



IARU HF World Championship

2025 Full Results

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The best thing about contesting?

Watching propagation change - hour by hour, sometimes minute by minute. The ionosphere is a very complex system! – Gary, AF8A

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, which was established in 1925 at the International Amateur Congress in Paris. From the early days of shortwave research to today, the IARU has served as the international representative for ham radio. It has been instrumental in the development of amateur radio services across the world through its collaboration and consultation with the United Nations, International Telecommunications Union (ITU), and regional telecommunications unions. A lot of the wall-to-wall activity we hear across the world on major DX contest weekends, such as the IARU HF World Championship, is thanks in large part to the tireless work of IARU personnel over the decades as amateur radio spread successfully across the world.

This year, the 40th annual IARU HF World Championship played its small role in the centennial celebration with 5,077 logs submitted from fifty-two ITU Zones, fifty-two Headquarters stations, Administrative Council members, and representatives from the three ITU Regions. Looking back at the inaugural IARU HF World Championship held in July 1986, this contest has come a long way in terms of popularity and is arguably enjoying its golden age today. In that first contest, 1,397 logs were submitted and just 16 IARU Headquarters stations participated (albeit, history records those teams got on the air with relatively short notice).

Propagation

The 2025 edition will not go down as having the best conditions. After enjoying better conditions last year, which benefited from a solar flux in the mid-230s, participants this year had hoped those elevated conditions might linger just a little longer, but were left lamenting what appears to be a solar cycle peak in the rearview mirror with many describing in their 3830scores.com posts conditions that were among the poorest they had experienced in years.



Josh, W9HT, operated part time from Belize as V31GT in the Single Operator Unlimited, Phone Only, High Power category (Photo courtesy of W9HT)

Larry, K4AB, echoed a common refrain by many, summarizing the weekend, succinctly: "this felt like contesting during a solar minimum."

However, the conditions we experienced this year were somewhat normal. In fact, looking back to the inaugural IARU HF World Championship in 1986, authors Robert Halprin, K1XA and Billy Lunt, KR1R, described this North American perspective in the results article published in the February 1987 edition of QST:

"At least on this side of the Atlantic, the HF Championship was essentially a two-band contest - 20 meters during the day and 40 at night. Conditions on those two bands were excellent. Contacts made on the other bands were limited, sort of like going through the motions, which is totally understandable based on the time of year and the lackluster conditions at this point in the sunspot cycle."

While 1986 was in a deeper part of the sunspot cycle than we are today, this sounds familiar.

In 2025, impressions of 15-meter conditions certainly varied depending on geographic location. Stations located south of the major population areas of Europe and North America reported 15 and 20 meters were their most productive bands, but others who relied more on east-west paths, typically susceptible to higher absorption in the summer months, saw a significant reduction in propagation on 15 meters and shorter band openings in the evening on 20 meters.

With excellent 20-meter conditions across common paths of darkness in last year's IARU HF, many contestants opted to sacrifice low band numbers and, perhaps, avoid the aural discomfort of summertime atmospheric noise in favor of quieter and more enjoyable conditions. This year, while propagation on 20 meters between some parts of the world occurred during the hours of darkness, there was a clear activity shift to 40 meters in the local evening hours.

Bill, K2PO, who led the West Coast Region in the Single Operator Unlimited, CW Only, High Power category from his station in Oregon, expected more opportunities on the higher bands to work Japan, stating in his post, "I expected 15 [meters] to be a top band for JA QSOS, but I logged only three QSOs there."

Jim, VE7ZO, who finished very close behind Bill in the standings said, "on Saturday evening, 40 [meters] was notable in that, in spite of a small coincidental darkness between Vancouver Island and EU, I was able to work a number of the HQ stations and several single ops at their sunrise."

In the same region and category, Roberto, K6KM, who was chasing Bill and Jim while operating from W6SRR in San Jose, California, was left out of the marginal 40 meter path to Europe altogether, saying "[I worked] no [Europe] on 40m as we don't have much mutual darkness overlap with this side of the continent this time of the year."

Across North America, the high bands simply did not deliver this year. Further east in Michigan, Mike, NE8P, took conditions as a cue that it is time to plan ahead writing, "time to think about tuning up the lower band stuff!"

But there were still moments of joy. Jack, W6FB, who operated from his QTH in Louisiana said he was "amazed at how my 35-ft 80 meter dipole did on 40 [meters]. [I]

worked several ZL (New Zealand) and VK (Australia) using it on 40 [meters] - a first for this QTH!"

We Wouldn't Have As Much Fun Without These Folks

Before we get to the World and W/VE winners, it is important to recognize that while the IARU HF World Championship is a major worldwide contest that attracts thousands of operators around the world, it has some of the fewest multiplier opportunities of all the major DX contests. This can present a challenge if not enough people in the right locations get on-the-air.

ITU Zones are, in terms of surface area, the largest multipliers we have in contesting. As mentioned in the opening paragraphs, fifty-two ITU Zones were activated this year. When you combine ITU Zones with the number of "Special Station" multipliers (Headquarters, Administrative Council and ITU Region stations), there were only 108 potential multipliers on each band.

Here are two interesting data points:

- Sixty-seven percent of the multipliers we had a chance to work this year were activated by just 128 stations - only 2.5 percent of the total number of submitted logs.
- Forty-nine stations did Single Operator or Multioperator efforts in 15 ITU Zones that had 5 or fewer entries.

Along with acknowledging the dedicated operators behind the "special stations" later in the article, we'll start by listing these operations as a thank you for facilitating the multiplier opportunities the rest of us enjoyed this year.

Operations from ITU Zones With 5 or Fewer Entries

MIX: Mixed Mode; CW: CW Only; PH: Phone Only; MS: Multioperator Single Transmitter; M2: Multioperator Two Transmitter; HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less;

ITU Zone	Category	Callsign	Score
1	MSHP	KL5DX	802,800
1	SO-PH-HP	NL7V	15,488
1	SOU-CW-LP	KLØD	1,221
1	SO-MIX-LP	AL7JX	266
1	SOU-PH-HP	K1TAQ	3
3	SO-PH-HP	VE4SG	58,344
3	SO-CW-LP	VE5GC	5,740
3	SO-CW-LP	VE4IM	1,584
3	SO-MIX-LP	VA6RCN/VA5	1,170
3	SO-PH-LP	VE4NOL	68
17	SO-PH-HP	TF2LL	207,009
17	SO-CW-HP	TF3W	113,274
17	SOU-PH-LP	TF3AO	372
19	SOU-MIX-HP	RZ1OK	208740

19	SO-CW-LP	UA1F	128,576
19	SO-CW-LP	R1BH	5,680
20	MSHP	RC9X	145,750
20	SO-CW-LP	RX9CC	115,206
20	SOU-CW-LP	RW9C	70,400
20	SO-CW-LP	R9XS	47,235
20	SO-CW-LP	UA9XBJ	858
21	MSHP	RC9J	864,878
21	SO-CW-LP	RA9JM	18,720
23	SOU-CW-LP	RØQC	71,400
42	SOU-MIX-HP	BGØDLA	1,041,132
42	M2LP	BYØAC	179,634
42	SO-CW-QRP	BG4SE	25,752
42	SO-CW-LP	BGØDKV	1
46	SO-CW-LP	TY5FR	376,845
46	SO-PH-LP	D44PM	184,228
46	SO-CW-LP	EL2DT	36,718
48	SO-MIX-HP	5Z4VJ	1,129,692
52	SO-MIX-QRP	D2UY	517,842
53	MSHP	TO7K	206,486
53	SO-MIX-LP	9J2FI	156,900
53	SO-CW-LP	3B8HK	1,045
53	SO-PH-LP	7Q7EB	21
53	SO-PH-LP	5H8HZ	16
57	SOU-CW-HP	ZS1C	244,620
57	SO-MIX-LP	V55AF	9,415
57	SO-CW-LP	ZS5XT	1,140
57	SO-PH-LP	ZS6ELI	108
57	SO-PH-LP	3DAØPA	4
65	SO-CW-LP	T3ØTTT	124,072
66	SO-CW-LP	ZD7TIM	284,886
66	SO-CW-HP	ZD7BG	103,569
75	SOU-MIX-HP	RD1A/MM	45,322
75	SOU-MIX-HP	VYØERC	20,416
75	SO-MIX-HP	DPØPOL/MM	602

Single Operator

On the heels of last year's impressive W/VE Mixed Mode, High Power victory from N6WIN's station in ITU Zone 6, Dan, N6MJ, traveled east to New York to operate in person at N2QV – this time capturing 1st place World in the same category while holding off a fine challenge by Timo, OH1TM, operating as OG1F. Timo finished with the top European Single Operator score across all mode and power categories.

The battle for second place in the W/VE Mixed Mode, High Power standings was close between Pat, N9RV, in Montana and Nate, N4YDU, operating as AA4NC, in North Carolina. Each operator saw a drop of approximately 1,000 European QSOs compared to their similar efforts the previous year. Pat's strategy from his competitive western station, however, is to also maximize normally favorable paths to Eastern Asia to make up for

propagation advantages East Coast stations have to Europe. While Pat also experienced sub-par polar paths, he was able to combine just enough additional Asian QSOs along with an advantage of racking up 3-point QSOs to the East Coast on the high bands to inch-out a 41,000-point lead over Nate to earn the 2nd place spot.

