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## **50 MHz Italian Provinces Contest**

*eighteenth Edition*

**Sunday September 15th, 2019**

### **Contest Rules**

#### **Participation:**

- The participation is open both to Italian and to not Italian Radioamateurs.
- Temporary assigned special prefixes or special callsigns are not admitted to run for the final score ranking.
- Permanent callsigns assigned to A.R.I. Groups or Marconian stations are not considered as “special callsigns”.

#### **Multipliers**

- Multipliers are:
  - The Italian Provinces
  - **NEW !**: the “special multiplier” **WW**, associated to NOT Italian stations (see below)

#### **Categories:**

- A = FIX stations
- B = PORTABLE stations

### **Date and time:**

- Sunday September 15th, 2019, starting time 07.00 UTC, ending time 15.00 UTC.

### **Emission modes:**

SSB and CW, within the power limits allowed in the country of operation and according to the IARU Band Plan.

### **Call:**

"CQ IPR" (Italian **PR**ovinces) for CW, "CQ Contest Italian Provinces" for SSB.

For the Italian stations, the Italian Call Area Suffix “/X” (where “X” is the Call Area’s number) must be used whenever the concerned station :

- 1) Operates from a FIX location (category A) outside the authorized address reported on the participant’s license;
- 2) Operates as portable station (category B).

No Call Area Suffix is required for foreign (not Italian) stations

### **Reports :**

- Italian stations : RS(T) + progressive number + license plate initials of the italian province from which the concerned station operates;
- Foreign stations RS(T) + progressive number + “special multiplier” **WW**

### **Score:**

1 point for each QSO.

A same station can be contacted twice, both in CW an SSB mode. In case of QSO in both emission modes, if the contact counts as a new multiplier, the multiplier will be counted only once for the score calculation. QSOs between a station operating from a certain province with another station operating from the same province are permitted, as well as QSOs between foreign stations. In this case, both foreign stations will exchange the special multiplier “WW”.

## **Multipliers**

• Multipliers are:

- The Italian provinces, counted only once independently on the emission mode;
- The first QSO with a station operating from a foreign country (“special multiplier” **WW**) counted only once, independently on the emission mode;

## **Score:**

SCORE = (Total number of valid QSO) X (Total number of new multipliers)

Where “valid QSO” = NOT Dupe QSO

## **Log:**

Computerized log in Cabrillo format must be used. Paper logs will not be considered.

Only logs as Cabrillo files will be accepted as valid for the contest ranking, accompanied by the corresponding “Summary Sheet”

The logs must be sent to: [contest@arifidenza.it](mailto:contest@arifidenza.it)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** the title of the e – mail message must be formatted this way :

**CALLSIGN\_ PARTECIPATION CATEGORY**

**Example : IK4XYZ/4\_A**

A participation certificate in PDF format will be sent for free via e – mail to all participants, having sent a log with at least 10 QSOs.

The logs must reach [contest@arifidenza.it](mailto:contest@arifidenza.it) within Sept. 30th, 2019.

The use of **QAR TEST** Software is suggested for the management of the electronic logs, using the last updated version at the date of the contest. The last QAR TEST version can be downloaded for free from: [https://www.ik3qar.it/software/qartest\\_ita/download/](https://www.ik3qar.it/software/qartest_ita/download/)

If QAR TEST is used, then the files to be sent are :

- **Cabrillo (.log)**  
and
- **Summary Sheet (.sum)**

These file must be renamed with the callsign used during the contest, but maintaining the original file extension.

Example : IK4ABC.log and IK4ABC.sum

If other Softwares are used, **the log must be sent anyway in Cabrillo format, and accompanied by the Summary Sheet**, adopting the same file renaming rules stated above.

The Summary Sheet can be also part of the e – mail message.

In any case, it must contain the personal data of the participant and the participaton category.

As a general rule, the electronic logs must report the QSO in chronological order, and must contain: date, UTC time, band, emission mode, progressive number, given and received RS(T), multipliers and score. Dupe QSOs must be left in log and highlighted, their score must be set to zero.

### **Disqualification:**

All incoming log will be carefully checked, and any detected error may lead to the participant's disqualification.

As an example, possible reasons for disqualification may be :

- Dupe QSOs percentage greater than 2,5% on the total number of QSOs in log;
- Declared score greater than + 5% of the actual, verified score;
- Lack of the Summary Sheet;
- Log and/or Summary Sheet filled out not in compliance with the Contest Rules, or with missing data or required informations.

The Contest Committee may decide not to impose disqualification, instead reducing the overall score by an amount related and proportional to the deviation(s) found from the Contest Rules.

As an example, following items can be deleted from the log:

- Not highlighted dupe QSOs;
- Multipliers counted more than once;
- Wrong multipliers;
- Clearly not existing, wrong or unverifiable callsigns;

**In any case, the Contest Committee has the right to take penalty decisions related and proportional to the deviation(s) from the Contest Rules.**

**Sending the log implies the acceptance of the Contest Rules stated in this document, as well as any decision taken by the Contest Committee.**

**Any decision taken by the Contest Committee will be final and unappealable.**

### **Control Log**

Possible causes for classification of a log as “Control Log” may be, for example:

- Logs sent by participants, who explicitly ask for their log to be classified as Control Log;
- Logs with missing Summary Sheet or missing final score calculation;
- Logs reaching [contest@arifidenza.it](mailto:contest@arifidenza.it) after Sept. 30th, 2019, independently on their total score;

### **Ranking and prizes:**

**Prizes will be assigned to the three highest scored participants of each category. The prizes award ceremony will take place during the “A.R.I. Fidenza Meeting”, in March.**

**A participation certificate will be assigned for free to all participants, having sent a log containing at least 10 QSOs.**

**NOTE:** For any updating or info concerning this contest, please check:

<http://www.arifidenza.it/contest.asp>

or write an e – mail to : [arifidenza@arifidenza.it](mailto:arifidenza@arifidenza.it)