



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 Interim Meeting – Vienna Austria 27-28 April 2019



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**Source:** C5 Contest working group

**Subject:** IARU R1 C5 Contest WG: advice about the contest papers

**Committee(s):** C5

## Report

Date: 5-MAR-2019

Attendees: ha0lc, on4avj, g0fct, iv3kkw, ok1vao, om3bh, s53ww

Excused: oe1mcu

Absent: dl3mbg, f5len

### Agenda:

1. Decide how often the contest rules should change (Doodle poll)
2. C5 Chairman is seeking C5CWG decision on the following 2019 Vienna interim meeting papers:
  - a. VIE19-C5-006-MRASZ-Contest-Rules
  - b. VIE19-C5-019-ARI-FT8-in-contests
  - c. VIE19-C5-020-USKA-ATV-Contest
  - d. VIE19-C5-021-USKA-QRP-contest-segments
3. C5 Chairman is seeking C5CWG opinion on the following 2019 Vienna interim meeting papers:
  - a. VIE19-C5-007-ON4AVJ-financing-contest-robot
  - b. VIE19-C5-008R1-ON4AVJ-Central-log-collection
  - c. VIE19-C5-009R1-ON4AVJ-ToR-Contest-WG
4. AOB

Meeting started at 20:00 CET

### 1. Contest rules minimal freeze period

### How often should the contest rules change

by s53ww • 4 days ago • Print

	Every year	Every two or more	Every three years or more	Every four years or more	Every five years or more
5 participants	✓0	✓0	✓5	✓0	✓0
Enter your name	○	○	○	○	○
Jan ok1vao			✓		
Pascal Grandjean			✓		
om3bh			✓		
ON4AVJ			✓		
s53ww			✓		

Enter your name first

### 2. Decisions on 2019 Vienna papers

- a. VIE19-C5-006-MRASZ-Contest-Rules

- i. ha0lc: there are two parts of the proposal
  - 1. new technologies like SDR and remote RX should be explicitly mentioned
  - 2. remove the restriction to correct the logged exchanges after the contest has finished, as MRASZ is claiming that 80% of the errors are typos
- ii. s53ww: current rules already forbid the use of any TX or RX equipment outside of the 500m diameter; it would be good to explicitly mentions remote RX, but this change is not urgent and can be managed via Contesting FAQ page on the IARU webpage
- iii. s53ww: amateur radio contesting is about exchanging contact information without errors during the 24 hour competition time and correctly logging the exchange is part of the QSO completion; removing the *“Correction of logged exchanges after the contest, by use of any database, recordings, email or other method, is not allowed”* from the rules is not a good message to the contesters!
- iv. g0fct: contest exchange should be copied during the QSO time
- v. iv3kkw: accepts both proposals as the LOG has to contain what was exchanged during the QSO (typos can be corrected)
- vi. s53ww: the solution to this issue is easy → limit the LOG submission time to 24h or so
- vii. ok1vao: more detailed are the rules more they would stipulate finding the holes
- viii. First part:
  - 1. In favour: all**
- ix. Second part:
  - 1. In favour: ha0lc, iv3kkw / Against: g0fct, om3bh, ok1vao, s53ww / Abstain: on4avj**
- x. Paper should be discussed during the C5
- b. VIE19-C5-019-ARI-FT8-in-contests**
  - i. Not clear what is the intention of the proposal. The only IARU R1 contest that permits the use of MGM is June contest.
    - 1. iv3kkw: request to change the rules for June contest where MGM is permitted, but FT8 mode is not permitted mainly because of the concern of band usage (FT8 could reduce the use of our bands also during contests)
  - ii. g0fct: RSGB has banned “fast MGM” modes (like FT8, MSK144) during SSB/CW contests
  - iii. s53ww: zero MGM QSOs were made during 2018 June contest; let’ observe how the rate of MGM QSOs will increase in 2019 and 2020; in case the number of MGM (FT8) QSO will significantly increase, we could change the rules to re-introduce MGM only section
  - iv. ok1vao: in general against having sections with mix modes
  - v. Will prepare report for Vienna meeting in line with the text from s53ww above (In favour: all)**
- c. VIE19-C5-020-USKA-ATV-Contest**
  - i. C5 CWG is not managing ATV contests
  - ii. Paper should be discussed in regular C5 meeting (In favour: all)**
- d. VIE19-C5-021-USKA-QRP-contest-segments**
  - i. C5 CWG has no authority to assign band frequencies for special uses
  - ii. There are not QRP specific frequencies defined in the current 50 MHz and 145 MHz band plan
  - iii. Contest rules already contain clause for observing the IARU R1 band plans
  - iv. Paper should be discussed in regular C5 meeting (In favour: all)**
- 3. Opinion on 2019 Vienna papers**
  - a. VIE19-C5-007-ON4AVJ-financing-contest-robot**
    - i. C5CWG already discussed this topic on its meeting on 18-DEC-2018 (Item 3)

- ii. EC will held discussion on this topic before Vienna meeting
  - iii. Another paper 035 (by g3bj) with the same topic will be discussed during the regular meeting
  - b. VIE19-C5-008R1-ON4AVJ-Central-log-collection**
    - i. Current version of the contest server already supports this function
  - c. VIE19-C5-009R1-ON4AVJ-ToR-Contest-WG**
    - i. C5CWG partially discussed this topic on its meeting on 18-DEC-2018 (Item 2)
    - ii. The only part of the ToR that needs to be fixed it the financing. Financing will be discussed in separate meetings, and only after the outcome of these meetings is known the ToR can (if at all) be changed.
- 4. AOB**
- a. CWG should agree and document (in ToR?) how would decisions internal to C5CWG be brought forward**
    - i. Unanimously?
    - ii. With X% of members present on the meeting? What is X, 2/3, 3/4, ...?
    - iii. With Y% of all members? What is Y, 2/3, 3/4, ...?
  - b. Log collection function of the contest server**
    - i. Does not check the EDI header (neither section, not band)
    - ii. It does check QSO validity (date, time, structure)
    - iii. Bulk upload is available
    - iv. LOGs uploaded individually will not be overwritten by the bulk upload
  - c. IARU Trophy**
    - i. iv3kkw is preparing a proposal for organizing IARU Trophy contest that would be based on the 3 IARU R1 contests and sub-regional contests.

**Financial Implications:** to be discussed