

A.R.I. International DX Contest 2026

Rules for non-Italians participants

Log **WEB Upload - ONLY** - at https://contest.ari.it/hf_web/index_hf.php

1. The **Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (A.R.I.)** has the honour of inviting radio amateurs from all over the world to participate in the ARI International DX Contest.
2. **Aim.**
It is a world-wide competition: everybody can work everybody.
The only exception is no QSO/HRD between Italian station are permitted.
3. **Date and time.**
The contest will be held on each first full week-end of May starting at **1200Z** Saturday and ending at **1159Z** Sunday. In year **2026** the dates will be May 02-03.
4. **Categories**
 - I. Single Operator – CW – HIGH/LOW POWER
 - II. Single Operator – SSB – HIGH/LOW POWER
 - III. Single Operator – RTTY – HIGH/LOW POWER
 - IV. Single Operator – MIXED – HIGH/LOW POWER
 - V. Multi Operator - Single TX – MIXED & HIGH POWER only
 - VI. Multi Operator - Multi TX – MIXED & HIGH POWER only
 - VII. SWL - Single Operator – MIXED

For **Italian stations only** 3 overlay category is present:

- a. **Rookie**: if operator was first licensed as a radio amateur less than three (3) years before the date of the contest;
- b. **Youth**: if operator has less than 25 years at the date of the contest;
- c. **ARI IQ**: reserved to ARI local section which participates with the IQ callsign of the section from the section itself.

Notes:

- a. For Single-Operator, only one signal is permitted at any time.
- b. Use of packet cluster, skimmers or any other alerting system is permitted for all entrants.
- c. Self spotting or asking other stations to spot you is not allowed.
- d. Multi-Operator Single TX stations must adhere to the 10 minutes rule (both runner and multiplier station). **Only one band** can be used within a 10 minutes period, while another band can be used only to work a new multiplier. The 10 minutes period starts when the first QSO is logged on that band. QSO in violation of the 10 minutes rule should be left in the log and they will be automatically deleted by the Committee but no extra penalties will be applied. Be aware that an excessive number of violations may lead to the disqualification of the entry.
- e. LOW POWER category entrants can use 100W maximum total output power.
- f. It is forbidden the dual-CQ on the same band.
- g. For Multi-Operator Multi-TX stations only one transmitted signal per band is permitted;
- h. For Entry in Italy (including participants from Sicily, Sardinia and African Italy) the official rules are the one in Italian.

5. Bands.

Bands from 10m through 80m, except WARC bands, are allowed according to IARU Band Plans.

6. Exchange.

- Italian stations will send RST and two letters to identify their province.
- Other stations will send RST and a serial number from 001. The serial number will **NOT** restart from 001 on each band/mode **except** for the Multi-Operator Multi TX stations.
- Multi-Operator Multi TX stations must have separate serial number for each band.

7. Multipliers.

- each Italian province count 1 (one) multiplier,
 - each DXCC country + WAE List (except for I, IS and IT9) count 1 (one) multiplier.
- The same multiplier (country/province) can be counted once and only once for each band.

The 107 Italian provinces (by call-area) are the following:

- **I1:** AL, AT, BI, CN, GE, IM, NO, SP, SV, TO, VB, VC.
- **IX1:** AO.
- **I2:** BG, BS, CO, CR, LC, LO, MB, MI, MN, PV, SO, VA.
- **I3:** BL, PD, RO, TV, VE, VI, VR.
- **IN3:** BZ, TN.
- **IV3:** GO, PN, TS, UD.
- **I4:** BO, FC, FE, MO, PC, PR, RA, RE, RN.
- **I5:** AR, FI, GR, LI, LU, MS, PI, PO, PT, SI.
- **I6:** AN, AP, AQ, CH, FM, MC, PE, PU, TE.
- **I7:** BA, BR, BT, FG, LE, MT, TA.
- **I8:** AV, BN, CB, CE, CS, CZ, IS, KR, NA, PZ, RC, SA, VV.
- **I0:** FR, LT, PG, RI, RM, TR, VT.
- **IT9:** AG, CL, CT, EN, ME, PA, RG, SR, TP.
- **IS0:** CA, NU, OR SS, SU

PLEASE REMEMBER that **I** (Italy) **IT9** (Sicily Island) and **IS** (Sardinia Island) are **NOT considered** country-multipliers.

