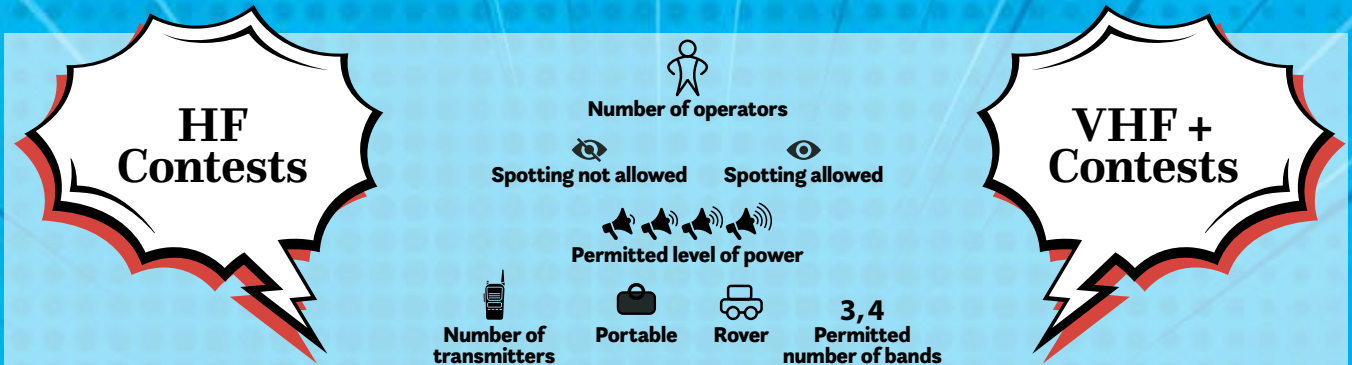


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# Contest Entry Categories Decoded

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.