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1. Introduction

Currently, there is no official electronic format to submit entries for ATV contests. This is probably due to the lack of interest by contest log programs to implement the very specific features required for ATV contests.

On the other hand, several local ATV contest groups have started using Excel spreadsheets for logging, like BATC or VERON. In practice, most competitors do submit logs in some electronic format (XLS, DOC ...) but the evaluation of logs is still requiring copy/pasting the QSO's from one format to another.

The official REG1TEST format, as used by conventional VHF/UHF/microwave contests lacks lots of the required features for an ATV contest, and extending the REG1TEST format itself will still not be enough due to the absence of specific contest logging software.

2. Requirements for electronic format.

The electronic format should comply with the IARU region 1 ATV contest rules as set in chapter 4.8 of the current IARU region 1 VHF handbook, as well as the requirements for organising such contests described in chapter 4.2 of the VHF handbook.

It should be easy to use by the operators and the contest managers and should be usable by a wide community of users.

3. Key points and proposal

It is proposed to use a spreadsheet for Microsoft Excel:

- Microsoft Excel (>= 97) is widely available and does not require powerful PC's.
- It is possible to automate lots of tasks (DX calculation, points&multipliers...) even without using "macros" or a dedicated contest logging software.
- Future changes in contest rules can easily be implemented.
- These logs are also usable for the sub regional ATV contests.
- BATC, VERON and UBA already use similar spreadsheets.

The attached spreadsheet can be used as example.