8. QSO/Points

- QSO/HRD with own country counts 0 (zero) point but is good for the multipliers credit.
 - QSO/HRD with own continent counts 1 (one) point,
 - QSO/HRD with different continent counts 3 (three) points,
 - QSO/HRD with any Italian (I & IS & IT9) station counts 10 (ten) points.
- The same station can be contacted on the same band once on SSB/CW/RTTY but only the first QSO is good for multiplier credit.

9. Final score.

The Final Score is the sum of QSO/points from all bands multiplied by the sum of multipliers from all bands.

10. SWL Stations.

Listeners are required to log both the callsign of the station heard and of the correspondent station. Score is calculated based only upon the station heard using the same rules as per the transmitting stations. A callsign may appear NOT more than 3 (three) times on each band as a correspondent station, regardless of mode.

WARNING/EXCEPTION: SWL log must be submitted within 60 hours after the end of the contest (2359Z May 05, 2026)

11. LOG instructions.

ATTENTION PLEASE – LOG WEB UPLOAD ONLY

- a. Only CABRILLO log will be accepted
- b. LOG must be WEB-Uploaded at https://contest.ari.it/hf_web/index_hf.php
- c. LOG must be web-uploaded no later than 6 days after the contest (2359Z May 09, 2026)

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- d. The Web-Uploader (or Robot) will send a confirmation on the log submission.
- e. A list of the received LOG will be published on [ARI](#) site.
- f. If you are not able, for whatever reason, to submit a CABRILLO log, please contact the A.R.I. HF Contest Manager at < hfcontest.ari@gmail.com >
- g. Submitted LOG may be made open to the public. Thus, by sending in your log, you implicitly agree that your log may be made open to the public.

12. Penalties and disqualifications.

Logs will be carefully checked by the Contest Committee and mistakes may cause a score reduction. There are no penalties applied to erroneous QSO, but unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to disqualification of the entry. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be found in the LOG data as well in any other recording mean available to the Committee.

All Contest Committee decisions are official and final.

13. Awards.

A plaque will be awarded to the top scoring station in each category. Special plaques can be awarded by the Contest Committee if country/continental/call-area participation can justify such a decision. A digital award/certificate will be awarded to all stations and will be either sent by email or downloaded from the web-site.

14. Implicit Declaration:

By submitting an entry in the ARI International DX Contest you agree that:

- a) you have read and understood the rules of the contest and agree to be bound by them;
- b) you have operated according to all the rules and regulations of your country that pertain to amateur radio;
- c) your log entry may be made open to the public;
- d) all actions and decisions of the A.R.I. HF Contest Committee are official and final.

On behalf of A.R.I. HF Contest Committee

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CABRILLO STANDARD for the ARI International DX Contest

START-OF-LOG: 3.0

CREATED-BY:
CONTEST: ARI-DX
CALLSIGN:
CLAIMED-SCORE:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
LOCATION: Xnn / NM (ARI Section Number, field not needed for DX entries)
SOAPBOX:
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP / MULTI-OP
CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: ONE / UNLIMITED/ SWL
CATEGORY-ASSISTED: ASSISTED
CATEGORY-BAND: ALL
CATEGORY-POWER: HIGH / LOW
CATEGORY-MODE: SSB / CW / RTTY / MIXED
CATEGORY-STATION: FIXED
CATEGORY-OVERLAY: ROOKIE/YOUTH (only for Italian stations)
QSO:
END-OF-LOG:

START-OF-LOG: 2.0

CREATED-BY:
CONTEST: ARI-DX
CALLSIGN:
CLAIMED-SCORE:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS:
LOCATION: Xnn / NM (ARI Section Number, field not needed for DX entries)
SOAPBOX:
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL HIGH/LOW SSB/CW/RTTY/MIXED
CATEGORY: MULTI-ONE ALL HIGH MIXED
CATEGORY: MULTI-MULTI ALL HIGH MIXED
CATEGORY: SWL
CATEGORY-OVERLAY: ROOKIE/YOUTH (only for Italian stations)
QSO:
END-OF-LOG: