

A.R.I. International DX Contest 2012

Rules for non-Italians participants

1. The **Associazione Radioamatori Italiani** (A.R.I.) has the honour of inviting radio amateurs from all over the world to participate in the ARI International DX Contest.
2. **Aim.** It is a world-wide competition: everybody can work everybody.
3. **Date and time.**
The contest will be held on each first full week-end of May starting at **1200Z** Saturday and ending at **1159Z** Sunday. In year 2012 the dates will be May 5–6.
4. **Categories**
 - Single Operator - CW
 - Single Operator - SSB
 - Single Operator – RTTY
 - Single Operator – MIXED
 - Multi Operator - Single TX - MIXED
 - SWL - Single Operator - MIXED

Notes:

- a) Only one signal is permitted at any time.
 - b) Use of packet cluster, skimmers or any other alerting system is permitted for all entrants
 - c) Self spotting or asking other stations to spot you is not allowed
 - d) Multi-Operator stations must adhere to the 10 minutes rule (both runner and multiplier station). **Only one band and one mode** can be used within a 10 minutes period, while another band and mode can be used only to work a new multiplier. The 10 minutes period starts when the first QSO is logged on that band/mode. QSO in violation of the 10 minutes rule should be left in the log and they will be automatically deleted by the Committee but no extra penalties will be applied. Be aware that an excessive number of violations may lead to the disqualification of the entry.
5. **Bands.** Bands from 10m through 160m (RTTY: 10m through 80m), except WARC bands, are allowed according to IARU Band Plans.
 6. **Exchange.** Italian stations will send RST and two letters to identify their province. Other stations will send RST and a serial number from 001. The serial number will **NOT** restart from 001 on each band/mode.
 7. **Multipliers.**
 - each Italian province (110) count 1 (one) multiplier,
 - each DXCC country (except I & IS0) count 1 (one) multiplier.The same multiplier (country/province) can be counted once and only once for each band.
The 110 Italian provinces (by call-area) are the following:
 - **I1:** AL, AT, BI, CN, GE, IM, NO, SP, SV, TO, VB, VC.
 - **IX1:** AO.
 - **I2:** BG, BS, CO, CR, LC, LO, MB, MI, MN, PV, SO, VA.

- **I3:** BL, PD, RO, TV, VE, VI, VR.
- **IN3:** BZ, TN.
- **IV3:** GO, PN, TS, UD.
- **I4:** BO, FC, FE, MO, PC, PR, RA, RE, RN.
- **I5:** AR, FI, GR, LI, LU, MS, PI, PO, PT, SI.
- **I6:** AN, AP, AQ, CH, FM, MC, PE, PS (or PU), TE.
- **I7:** BA, BR, BT, FG, LE, MT, TA.
- **I8:** AV, BN, CB, CE, CS, CZ, IS, KR, NA, PZ, RC, SA, VV.
- **I0:** FR, LT, PG, RI, RM (or ROMA), TR, VT.
- **IT9:** AG, CL, CT, EN, ME, PA, RG, SR, TP.
- **IS0:** CA, CI, NU, OG, OR, OT, SS, VS.

8. QSO/Points

- QSO/HRD with own country counts 0 (zero) point but is good for the multipliers credit.
- QSO/HRD with own continent counts 1 (one) point,
- QSO/HRD with different continent counts 3 (three) points,
- QSO/HRD with any Italian (I & IS0) station counts 10 (ten) points.

The same station can be contacted on the same band once on SSB/CW/RTTY but only the first QSO is good for multiplier credit.

PLEASE REMEMBER that **I** (Italy) and **IS0** (Sardinia Island) are **NOT** country-multipliers.

9. Final score.

The Final Score is the sum of QSO/points from all bands multiplied by the sum of multipliers from all bands.

10. SWL Stations.

Listeners are required to log both the callsign of the station heard and of the correspondent station. Score is calculated based only upon the station heard using the same rules as per the transmitting stations. A callsign may appear NOT more than 3 (three) times on each band as a correspondent station, regardless of mode.

WARNING/EXCEPTION:

SWLlog must be submitted within 48 hours after the end of the contest (2359Z May 8, 2012)

11. LOG instructions .

- a) Only CABRILLO log will be accepted
- b) LOG must be named YOURCALL.LOG or YOURCALL.CBR
- c) LOG must be sent via e-mail to: < aricontest@kkn.net >
- d) Include ONLY your Callsign in the "Subject:" line of your e-mail.
- e) LOG must be e-mailed no later then **15** days after the contest (**2359Z May 21st, 2012**)

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- f) The Robot will send a confirmation on the log submission.
- g) A list of the received LOG will be published on www.ari.it site.
- h) If you are not able to submit a CABRILLO log, please contact the A.R.I. HF Contest Manager at < i2wij@ari.it >

- i) Starting from 2012 edition, submitted LOG may be made open to the public. Thus, by sending in your log, you implicitly agree that your log may be made open to the public.

12. Penalties and disqualifications.

Logs will be carefully checked by the Contest Committee and mistakes may cause a score reduction. There are no penalties applied to erroneous QSO, but unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to disqualification of the entry. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be found in the LOG data as well in any other recording mean available to the Committee.

All Contest Committee decisions are official and final.

13. Awards.

A plaque with a certificate will be awarded to the top scoring station in each category. Special plaques can be awarded by the Contest Committee if country/continental/call-area participation will justify the decision. A certificate will be awarded to No. 2, 3, 4, 5 top scoring stations in each category as well as to the top scoring stations in each country in each category.

14. Implicit Declaration: By submitting an entry in the ARI International DX Contest you agree that:

- a) you have read and understood the rules of the contest and agree to be bound by them;
- b) you have operated according to all the rules and regulations of your country that pertain to amateur radio;
- c) your log entry may be made open to the public;
- d) all actions and decisions of the A.R.I. HF Contest Committee are official and final.

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A.R.I. HF Contest Committee

CABRILLO STANDARD for the ARI International DX Contest

START-OF-LOG: 3.0

CREATED-BY:
CONTEST: ARI-DX
CALLSIGN:
CLAIMED-SCORE:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
LOCATION: nnnn / NM (ARI Section Number, field not needed for DX entries)
SOAPBOX:
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP / MULTI-OP
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE / SWL
CATEGORY-ASSISTED: ASSISTED
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-POWER: HIGH
CATEGORY-MODE: SSB / CW / RTTY / MIXED
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED
QSO:
END-OF-LOG:

START-OF-LOG: 2.0

CREATED-BY:
CONTEST: ARI-DX
CALLSIGN:
CLAIMED-SCORE:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
LOCATION: nnnn / NM (ARI Section Number, field not needed for DX entries)
SOAPBOX:
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL HIGH SSB/CW/RTTY/MIXED
CATEGORY: MULTI-ONE ALL HIGH MIXED
CATEGORY: SWL
QSO:
END-OF-LOG: