at any time.
2. Multi-operator *Unlimited* stations
    a. Are only allowed two transmitted signals on any band, one per Phone and one per CW as per rule 5.1 and 5.2.
    b. Simultaneous transmissions on different bands are permitted.
3. Multi-operator stations are mixed mode only.

8.   Teams

1. A team can consist of only one of the following two options.
    a) Three single operator stations
    b) Two single operator stations and one multi-single station
2. A team can consist of stations located anywhere in VK, ZL, or P2.
3. An operator can only be included in one team.
4. Clubs may enter multiple teams of 3 call-signs.
5. 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.
6. The winner of the team initiative will be the highest combined score from any one team.
7. Team scores are not included in the determination of the winning state.

Team scenario 1.
A station and two of their friends operate in the contest from their respective home QTH and participate in the contest and submit their logs in the normal manner. They are eligible for any awards in the category they entered as single operators. The contest manager was notified that these 3 stations want to form a team. Their scores are tallied together and that is the team score.

Team scenario 2.
A multi-single club has 2 operators who wish to work from their home QTH. The 2 single operators and the multi-single club contest and submit logs in the normal manner. They are eligible for any awards in the category they entered. The contest manager was notified that these 3 stations want to form a team. The 2 single operators and the club multi-single stations scores are tallied together and that is the team score

9.   Contacts

1. Suggested Call: "CQ RD", "CQ Contest", or "CQ Test"
2. Exchange: A valid exchange consists of RS(T) followed by a number as follows:
    a. For a single operator, the number of years you have been a licenced Ham. For example, if this is your 1st year as a ham then you will sign RS(T) 001. Round off to the nearest whole number. All zeros are not accepted.
    b. For a multi-op or club station, the number of licenced years of the longest licenced Amateur present at the start of the contest.
3. On all bands, stations may be contacted at intervals of not less than THREE hours since the previous contact on that band and mode.
    a. FM & SSB count as one mode, as does CW & RTTY count for the CW mode. Therefore, one cannot QSO with a station in FM and work them on SSB on the same band before the three 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.

10.   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 tripled.

11.   General Rules

1. W.I.A. General Rules for All Contests apply unless otherwise specified.
2. All operators of single operator stations must perform all operating and logging without assistance.
    a.   Use of clusters, Skimmers, and /or SDR Technology is allowed.
3. Holders of more than one licence or callsign MUST use only ONE callsign for the contest duration.
4. Fully automated operation is not permitted; however, computers can be used for logging or CW or RTTY reception and/or keying.
5. All operations must be in accordance with the band plan for the band in use, as published in the current edition of the WIA Callbook.
6. Any station observed as departing from the generally accepted codes of operating ethics or licence conditions may be disqualified.

7. **REMOTE STATION OPERATION** is allowed with the following conditions: (NEW from 2021)
    a.   Both receiving and transmitting antennas must be co-located and be in Australia.
    b.   If your remote station is interstate, you must sign VKn??/VKn or VKn/VKn??
    c.   Points will be allocated to the state you are transmitting and receiving from.
    d.   The remote site location must be shown by a maiden head six figure grid square in your soapbox comments.
    e.   All calls and exchanges must be obtained through the TX/RX remote site.
    f.   Only the remote site can be used during the contest. I.E. Using your personal physical local location for use of local TX/RX operations is banned.

12.   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.

13.   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.   **Submit Log via https://vklogchecker.com or..** VKCL logger will do this for you now.
    c.   Or failing b. above, attach your *'callsign.log'* file to your email to rdlogs@wia.org.au
    d.   Put your callsign in the subject.

e.   If logs are sent directly to the manager, receipt of your log, will be receipted by the manager. 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 100 contacts.
   b.   Entrants are encouraged to enter the paper logs into a logger after the contest and email the Cabrillo log (*callsign.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.
   e.   Send paper logs and summary sheets to: RD Contest Manager. 43 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, QLD 4342. ***Do not send logs requiring a signature***! Collection is an hour return drive away and may not be collected before results are finished.

3.   Then acceptance of .xls, .csv, and .txt files will be *considered* for processing. **DOC(x), MDB or picture files are not accepted**.
4.   Emailed Logs are to be received by the contest manager no later than **14 days** after the contest ends.
5.   Paper logs are to be postmarked no later than **5 days** after the contest.
6.   All logs will be receipted by email or on the website if no email exists for the operator.
7.   Logs received after the closing date will not be eligible for processing.
8.   Paper logs will not be returned unless a SASE is forwarded requesting return of the log.
9.   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 or in the 'soapbox' field in the Cabrillo file.

14.   Contest Results

1.   **Determination of Winning State or Territory.**
State score = (Total points from logs submitted) divided by (number of licencees in the state or Territory), excluding beacons and repeaters as published in the WIA Callbook for that year.
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, or ZL 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 on the W.I.A. website and winners announced in AR magazine as soon as practical.

