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Introduction

The current rule 5.3.2 that defines contest sections should be clearer about the assistance during the contest for the **SINGLE** section. In particular, it should be made clear that no assistance of any other **person** during the contest is allowed.

The following update of the **SINGLE** section is proposed:

- *“Section **SINGLE** - Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance of another person during the contest.”*

The current rule also introduces new section **ROVER**. Automatic contest log evaluation is made extremely complicated by inclusion of logs from **ROVER** section entrants. As the automatic contest log software (i.e. contest robots) are mostly written and maintained by hams on voluntary basis it is not fair to pose such a large amount of new code development on them.

It is thus proposed to either:

- remove the **ROVER** section from the rules
- contest logs for **ROVER** stations are removed from automatic log adjudication process; points for a contacts between **ROVER** and non-**ROVER** stations in the log of a non-**ROVER** station are set to 0 except for the first log entry with the **ROVER** station (widely used contest robot software would treat such contacts as duplicate and would only count points for the first log entry with the **ROVER** station – so no impact on robot SW functionality is imposed by adding this note to the existing **ROVER** section)

Modification

New wording of the 5.3.2 rule for item a. above:

5.3.2 Contest sections

The contests shall comprise the following sections for each band from 50 MHz to 10 GHz and for Millimetre group (the combined group of amateur bands above 10 GHz):

- Section SINGLE - Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance of another person during the contest.
- Section MULTI - All other entrants

New wording of the 5.3.2 rule for item b. above:

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The contests shall comprise the following sections for each band from 50 MHz to 10 GHz and for Millimetre group (the combined group of amateur bands above 10 GHz):

- Section SINGLE - Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance of another person during the contest.
- Section MULTI - All other entrants
- Section ROVER (SINGLE) (1,2 GHz and UP) - This new class will be introduced in 2012.

A Rover station is a station travelling (and taking all its equipment and antennas) to more than one location during the same contest. Rover stations should indicate that they are operating as such, for example by calling "CQ Rover" and current locator.

A Rover station can be worked more than once, on the condition that the Rover has changed from locator square and moved at least 5 km, this means a change of one of the 4 first digits (e.g. from JO32.. to JO31..)

The final score of the Rover station is the sum of the logs per square. A Rover station makes a specific EDI file for each locator. The sum of the different logs will be the final result of the Rover station.

Contest logs for ROVER stations are removed from automatic log adjudication process; points for a contact between ROVER and non-ROVER stations in the log of a non-ROVER station are set to 0 except for the first log entry with the ROVER station. This new class will be introduced in 2012, subject to agreement on rules at the 2011 conference.