

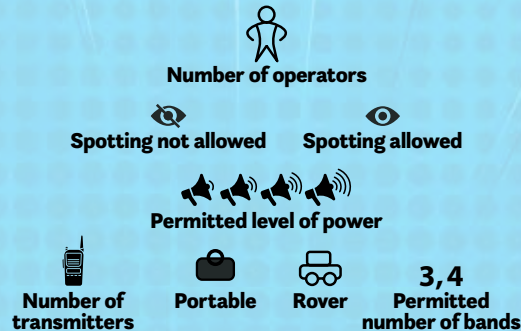
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Contest Entry Categories Decoded

On-air contests offer a variety of entry categories to choose from, based on how you want to operate. Here's a quick guide to the basic entry categories.

HF Contests

VHF + Contests



HF contest operating is limited to the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10-meter bands. Operators must observe the limitations of their operator licenses at all times.

Single Operator

SOHP: Single Operator, High Power
Maximum 1500 watts PEP output.
Spotting assistance is not permitted.

SOLP: Single Operator, Low Power
150 watts PEP output or less.
Spotting assistance is not permitted.

SOQRP: Single Operator, QRP
5 watts PEP output or less.
Spotting assistance is not permitted.

SOUHP: Single Operator Unlimited, High Power
Same as SOHP, but allows spotting assistance.

SOULP: Single Operator, Unlimited, Low Power
Same as SOLP, but allows spotting assistance.

SOQRP: Single Operator, Unlimited, QRP
Same as SOQRP, but allows spotting assistance.

Multioperator

MSHP: Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power
Maximum 1500 watts PEP output. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any time.

MSLP: Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power
Same as MSHP, except power output is limited to 150 watts PEP output or less.

M2: Multioperator, Two Transmitter
Only two transmitted signals are allowed at any time and must be on different bands. There are no power sub-categories.

MM: Multioperator, Multi Transmitter
One transmitted signal is allowed per band at any time. There are no power sub-categories.

Single Operator

SOHP: Single Operator, High Power
Maximum 1500 watts PEP output.

SOLP: Single Operator, Low Power
200 watts PEP output or less for 50 and 144 MHz;
100 watts PEP or less for 222 and 432 MHz;
50 watts PEP for 902 MHz and above.

SOP: Single Operator, Portable
Can operate on any band over 50 MHz.
Limited to 10 watts PEP output.

SO3B: Single Operator, 3 Band
Limited to the 50, 144, and 432 MHz bands.
Maximum 100 watts PEP output on 50 and 144 MHz;
50 watts PEP on 432 MHz.

SOFM: Single Operator, FM Only
All contacts must be made using FM voice or equivalent. Limited to the 50 MHz, 144 MHz, 222 MHz, and 432 MHz bands. Maximum 100 watts PEP output on all bands.

Multioperator

UM: Unlimited Multioperator
Stations may operate on any contest band.
There are no power sub-categories.

LM: Limited Multioperator
Same as UM, but entry may include logs from up to four bands. Operation is permitted on all bands. Logs must be submitted from all bands on which contacts were made.

Rovers

R: Classic Rover
Limited to no more than two operators.
May operate on any contest band.

RL: Limited Rover
Limited to no more than two operators. May operate only on the four lowest-frequency contest bands (50, 144, 222 and 432 MHz). Power output is limited according to the SOLP category rules.

RU: Unlimited Rover
The same as "Classic" Rover rules, but may have more than two operators. Maximum power output is the same as the SOHP category rules.