

# Club Gavel Competition

1. There are eight ARRL-sponsored contests that are designated as Affiliated Club Competitions (ACC) for ARRL and RAC affiliated clubs:
  1. January VHF Sweepstakes
  2. RTTY Roundup (January)
  3. International DX Contest (February and March)
  4. June VHF QSO Party
  5. August UHF Contest
  6. September VHF QSO Party
  7. November Sweepstakes
  8. December 160-Meter Contest
  9. December 10-Meter Contest
  
2. Only clubs actively affiliated with the ARRL or RAC may participate in the ACC.
  1. Within the US and its territories, a club must:
    - a) Be affiliated with the ARRL, and
    - b) Have filed an annual report with the Field Services Department of ARRL HQ within the last two years.
  2. Clubs outside of the ARRL operating territory may participate as follows:
    - a) In Canada, clubs that are fully affiliated with the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) are eligible to submit scores for an Affiliated Club Competition event.
    - b) Clubs outside ARRL operating territory or Canada must be ARRL affiliates as determined by the "Rules and Regulations Concerning Affiliated Societies " section of the ARRL Articles of Association, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.
  
3. For a club to be listed, the following conditions must be met:
  1. A minimum of three entries from qualified club members must be submitted.
  2. The entry must clearly indicate the club name in the Cabrillo file header.
  3. To be eligible to submit a score in the Affiliated Club Competition, operators must be members in good standing of the club designated, and reside and operate in the club territory as provided in 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.4.3. The Club Secretary or designated Club Scorekeeper for an affiliated club must submit a list of all club members eligible to compete for the club (not a club roster) and which level (unlimited, medium, local) they wish to enter for each competition within 30 days after the contest.
    - a) In lieu of mailing a list within 30 days after the end of each contest, the club may designate its Secretary or Scorekeeper to submit their club's eligibility roster electronically to a secure

web site (if available). The designated club official may update the electronic eligibility list by the start of each ACC contest as new members join the club or established members no longer meet the eligibility requirements. The designated club official must contact the ARRL Contest Branch Manager in order to obtain access to the secure website.

- b) Failure by the club to submit a valid list of member's eligible to submit scores for the club either electronically or by mail may result in the club being declared ineligible for the Club Competition event in question.
4. A member's score must be shown in the contest results to be counted for a club. Only that score shown in the results (or in subsequent corrections) will count for the club competition.

4. There are three categories of club competition:

#### **4.1 Unlimited**

1. Club submits 51 or more entries.
2. One station can submit two entries one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.
3. The club territory is either defined by:
4. A 175-mile (282-kilometer) circle from a designated center; or
5. One ARRL section.
6. All stations must be located and all operators must reside within the designated club territory.
7. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.
8. Eligible members that operate stations outside the club territory may not compete in the club competition, except as provided in rule .

#### **4.2 Medium**

1. Club submits 50 or fewer entries and does not qualify under the local club criteria.
2. One station can submit two entries--one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.
3. The club territory is either defined by:
  - a. A 175-mile (282-kilometer) circle from a designated center; or;
  - b. An ARRL-section.
4. All stations must be located and all operators must reside within the designated club territory.
5. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.

6. Eligible members that operate stations outside the club territory may not compete in the club competition, except as provided in rule 8.6.

### **4.3 Local**

1. Club submits 10 or fewer entries.
2. One station can submit two entries - one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.
3. All members must reside and operate within 35 miles of the club's designated center.
4. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.