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The current situation for contest entries is that a lot of countries do not enforce the rule of one week between the end of the contest and the entry of logs. In many cases the national contest coordinator sets up to three weeks. As an example in 2012 even the IARU contest robot had a submission deadline of one month after the end of the VHF contest.

The problem is that with the computerized logs and the endless possibilities for checking and crosschecking every detail, the final result will not just be a consequence of the performance of equipment and operators during the contest itself, - but also a result of who has the most time and possibilities for log checking.

Thus something that has nothing to do with the sport of the contest itself.

During the last couple of years an unfortunate practice of comparing and cross checking logs between participants has evolved.

A one week period between the end of the contest and the submission of logs is not a long time if you are a portable station that has to pack all equipment, and get down from the mountain. It may be several days before you have the possibility of checking the log.

Two options exist for solving the problem of unequal competition and log checking. Either we accept the extensive log checking and correction and enforce a three week period for everybody or we shorten the entry time to a 48 hour period between the end of the contest and the log submission. The latter solution would put the focus back where it really belongs; that is to the operating skills of the participants.

Current rule:

5.3.10 Entries

The entries must be set out in digital/electronic form fulfilling the requirements under rule 5.3.13. Logs must be sent to the national VHF Manager or the national Contest Committee and parallel the IARU Contest robot not later than the second Monday following the contest weekend. Late entries will not be accepted. The submission of the logs implies that the entrant accepts the contest rules.

Proposal a)

A three week period for entries for everybody

5.3.10 Entries

The entries must be set out in digital/electronic form fulfilling the requirements under rule 5.3.13. Logs must be sent to the national VHF Manager or the national Contest Committee and parallel the IARU Contest robot not later than the fourth Monday following the contest weekend. Late entries will not be accepted. The submission of the logs implies that the entrant accepts the contest rules.

Proposal b)

A 48 hour period for entries for everybody

5.3.10 Entries

The entries must be set out in digital/electronic form fulfilling the requirements under rule 5.3.13. Logs must be sent to the IARU Contest robot not later than 48 hours after the end of the contest. Late entries will not be accepted. The submission of the logs implies that the entrant accepts the contest rules.