

**Contest Advisory Committee  
Semi-Annual Report**

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## Overview

In the last six months, the CAC has met online to review changes to rules. We have considered several ideas and made progress on task list items.

### Task list update:

#### 2020.1 Multi-Operator Club Scores - apportionment of club scores for multi-ops

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Announced for implementation in 2022

#### 2020.2 Single Band Scores ARRL DX - Expand ARRL DX contest categories in single band to differentiate by power and assisted/unassisted categories

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Announced for implementation in 2022

#### 2020.3 New Digital Contest, HF + 6 meters – Digital Derby Creation

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Not announced

#### 2020.4 ARRL MS Band Changes - Change band changes for M/S from 8 to 10 band changes per hour

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Announced for implementation in 2022

#### 2020.5 Social Media During Contesting – added to unlimited definition

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Not announced

#### 2020.6 Sweepstakes Operating Time

- Completed, no action recommended

#### 2020.7 Family Rule Modification – Allow multiple stations to use remote stations

- Completed and approved by CAC and PSC
- Not announced

#### 2020.8 Sweepstakes Start Time

- **Completed, no action recommended**

#### **2021.1 Time Off Rule for RTTY Roundup - Clarification of time-off rule for RTTY Roundup**

- **Completed, no action recommended – HQ has defined and published**

#### **2021.2 100 Watt Limit for Low Power Category – change Low Power Category from 150 watts to 100 watts**

- **Completed and approved by CAC and PSC**
- **Announced for implementation in 2022**

#### **2021.3 RTTY Roundup to be RTTY only**

- **Completed and approved by CAC and PSC**
- **To be implemented after Digital Derby announced**
- **Not announced**

#### **2021.4 VHF Rover defined**

- **Completed and approved by CAC and PSC**
- **Announced for implementation in 2022**

#### **2021.5 10 GHz Changes**

- **Completed and approved by CAC and PSC**
- **Not announced**

#### **2021.6 FT8 Issues in VHF Contests – Study**

- **CAC VHF Subcommittee**
- **ARRL VHF Survey – completed**
- **Data Mining underway**

#### **2021.7 Youth in Contests – new category or overlay**

- **Suggestion being reviewed by CAC**

## **CAC Membership:**

There have been no changes since the last report. The CAC members as of December 31, 2021 are:

- Atlantic – Charles D. Fulp, Jr, K3WW; [k3ww@fast.net](mailto:k3ww@fast.net)
- Central – Craig Thompson, K9CT; [Craig@k9ct.us](mailto:Craig@k9ct.us) (Chairman)
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- Radio Amateurs of Canada – Samuel A. Ferris, VE5SF; [ve5sf@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5sf@sasktel.net)

**VHF CAC Subcommittee** was formed to consider the VHF rules. They were asked to find a consensus if possible and make recommendations to the CAC for adoption for recommendation to the PSC.

Committee members:

Jon Platt W0ZQ (Subcommittee Chair)  
Craig Thompson K9CT  
Jeff Ach W2FU  
Rus Healy K2UA  
Steve Kostro N2CEI  
Bob Striegl K2DRH  
John Kalenowsky K9JK  
Jim Duffey KK6MC – was added in the last six months.

## Recent Considerations:

The CAC had been presented with two contest changes to consider.

General Contest Rule 8.3.3 Contest Club Competition - Club Eligibility states:

The "Eligibility List" includes only those members who satisfy ARRL General Contest Rule 8.3.3 that they must *reside and operate* within the club territory, either a section or a circle.

A healthy discussion took place and CAC decided that no change was necessary.

Another idea was presented regarding the ARRL 10 Meter Contest:

"I would like to propose that the CAC consider a rules change for the ARRL 10M contest that I believe would help encourage participation by newer/less experienced contesters and raise the overall activity level in this contest.

The current rules award 4 points for a CW QSO and 2 points for a Phone QSO.

The CAC discussed this and as a consensus decided that no change was necessary. Most commented that when propagation improves that activity will improve.

A new task was assigned by PSC for the study of Youth in Contesting category or awards. CAC will be taking this up with little feedback from membership in support so far.

The VHF subcommittee has been very active with the study of the FT8 impact on VHF contests. Several Zoom meetings and continuous group discussions have taken place in the last few months. The VHF survey was approved by PSC in their fall meeting and was recently completed by the HQ Contest team. Raw data has been proved to the subcommittee for their evaluation. Most recently, data mining of the last few years of VHF Contest results has been in the works. Several members of the VHF Subcommittee have done a lot of work to produce these results. The data mining and the soon to be study of the survey results will be combined in evaluating any changes to the VHF rules.

The CAC has been kept in the loop regarding the work of the VHF subcommittee. They will review the data and any proposed changes before forwarding to the PSC.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee

Craig Thompson, CAC Chairman