

Contest Club - FAQs

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For the current Club Competition Rules - see http://www.arrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrl-contests#Club_Competition

Q - Why is the roster now called an "eligibility list"?

A - The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the list for the Club Competition. The eligibility list should only contain call sign and location data for members eligible to submit scores for the club.

Q - We have club members who operate from large club or contest stations in our territory. How should they be listed on our Eligibility List?

A – For ARRL Club Competition purposes, the operator (not the station) is the Eligible Member. For example, if the ARRL HQ Operator's Club intends to compete in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest club, and if W9JJ operates from Club Station W1HQ (W9JJ, op) in the event, W9JJ's call sign must be included in the Club Eligibility List in order for the W1HQ contest score to count toward the club's cumulative score.

Q - How should members be listed if they have more than one station in the club territory?

A - List each location as a call sign and location on its own line. Here are some formatting examples (first two lines have a TAB as separator; second two lines use a COMMA as separator):

*W9JJ FN31aa
W9JJ FN30xx*

or

*W9JJ,FN31aa
W9JJ,FN30xx*

Q - If members who live outside the club territory participate as a guest op or via remote control from within the club territory, are they eligible?

A - No - the member must BOTH reside AND operate from within the club territory to be eligible. (Rule 8.3.3.)

Q - If members reside for part of the year in the club territory, when are they eligible?

A - They are eligible during the time they actually reside in (not just visit) the club territory. Residency could be defined as a location where mail is received, or a location where utility bills are incurred. It's suggested that clubs upload a list of all potential participating eligible members, just to be sure you have everyone included that may participate from your club territory during an event.

Q - If members who reside in the club territory operate in the contest while traveling, such as on a business trip or vacation, are they eligible if they use remote control to operate from a station in the club territory?

A - Yes, as long as their residence is in the club territory at the time of the contest.

Q - When will eligibility lists be published?

A - The most recent list received will be published soon after it has been uploaded.

Q - When does an uploaded eligibility list take effect?

A - Although uploaded eligibility lists need to be authenticated within 72 hours of submission, all submitted lists are timestamp archived (based on the upload date and time), regardless of whether or not they are authenticated.

Q - What if a club doesn't update their eligibility list before the contest?

A - The most recent list for the club will always be used. If there have been no membership changes and the club territory has not changed, there is no need to submit another eligibility list. Clubs can confirm a list is on file at <http://contest-clubs.arrl.org/viewlists.php> (when viewing the list content, each list shows the one or more uploads received and a timestamp for each).

Q - What if a member decides to operate without notifying the club secretary?

A - As long as the member is included in the eligibility list, their score may be contributed for the club. It is recommended that all eligible members be included on the list, regardless of whether they plan to operate in a specific contest.

Q - What if an operator is listed on more than one club's eligibility list?

A - The operator's score is only counted for the club identified in the "CLUB:" line of operator's submitted log and/or Cabrillo file.

Q - What if a member submits more than one log for a contest, naming the same "CLUB:" in the Cabrillo files? For example, what if W9JJ operates from club station W1HQ for part of the contest and then operates from home for the remainder of the contest, submitting two logs each crediting the Newton Contest Club (NCC)?

A - Each submitted log is counted toward the club's total score and is also counted as a separate entry for the club when determining the club category (i.e. both the W9JJ and the W1HQ log count as separate entries when determining the NCC's category).

Q – How is the Club’s total score and entry category determined?

*A - The club's total score and category continue to be determined *solely* by the logs submitted according to the club name in the CLUB: tag of the log header. The submitting operator must be on the club's Eligibility List, but that does not automatically cause a log from that operator to be credited to the club.*

There can be many more call signs on the Eligibility List for a club than stations who submit logs for that club. For example, there might be 60 call signs on an ARRL HQ Operators Club Member Eligibility List (where the members reside and operate from within a 35-mile circle in and around Newington CT), but if only 10 logs are submitted for a given contest crediting the ARRL HQ Operators Club, the result will be a "Local" club category entry. Had there instead been 11 logs submitted, the club competition entry would automatically shift to the "Medium" club category based on a count of 11 to 50 logs submitted.

Q - What if a member uses a special, club, or other non-listed call sign that is not on the eligibility list? What if a member operates using a host's call sign at a station in the club territory that is not on the eligibility list?

A - The member's call sign on the eligibility list should be given as the operator and/or listed in Cabrillo file "OPERATORS:" line. If it is not, the Contest Branch Manager may contact the member to verify the eligibility of a particular score.

Q - What if the member's location is not known or they operate from a different location in the club territory than is given in the eligibility list?

A - The club secretary can list the member call sign with no location data and the distance calculated in the published list will be shown as "LOCATION DATA NOT PROVIDED". This would be the preferred method for a member who plans on operating mobile or doesn't know what their location will be during the contest. Members are also eligible if they decide to operate from a location inside the club territory other than that given in the eligibility list. The Contest Branch Manager may contact the member to verify their eligibility.

Q - What if a member's estimated distance from the club center is greater than allowed for that club category? What if the wrong location and distance are given in a published list?

A - To challenge a member's eligibility for being outside of the club circle, identify the exact two points in question on a map and contact the Contest Branch Manager.