

Affiliated Club Competition Rules

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CLUB 1. Affiliated Club Competitions and Eligibility

CLUB.1.1. The following ARRL-sponsored contests include an Affiliated Club Competition (ACC):

- January VHF Contest
- RTTY Roundup
- International DX Contest
- June VHF Contest
- 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
- September VHF Contest
- November Sweepstakes
- 160-Meter Contest
- 10-Meter Contest

CLUB.1.2. Within the US and its territories, a club must:

CLUB.1.2.1. Be affiliated with the ARRL as defined by the "Rules and Regulations Concerning Affiliated Societies" at www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-resources.

CLUB.1.2.2. Have filed an annual report with the ARRL Field Services Department within the last two years.

CLUB.1.3. Clubs outside of the ARRL operating territory may participate as follows:

CLUB.1.3.1. In Canada, clubs that are fully affiliated with the RAC are eligible to submit scores for an ACC.

CLUB.1.3.2. Clubs outside ARRL operating territory or Canada must be ARRL affiliates as determined by the "Rules and Regulations Concerning Affiliated Societies " at www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-resources.

CLUB.1.4. For a club to participate in an ACC, the following conditions must be met:

CLUB.1.4.1. A minimum of three entries from eligible club members must be submitted.

CLUB.1.4.2. Each entry must clearly indicate the club name in the Cabrillo file header.

CLUB.1.5. For an entry to be eligible for club credit:

CLUB 1.5.1. Operators must be eligible members in good standing of the club designated, and must reside and operate in the club territory. (See the special rules for scores from Multioperator stations.)

CLUB.1.5.2. 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 ACC.

CLUB.1.5.3. Eligible members that operate stations outside the club territory may not compete in the club competition, except in the International DX Contest as provided in the Rules for Specific Contests.

CLUB 2. Club Eligibility Lists

CLUB.2.1. The Club Secretary or designated Club Scorekeeper must submit an Eligibility List showing all club members eligible to compete for the club to the ARRL Contest Program Manager via **contest-clubs.arrl.org**. The Eligibility List is not a club roster or a list of entries in a contest that the club claims.

CLUB 2.2. The Eligibility List must contain:

Club name;

Territory definition (ARRL section or location of the center of the club's Eligibility Circle); and
List of member call signs and locations. Locations are specified as six-character grid locators (e.g. FN20ab or DM13sc).

CLUB.2.3. Failure by the club to submit a valid Eligibility List may result in the club being declared ineligible for the Club Competition event in question.

CLUB 3. Club Category Definitions

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Category	Number of entries	Eligibility Circle radius
Unlimited	51 or more	175 miles (282 kilometers)
Medium	50 or more and does not qualify for the Local category	175 miles (282 kilometers)
Local	10 or fewer	35 miles (56 kilometers)

CLUB.3.2. The highest scoring active affiliated club entry in each category will be awarded a gavel.

CLUB.3.3. A club's entry category 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 category with fewer allowable entries. (For example, if a club with 100 members submits only the 10 highest scores, even if more than 10 of its members compete.)

CLUB.3.4. It is not allowed that a club 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.

CLUB 4. Club Territory Definition

CLUB.4.1. A club's territory is defined as:

A single ARRL Section, or

An Eligibility Circle with a designated center and a radius as defined in the table of Club Category Definitions

CLUB.4.2. Distances for individual stations from the designated center are calculated from center-to-center of the six-character grid locators.

CLUB.5. Entries from Guest Single-Operator and Multioperator Stations:

CLUB.5.1. To claim a Single Operator score made by a guest operator at a host's station, the operator must meet membership and residence requirements for the club and the station must be located within the club territory. The owner of the station does not need to be a member of the club claiming the score.

CLUB.5.2. To claim a Multioperator score, at least 50% of the operators at the station must be eligible members of the club and the station must be located within the club territory. The owner of the station does not need to be a member of the club claiming the score. Note that a club member who resides outside of the club territory counts as a non-member when determining the number of eligible members at a Multioperator station.

CLUB 5.2.1. A Multioperator score may count for only one club.

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

CLUB.6. Rules for Specific Contests

CLUB.6.1. One station can submit two entries in the November Sweepstakes and the International DX Contest; one on CW and one on Phone.

CLUB.6.2. For the International DX Contest only, DXpedition scores (operations outside the United States and Canada) by Single Operator and Multioperator stations may be counted for Medium or Unlimited Clubs even though the operation is outside the club's territory, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.