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Titre de la contribution

Echange de messages pendant les concours en VHF/UHF et au-dessus.

Description

Il est proposé de définir les messages autorisés ou non autorisés échangés via chat pendant les concours.

Title

Rules for message exchange via Internet chat during VHF/UHF and microwave contests.

Introduction

For a few years now, most contest teams and single operators use ON4KST or other Internet chats during VHF/UHF/SHF contests.

Background

The rules: in Chapter 5-3-1, IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF and Microwave Contests do not forbid using chats and/or clusters.

Usually, during VHF/UHF/SHF IARU Region 1 contests and also during MMC, several hundreds of messages are exchanged on ON4KST chat, in order to organize skeds and notify calling frequencies and/or azimuth directions.

Key point and proposal

What is allowed:

- OM8A: pse qsy 144.088
- DK0A: pse listen JN36

What is not allowed:

- Exchanging numbers or anything else while in QSO. For example:
 - o Now we got number – TNX
 - o Sending TNX after the QSO before being sure that the QSO is finished and all necessary data has been exchanged

Recommendation

During VHF/UHF/SHF contests, messages exchanged on chat are allowed providing they contain only information about band QSY frequency and beam direction to be used.

References

IARU Region 1 VHF Handbook: Chapter 5 IARU R1 VHF/UHF and Microwave Contests.