15.   Contest Awards

1.   Entrants must make at least 25 contacts to be eligible for awards.
2.   Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates will be posted to recipients.
   a.   Single Operator Phone
   b.   Single Operator CW
   c.   Single Operator Mixed
   d.   Single Operator QRP Phone
   e.   Single Operator QRP CW
   f.   Single Operator QRP Mixed
   g.   Multi-operator – Single Transmitter
   h.   Multi-operator – Multi Transmitter
   i.   Team
   j.   //Discontinued due to licences not reflecting the licence grade//
      The top three foundation scorers regardless of category.

3. Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placegetters for each VK call area, and ZL & P2.
    a. Categories "a" through "f" as above.
4. Participants using WW2 ex military equipment will receive a special acknowledgement certificate as well as any certificates gained in winning any section.

16. 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 a logging program is encouraged.

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START-OF-LOG: 3.0                  (Options for RD Contest)
ARRL-SECTION: DX
CONTEST: REMEMBRANCE DAY
CALLSIGN: VK7??
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP (SINGLE-OP, MULTI-OP, CHECKLOG)
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED       (FIXED, MOBILE, PORTABLE)
CATEGORY-POWER: HIGH          (HIGH, LOW, QRP)
CATEGORY-MODE: SSB            (SSB, CW, MIXED)
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE     (ONE, UNLIMITED)
CLAIMED-SCORE: 6
CLUB: Your club
OPERATORS: VK7??
NAME: JOHN CITIZEN
ADDRESS: 1 STREET NAME
ADDRESS: MY SUBURB
ADDRESS: MY STATE
ADDRESS: MY POSTCODE
EMAIL: your email address
CREATED-BY: Some ones Contest Log (Ver 1.0.0)
SOAPBOX: MY COMMENTS
SOAPBOX:
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0353 VK7??   59 012 VK3???   59 003
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0358 VK7??   59 012 VK2??    59 032
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0400 VK7??   59 012 VK7??    59 040
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0403 VK7??   59 012 VK2??    59 027
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0407 VK7??   59 012 VK3???   59 007
QSO:  7000 PH 2017-08-12 0410 VK7??   59 012 VK3??    59 051
END-OF-LOG:
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17. Logging Software

1. Downloads
    a. VK Contest Log (VKCL) by Mike Subocz VK3AVV, Link
    b.   John Drew VK5DJ RD logging program Link
    c. SD Logger by EI5DI. See ei5di.com (HF logging only)
    d. N1MM Support files (City and UDC) from vk4sn dot com/contests/N1MMVK
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.

FAQ's Answered

A. One can only use one callsign for the contest. ie Cannot work with the club and go home and use your own call.

B. QRP stations are limited to 5 Watts average (CW/RTTY) or PEP (SSB) at the transmitter output.

C. Separate logs are not required for HF / VHF+ But can be if you want to.

D. In your log you can log 'rounded frequencies' Like 3500 instead of 3565.

E. A club station is not a team, but can be part of one. Read the Team Scenarios'

F. Output power is as per your licence conditions.

How to Log Correctly

Logging incorrectly will result in zero points like these examples:

VK1ABC/P4 - P4 is Aruba SA, NOT portable 4

VK2ABC/P3 - P3 is Cyprus

Points are not awarded for DX stations. The correct way to log is

VK4/VK1ABC and VK3/VK2ABC or LIKE VK1ABC/VK4

Other examples of correct logging are:

VK2ABC/M1 is not mobile VK1, Logging this puts them in England!

VK1/VK2ABC/M is the correct way to log this.

VK1ABC/P is portable in VK1

VK1ABC/M is mobile in VK1

VK1ABC/Q is QRP in VK1

VK4/VK1ABC/Q is QRP in VK4

Amendments

5/8/12 Removed logger references that are no longer relevant.

5/8/12 Added FAQ's derived from recent questions received.

5/8/12 Rounded off frequencies in log example to bring them into line with Cabrillo templates

20/8/12 Added "How to log" information.

25/8/14 Under Log Submission, added the actual file name to be emailed. "callsign.log"

25/8/14 Under 13.3, added what files are not acceptable as logs.

25/8/14 Under 13.6, added "to see website for log received" if no email address supplied. (paper logs)

22/9/14 Under 13.2.e added "Do not send logs requiring a signature"

22/9/14 Under 13.4 Changed 30 days to 14 days for log submission.

22/9/14 Under 13.5 Changed 30 days to 14 days for log submission.

28/7/15 Under 9.2.b Clarified club exchange.

8/8/16 Under 17.1 added SD and N1MM Logger info.

28/8/17 Under 11.2 a. Removed cluster restrictions and allowed skimmer, and SDR technology.

15/01/18 Under 13.1.b. Updated where to submit logs.

1/8/19 Under 6.1.a. Reminder about adherence to band plan

7/7/21 Under 15.2.j Removal of foundation section due to licences not reflecting licence grade.

9/7/21 Under 11.7 Added 7. Remote Station Operation