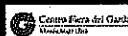


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HOW TO READ CONTEST RULES AND CQWW NEWS

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Rules

- Follow the idea of organizers
- Should be simple for testers, for log checker and for SW makers
- Rules against quality (UBN, point deduction)
- Rules against cheating (wording, irregularities, understanding)
- Rules as attractions

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Overview

- Contests, rules, testers
- Rules and their complexity
- Understanding the rules
- Log checking procedures
- UBN information,
- CQWW rules development
- QUESTIONS & answers

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Testers

- Aim of winning top scores
- Aim of local win
- Aim of work new countries, zones, islands etc.
- Casual testers
- Different approaches by different participants (who wants to win what)

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Contests

- Three groups of contests (ww, continental, local)
- Organizers (national organizers, clubs, others)
- Modes (one mode, mix)
- Other (time frame...)

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Rules and their complexity

- General rules
- Special rules for each contest
- More complex the rules, more problems to log checker
- Violations (coincidentally and purposely)
- Changing and upgrading the rules

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Understanding the rules

- Different explanations of different rules
- Understanding of organizer
- Understanding of participant
- Influence of technology to the rules

UBN example I.

Invalid contacts

2	10SSB 1201 UY0ZG	97	Not in log!
112	20SSB 1257 LY4BR	73	Busted call: LY4BF
138	20SSB 1314 G3VAO	66	Ignored - duplicate
295	20SSB 1514 G3RTP	85	Lic year should be 62

TABLE WITH ALL BANDS INFORMATION (claimed qsos, bad qsos, not-in-log, wrong year, valid qsos, qso pts, claimed mults, valid mults, -mults)

Invalid qsos percentage: 2.07%

Claimed score: 314130 Recalculated claimed: 313020 Final score: 296856

Log checking procedures

- Cabrillo universal format
- Computerized (complex programs, availability of data, threshold values)
- Manual (after computer work)
- Public access (additional tools)

UBN example II./1

Summary:

1418 claimed qso before checking (exclude duplicates), 1378 Final qsos after checking reductions, 2096 claimed qso points, 1800 final qso points, 359 claimed countries, 354 final countries, 84 claimed zones, 83 final zones, 443 claimed mults, 437 final mults,

928528 claimed score, 786600 final score,

-15.3 % score reduction,

2 (0.1%) duplicates,

16 (1.1%) calls copied incorrectly,

0 (0.0%) band change violations,

24 (1.7%) not in log,

1 (0.1%) calls unique (not removed)

UBN information

- Why UBN information
- Many organizers offer UBN information
- U - unique
- B - bad
- N - not in log
- Score reduction

UBN example II./2

*****Lost multipliers*****

21357	PH 2008-10-27	1035	XX4XX	15	ER3DX	16	incorrect call
28447	PH 2008-10-27	1841	XX4XX	15	8P1A	8	incorrect call
14148	PH 2008-10-28	1144	XX4XX	15	VE2IM	2	not in log
1879	PH 2008-10-28	1952	XX4XX	15	RL3A	16	not in log

*****Not in log*****

7046	PH 2008-10-27	0040	XX4XX	15	TM2S	14
1899	PH 2008-10-27	0321	XX4XX	15	LY9A	15
21214	PH 2008-10-27	0732	XX4XX	15	RW3WWW	16
14148	PH 2008-10-28	1144	XX4XX	15	VE2IM	2
1879	PH 2008-10-28	1952	XX4XX	15	RL3A	16

UBN example II./3



*****Incorrect call*****
3655 PH 2008-10-27 0119 XX4XX 15 9A4MT 15 correct 9A5MT
14306 PH 2008-10-27 0517 XX4XX 15 4X0WV 20 correct 4X0V
21277 PH 2008-10-27 1816 XX4XX 15 KE4GJ 5 not issued
28447 PH 2008-10-27 1841 XX4XX 15 8P1A 8 correct 8P5A
3670 PH 2008-10-27 2210 XX4XX 15 UT3IM 16 correct UT8IM

*****Unique calls worked (not removed)*****
21388 PH 2008-10-27 1522 XX4XX 15 WA2NAM 5

Rule XII. - old wording



- Disqualification (violation of regulations in the country or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct; excessive unverifiable QSOs or multipliers)
- Text with possible prevention of next year activities or check log status in all CQ contests
- Definition of unsportsmanlike conduct
- Decisions of CQ WW CC are official and final

CQWW rules development



- General rules did not change for years
- Technology influence (computers, packet,...)
- Applying of new categories (assisted, M/2, extreme)
- Most changes in wording (what is allowed and what is not allowed)
- Most every year some additions
- Pressures from contest public

Rule XII. - new wording



- Yellow card - not eligible for award and call marked in results
- Two yellow cards (ineligibility for CQ contest awards for two years - all ops in multi team)
- Red card - full disqualification (log is rejected, listed at the end, one year ineligibility)
- Two red cards (if within 5 years - ineligible for three years)

CQWW newest changes



- Questions of integrity of the contest - cheating
- Improvements on measures - Rule XII.
- YELLOW / RED cards

Rule XII. - six points



1. CQWWCC has right to accept or reject any entry
2. Violation of the rules - yellow or red card (discretion of CQWWCC).
Reclassification is automatic yellow card.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to ANY use by an entrant of any non-amateur means in the contest including, but not limited to, telephones, internet, instant messaging, chat rooms, VoIP, or the use of any DX cluster/reflector to solicit, arrange, or confirm any contacts during the contest.
4. Taking credit for excessive unverifiable QSOs or multipliers may result in a yellow card.
5. Withdrawing the log prior official letter and after.
6. Entrant agrees that decisions of CQWWCC are official and final.



Other news in CQWW

- Improvement of log checking
- On site visits to contest participants
- Extreme category
- Recording contest
- Possible shorter time for log submission
- CQWWCC public relations



Thanks !

QUESTIONS & answers