

# Affiliated Club Competition Rules

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## CLUB 1. Affiliated Club Competitions and Eligibility

CLUB.1.1. The following ARRL-sponsored contests include an Affiliated Club Competition (ACC):

- January VHF Contest
- RTTY Roundup
- International DX Contest
- International Digital Contest
- June VHF Contest
- 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
- September VHF Contest
- November Sweepstakes
- 160-Meter Contest
- 10-Meter Contest

CLUB.1.2. In Canada, clubs that are fully affiliated with the RAC are eligible to submit scores for an ACC.

CLUB.1.3. For a club to participate in an ACC, the following conditions must be met:

- CLUB.1.3.1. A minimum of three entries from eligible club members must be submitted.
- CLUB.1.3.2. Each entry must clearly indicate the club name in the Cabrillo file header.

CLUB.1.4. For an entry to be eligible for club credit:

- CLUB 1.4.1. Operators must be eligible members in good standing of the club designated and must reside and operate in the club territory. See CLUB.5. for exceptions to this rule.
- CLUB.1.4.2. A member's score must be shown in the contest results to be counted for a club. Only that score shown in the results (or in subsequent corrections) will count for the ACC.

## CLUB 2. Club Eligibility Lists

CLUB.2.1. The Club Secretary or designee must submit an Eligibility List showing all club members eligible to compete for the club to the ARRL Contest Program Manager via [contests.arrl.org/contestclubshome.php](https://contests.arrl.org/contestclubshome.php). The Eligibility List is not a club roster or a list of entries in a contest that the club claims.

CLUB 2.2. The Eligibility List must contain the club name, territory definition (ARRL section or location of the center of the club's Eligibility Circle), and list of member call signs and locations. Locations are specified as six-character grid locators (e.g. FN20ab or DM13sc).

CLUB.2.3. Failure by the club to submit a valid Eligibility List may result in the club being declared ineligible for the Club Competition event in question.

## CLUB 3. Club Category Definitions

Category	Number of entries	Eligibility Circle radius
Unlimited	51 or more	250 miles (402 kilometers)
Medium	50 or less and does not qualify for the Local category	250 miles (402 kilometers)

Local	10 or fewer	35 miles (56 kilometers)
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CLUB.3.1. The highest scoring active affiliated club entry in each category will be awarded a gavel.

CLUB.3.2. A club's entry category may be changed if, in the opinion of the ARRL Awards Committee, the club has manipulated its number of entries to allow the club to enter a category with fewer allowable entries. (For example, if a club with 100 members submits only the 10 highest scores, even if more than 10 of its members compete.)

CLUB.3.3. It is not allowed that a club vote out a member or that a member resign and then be voted back into the club later so the member in good standing rule can be met.

#### CLUB 4. Club Territory Definition

CLUB.4.1. A club's territory is defined as:

A single ARRL Section, or an Eligibility Circle with a designated center and a radius as defined in the table of Club Category Definitions.

CLUB.4.2. Distances for individual stations from the designated center are calculated from center-to-center of the six-character grid locators.

#### CLUB.5. Entries from Single-Operator and Multioperator Stations:

CLUB.5.1. To claim a Single Operator score made by a guest operator at a host's station, the operator must meet membership and residence requirements for the club and the station must be located within the club territory. The owner of the station does not need to be a member of the club claiming the score.

CLUB.5.2. Scores by Single Operator stations located outside the United States and Canada may be counted for Medium or Unlimited Clubs even though the operation is outside the club's territory, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

CLUB.5.3. Scores by Multioperator stations, regardless of the station's location, may be counted for Medium or Unlimited Clubs even though the operation is outside the club's territory, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

CLUB.5.4. A portion of the total Multioperator station score (after log checking is completed) will be distributed to a club that each operator declares. The club must be active in the ARRL's Club Eligibility listings ([contests.arrl.org/viewlists.php](http://contests.arrl.org/viewlists.php)), and the operator's call sign must be included in the club's eligibility list. Upon upload of the station log at [contest-log-submission.arrl.org](http://contest-log-submission.arrl.org), each operator's score can be attributed to a club of their choosing. Each eligible operator's portion of the total station score will be calculated based on the total score divided by the number of operators.