



IARU HF Championship

2018 Preliminary Results

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The IARU HF Championship was one of the most anticipated contesting events of 2018. While a very popular contest by itself, activity in this year's event got a boost from relatively decent conditions and added excitement surrounding the eighth World Radiosport Team Championship held concurrently in Germany. As a result, there was a 23% increase in submitted logs over last year with 4,946 entries. This year's contest had the highest number of entries since 2014 when over 5,000 logs were submitted.

Once again, Cyprus was the place to be as UT5UDX became the third operator in as many years to finish with the highest overall Single-Operator score while operating P33W, setting a new Single-Operator, Mixed Mode, High Power record in the process. But with so many mode and power categories to choose from in this contest, you don't necessarily have to travel to a special location to garner some bragging rights for a year. Congratulations to the following category winners!

The Winners

W/VE Category Winners

Multi-operator, Single Transmitter

K5TR 1,988,216

Single-op, Mixed Mode, High Power

VE3AT 2,169,856

Single-op, Mixed Mode, Low Power

KI6RRN (@WA6TQT) 1,001,470

Single-op, Mixed Mode, QRP

N9EP 70,810

Single-op, Phone Only, High Power

W7WA 1,230,460

Single-op, Phone Only, Low Power

KI6SYM 113,620

Single-op, Phone Only, QRP

KA8SMA 10,340

Single-op, CW Only, High Power

W1KM 1,934,748

Single-op, CW Only, Low Power

K7SV 685,056

Single-op, CW Only, QRP

W6JTI 112,259

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, High Power

N8OO 2,342,312

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, Low Power

W9AV 222,400

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, QRP

NX5M 248,240

Single-op Unlimited, Phone Only, High Power

W3LL 618,192

Single-op Unlimited, Phone Only, Low Power

KI5MM 82,450

Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, High Power

KO7SS 1,932,322

Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, Low Power

W3KB 438,615

Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, QRP

W3YI (W3YJ, op) 95,268

World Category Winners

Multi-operator, Single Transmitter

RM9A 5,184,428

Single-op, Mixed Mode, High Power

P33W (UT5UDX, op) 6,691,344

Single-op, Mixed Mode, Low Power

KI6RRN (@WA6TQT) 1,001,470

Single-op, Mixed Mode, QRP

LZ1YE 418,424

Single-op, Phone Only, High Power

ES5RW 2,559,624

Single-op, Phone Only, Low Power

E17T (ON4EI, op) 1,261,002

Single-op, Phone Only, QRP

HA5NB 114,660

Single-op, CW Only, High Power

R3ZZ 2,755,860

Single-op, CW Only, Low Power

IR4M (IK3QAR, op) 1,851,554

Single-op, CW Only, QRP

CT7AJL 297,066

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, High Power

R2AA 4,242,793

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, Low Power

9A1AA 890,178

Single-op Unlimited, Mixed Mode, QRP

HA5PP 262,056

Single-op Unlimited, Phone Only, High Power

EF8R (RA5A, op) 5,131,506

Single-op Unlimited, Phone Only, Low Power

IK4LZH 576,816

Single-op Unlimited, Phone Only, QRP

LZ1DM 116,920

Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, High Power	
EF8U (UA5C, op)	6,052,800
Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, Low Power	
UA4W	2,231,138
Single-op Unlimited, CW Only, QRP	
UR6EA	604,960

All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website. Top scores will be printed in the March 2019 issue of QST.

Special Station Winners

Headquarters Stations

TMØHQ	22,916,663
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IARU Administrative Council Stations

G5W (G3BJ, op)	2,913,480
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IARU Region 1

F4GKR/P	626,454
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IARU Region 2

YV5AM	419,152
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IARU Region 3

JA1CJP	145,544
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Steen, OZ8SW, operating 15 Meter CW for OZ1HQ at the QTH of OZ6FRS (Henning Andresen, OZ1BII photo)

The Records

Congratulations to the operators behind these new all-time records!

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