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Subject: Dedicating limited frequency segments to QRP operations during contests

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Text: During amateur radio contests, because of the many high-power stations that operate on seemingly every available frequency, it becomes virtually impossible for QRP stations -- also including those participating in SOTA (mountaintop activations) or WWFF (World Wide Flora and Fauna in Amateur Radio) operations -- to successfully make contacts. The only realistic option for CW operators is to move to the WARC bands, and those who operate only SSB have no alternatives whatsoever during SSB contests.

Proposal: During contests, the QRP frequencies for CW and SSB (+/- 5 kHz) are to be kept free of contest operations. Contest organizers are to be instructed to incorporate these band-usage recommendations into their contest rules and subsequently penalize violators if they do not adhere accordingly.

QRP frequencies for IARU Region I (Europe, Africa, Middle East and Northern Asia)

2m	CW: 144.060	SSB: 144.285
6m	CW: 50.060	SSB: 50.285
10m	CW: 28.060	SSB: 28.360
12m	CW: 24.906	SSB: 24.950
15m	CW: 21.060	SSB: 21.285
17m	CW: 18.096	SSB: 18.130
20m	CW: 14.060	SSB: 14.285
30m	CW: 10.106 – 10.116 – 10.140	
40m	CW: 7.030	SSB: 7.060
80m	CW: 3.560 and 3.579 (colorburst xtal frequency)	
		SSB: 3.690
160m	CW: 1.810	SSB: 1.843

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