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BARTG HF RTTY CONTEST

A 48hr contest with the emphasis on accuracy. The BARTG HF RTTY contest is the longest running RTTY contest. The contest forms round two of the four contest series for the single operator championship.

Period of Operation

The contest runs on the third full weekend of March from 0200z on Saturday until 0159z on the Monday.

BANDS

10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, & 80m

CLASSES

- SOE – Single Operator Expert All Band
- SOAB – Single Operator All Band
- SOAB100 – Single Operator Single Radio All Band 100w
- SOABQRP – Single Operator Single Radio All Band 5w
- SOAB6 – Single Operator Single Radio All Band 6 hour
- SS10, SS15, SS20, SS40, SS80 – Single Operator Single Band
- MS – Multi Operator Single Radio
- MM – Multi Operator Multi radio

Conditions and Restrictions

- All single operator classes except SOAB6 may operate a maximum of 30 hours over the 48 hours of the contest duration. SOAB6 entrants must enter a log for their FIRST 6 hours of operation. Any contacts made after these periods must be shown in the contest log and will be treated as a checklog. DO NOT enter a separate CHECKLOG as this will overwrite your entry.
- Rest periods, if taken, must be no less than 3 hours.
- Multi classes may work the full 48 hour contest period.
- Transmitter power output 100w maximum in SOAB100.
- Transmitter power output 5w maximum in SOABQRP class.



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- All Single Operator and MS classes may only have one transmitted signal on the air at any one time.
- SOAB6, SOAB100, & SOABQRP entrants may only change bands once in any 5 minute period. Logging programs may show a 5 minute band change clock. This is advisory and can be ignored by SOE and SOAB entrants.
- CALLSIGNS on the EXPERTS list MUST enter SOE if single operator all band SOAB. Does not apply to SOABQRP, SOAB100 or single band. Anyone may choose to enter the SOE class.
- Stations in areas that count as multipliers whose callsign does not reflect the correct area must append the area after their call. E.G. W1XXX/4. Penalty will be the log becomes CHECKLOG.
- Use of remote station technology permitted. Callsign MUST be correct for the location of the transmitter.
- Entrants must operate their station within the established band plan for each band, and also within the terms of their licence. Any incursion into the CW only section of any band may incur the penalty of disqualification.

EXCHANGE

The contest exchange consists of

- 1) RST
- 2) MESSAGE NUMBER. The number must be a three or four figure number starting at 001 and incrementing by one per contact.
- 3) TIME UTC(GMT). A full four figure UTC(GMT) time must be sent as part of the exchange.

Example: G3XXX 599 156 1749

Each complete QSO scores one (1) point. Stations may be contacted once on each band.

MULTIPLIERS

All DXCC countries (including JA, W, VE and VK) and all JA, W, VE and VK areas count as multipliers on each band. Any country or JA, W, VE or VK area may be counted again if worked on a different band.

Continents count as a multiplier but only count once. A maximum of 6 continent multipliers is allowed.

SCORING

QSO points x multipliers x continents (max 6)



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LOG SUBMISSION

Logs must be in Cabrillo format and to be submitted to the RSGB robot NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE CONTEST. Logs submitted after the deadline will be included at the discretion of the adjudicator by prior arrangement.

<http://bartg.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

On submission of your log, the robot will email you a confirmation of entry. The initial processing will highlight any areas of concern with your log. You may then correct and resubmit your log. IT IS ESSENTIAL YOU ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CORRECTLY when submitting your log for it is the only route for communication concerning the contest. CHECK the email field on the submission page carefully. If the adjudicator cannot communicate with you, your log may be disqualified. The Adjudicators decision is final.

All logs submitted shall remain the property of the BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP.

AWARDS

Downloadable certificates will be awarded to the top three stations in each class, the top three SOAB entrants in each continent and to the top SOAB entrant in each JA, W, VE , and VK area. Note that Conditions and Restrictions section of the HF rulesreference in this section to SOAB includes all three SOAB classes.

Winners in any class may apply for a trophy, an engraved silver salver, for which there will be a charge of £30 including postage. Please contact the BARTG treasurer for further details.

This contest is round two of the Single Operator classes championship.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Any contestant may claim the BARTG Quarter Century Award or any of the BARTG Continental awards from contacts made in our contests. Holders of existing awards may add new countries to their records. A copy of your contest log together with the award claim should be sent to the BARTG awards manager. Details of all our awards and contests can be found on the BARTG website at: <http://www.bartg.org.uk/>