

ARRL Affiliated Club Gavel Competition

1. There are nine ARRL-sponsored contests that are designated as Affiliated Club Competitions (ACC) for ARRL and RAC affiliated clubs:

1. January VHF Contest
2. RTTY Roundup (January)
3. (February and March) International DX Contest
4. June VHF Contest
5. (August) 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
6. September VHF Contest
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.

2.1. Within the US and its territories, a club must:

2.1.1. Be affiliated with the ARRL, and

2.1.2. Have filed an annual report with the Field Services Department of ARRL HQ within the last two years.

2.2. Clubs outside of the ARRL operating territory may participate as follows:

2.2.1. 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.

2.2.2. 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:

3.1. A minimum of three entries from qualified club members must be submitted.

3.2. The entry must clearly indicate the club name in the Cabrillo file header.

3.3. To be qualified to submit a score in the Affiliated Club Competition, operators must be eligible 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 prior to the start of the contest.

"Rationale - a club's Eligibility List shows the call signs and locations for all members who are eligible to submit scores for club credit from a specific contest. It is not a list of entries in a contest that the club claims. Clubs should submit a complete list of 'eligible members who may contribute their score' to the club as noted in their submitted log."

3.3.1. Club Eligibility Lists may be submitted via the ARRL-provided web uploading service, or by email, fax, or postal service mail to the ARRL Contest Branch Manager. The Eligibility List must contain the club name, club ARRL section (or location of the center of the club's eligibility circle), and a list of member call signs and locations. Locations are specified as six-character grid locators (e.g. FN20ab or DM13sc). Distances are calculated from center-to-center of the six-character grid locators.

3.3.2. Failure by the club to submit a valid list of member's eligible to submit scores for the club either electronically or by mail (postmarked before the start of the contest) may result in the club being declared ineligible for the Club Competition event in question.

4. There are three categories of club competition:

4.1. Unlimited

4.1.1. Club submits 51 or more entries.

4.1.2. One station can submit two entries one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.

4.1.3. The club territory is either defined by:

4.1.3.1. A 175-mile (282-kilometer) circle from a designated center; or

4.1.3.2. One ARRL section.

4.1.4. All stations must be located and all operators must reside within the designated club territory.

4.1.5. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.

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

4.2. Medium

4.2.1. Club submits 50 or fewer entries and does not qualify under the local club criteria.

4.2.2. One station can submit two entries--one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.

4.2.3. The club territory is either defined by:

4.2.3.1. A 175-mile (282-kilometer) circle from a designated center;
or;

4.2.3.2. An ARRL-section.

4.2.4. All stations must be located and all operators must reside within the designated club territory.

4.2.5. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.

4.2.6. 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

4.3.1. Club submits 10 or fewer entries.

4.3.2. One station can submit two entries - one on CW and one on Phone in the November Sweepstakes and the DX Contest.

4.3.3. All members must reside and operate within 35 miles of the club's designated center.

4.3.4. All members must be "members in good standing" according to the rules and requirements of the club.

5. At Single Guest-Operator and Multioperator stations:

5.1. To claim a Guest Operator score for a club, the guest operator at a single-operator station must meet the membership and residence requirement for the club classification (Unlimited, Medium or Local see rule 8.4) and the station must be located within the defined club territory. The owner of the station does not need to be a member of the club claiming the score.

5.2. At least 50% of the operators at a multi-operator station must be eligible members of the club and the station must be located within the defined club territory. The owner of the station does not need to be a member of the club claiming the score.

A club member who resides outside of the club territory counts as a non-member when determining the number of eligible members at a multi-operator station.

5.3. Multioperator entries may (optional) utilize non-member operators licensed one year or less without including such operators in the 50% calculation. (The intent here is to encourage clubs to recruit contesters from newer amateurs without adversely affecting the club aggregate score.)

5.4. All other applicable contest rules must be satisfied.

6. For the ARRL International DX Contest only, DXpedition (operating outside the United States and Canada) scores for either single operator or multioperator stations may be counted for Medium or Unlimited Clubs even though the operation is outside the club's area, provided all other requirements are met.

7. For multioperator stations, the score may count for only one club and at least 50% of the operators must be members of the club receiving the score and meet all other criteria.

8. A club's entry classification may be changed if, in the opinion of the ARRL Awards Committee, the club has manipulated its number of entries to allow the club to enter a lower classification. (For example, if a club with 100 members submits only the 10 highest scores, even if more than 10 of its members compete.)

9. It is not within the intent of these rules that a club should vote out a member or that a member resign and then be voted back into the club later so the member in good standing rule can be met.

10. The highest scoring active affiliated club entry in each category (unlimited, medium, local) will be awarded a gavel.

Watch the ARRL Web "Contest Club Tools" for updates at <http://www.arrl.org/contest-club-tools>