

**Contest Advisory Committee  
Semi-Annual Report**

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### **1. Executive Summary**

No additional taskings have been assigned to the CAC over the last six months. The CAC took this opportunity to compile a list of contesting issues which it believes warrant further study and recommendations. These were presented to the P&SC by the CAC Chairman during a meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> as well as in an Interim Report submitted to the P&SC prior to that meeting. After reviewing the CAC report and having some additional discussions, the P&SC has given the CAC a preliminary notification that further study and recommendations will be requested of the CAC in the following areas:

- 1) Investigate potential mobile category for HF Contesting,
- 2) Investigate parameters that CAC would recommend for a possible 24 hour category in the ARRL DX Contest,
- 3) Review scoring topics within the ARRL 160 Meter Contest, and
- 4) Study the feasibility, pros/cons, etc. of making submitted logs public for ARRL Contests

The P&SC asked that the CAC not begin on these topics until receiving formal taskings defining the scope. The formal taskings are expected after the P&SC's July meeting.

The P&SC also authorized the CAC to review and make recommendations for changes to the "HF Contesting – Good Practices, Interpretations and Suggestions" document. This document is posted on the ARRL Web Site but has not been updated for some time. A small sub-committee within CAC has been assigned to this task. Once the document has been updated, it will be reviewed by the entire CAC and forwarded to the Contest Branch Manager for review and consideration. A summary of the proposed changes will also be sent to the P&SC.

### **2. Additional Details**

The following is the complete list of contesting issues that were identified to the P&SC by the CAC in its "Interim Report to the P&SC" submitted on May 2, 2014. Many of these issues are ones that were communicated to a CAC member by contesters in their respective division.

1. Evaluate adding 24 Hour Category to ARRL DX Contests
2. Evaluate eliminating XE Multipliers in ARRL 10 Meter Contest

3. Evaluate Adding Assisted Category in the ARRL VHF Contest
4. Recommendations for adapting the Centennial QSO Party for Future Years
5. Recommendations on Conducting a Contest Survey
6. Review and Revise ARRL HF Contesting Guideline Document
7. Evaluate Single Operator Unlimited Category in VHF Contests
8. Add Single Operator Single Band Unlimited Low Power Category to ARRL DX Contest
9. Recommendations on making submitted contest logs public for ARRL Contests
10. Recommendations on making log checking software public
11. Recommendations on equalizing scoring inequalities in ARRL 160 Meter Contest
12. Evaluate adding separate S01R and SO2R categories to ARRL RTTY Contest
13. Correct Maritime multiplier problem in ARRL Contests

The P&SC has given the CAC preliminary notification that formal taskings will be prepared for items 1, 10, and 11 above as well as an additional tasking related to a possible mobile category for ARRL Contests. In addition, the P&SC has authorized the CAC to begin work in item 6.

### **3. Administrative Notes**

There have been no changes to the CAC Roster over the last six months but there have been a couple liaisons changed. The PSC liaison to the CAC is now Doug Rehman, K4AC. Matt Wilhelm, W1MSW has been announced as the new ARRL Contest Branch Manager.

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