Jan, DL3JAN, operating as DM7A, took a break from his usual CW Only effort, added a headset this year, and finished 1st place in the World Mixed Mode, Low Power category. John, W4IX, reactivated his station in South Carolina after an 8-year absence while living in Arizona. He assembled a make-shift station in a storage shed and with some antenna work, scratched his way to 1st place in the W/VE Mixed Mode, Low Power category.

Mika, D2UY, entered the Mixed Mode QRP category and finished 1st place in the World with a solid effort on 20, 15 and 10 meters. It turns out Mika is the first entrant in Mixed Mode QRP from Africa in the history of the contest!

There was another close battle in the Phone Only, High Power category for 1st place World between Marios, 5B4WN, who operated as C4W from Cyprus and Valery, EW5A, from Belarus. With both scores exceeding 1.4 million points, the final tally shows Marios with a mere 11,163-point advantage for 1st place, a difference of only approximately eleven intercontinental QSOs or two multipliers. Marios maximized his advantage to Europe across all bands with 93% of his QSOs coming from the nearby continent where each QSO is worth 5-points from the Asian island. Valery, whose contacts with Europe are not more than 3-points per QSO, nearly overcame a 2,400 QSO point deficit by taking a more balanced approach to the contest with greater emphasis on openings to North America and Asia; and securing sixty-three more multipliers.

Ramon, LU5HM, operating as LP1H, finished 3rd place overall in the Phone Only, High Power category, with the highest Single Operator score from South America in all categories.

Vlad, VE3JM, is a familiar presence in the CW Only, High Power category, often going toe-to-toe with Greg, W1KM, for the top spot in W/VE. Both gentlemen continued their rivalry this year with Vlad taking 1st place in the World with Bob, N6TV, operating as KH7Q from KH6YY's QTH on Oahu, Hawaii, coming in 2nd place with the top Oceania Single Operator score. Greg, W1KM, finished in 3rd place World this year.

In another photo finish, top honors in the W/VE CW Only, Low Power category was decided by just 35 points between Mike, AD5A, our victor, and Vlad, VE3TM. Both put in full-time efforts and just a single QSO made the difference between first and second place.

Single Operator W/VE Division Records			
MIX: Mixed Mode; CW: CW Only; PH: Phone Only; HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less			
Division	Category	Callsign	Score
Pacific	SO-CW-QRP	W6YX (N7MH, op)	123,851



Contesting is not just about big antennas and full legal limit amplifiers. 2025 IARU HF World Championship was the first contest for Miroslaw, SQØY, who got on the air from his 10th story gazebo in Gdańsk, Poland. He made about 20 QSOs on 20 meter phone using 5 watts into this "Rybakov" antenna. (Photo courtesy of SQØY)

Single Operator Unlimited

Unlimited operators have the advantage of getting clues from station spots to gain a sense of where propagation opportunities exist at any moment. Theoretically, their logs serve as the prime source of information we can use to determine just how good, or bad, things were.

One of the common themes in post-contest reports this year was the slow start in the first several hours of the contest, particularly in North America where transatlantic propagation was at a premium. A comparison of Single Operator Unlimited logs from the northeastern portion of North America between last year's contest and this year's certainly bears that out.

While 10-meter propagation across east-west paths during the summer months in the northern hemisphere is always a challenge, during high sunspot years 15 meters can still be the go-to band earlier in the day for propagation between North America and Europe. Last year, the winner of the W/VE Single Operator Unlimited Mixed Mode category, Victor, VA2WA, whose 3.7 million point effort set a new W/VE record, enjoyed triple-digit rates on 15 meters in four of the first five hours of the contest. Milen, LZ5DB, who this year's 1st place W/VE Mixed Mode, High Power winner, operated as ND3T from the K1LZ superstation in Maine. He worked a steady stream of stations on 15 meters for the first 10 hours of the contest, but never broke 100 QSOs in any hour and worked fewer than half the 5-point intercontinental QSOs Victor was able to make on the band last year. Despite making 600 more QSOs than Victor's 2024 effort, overall, Milen fell 358k points short of the record thanks to limited propagation on 15 meters.

When considering the massive antenna systems at K1LZ and its location in the far-reaching corners of the Northeast Region, Milen's challenges were only amplified for everyone else across North America. Two posts on 3830scores.com serve as good representations of the general sentiment from Single Operator Unlimited participants:

"[The] early hours here were a slog. The few EU stations heard here could not hear me; so it was primarily working US stations until the afternoon came around. Then things began to open up on 15 and 20M for me. As the day progressed, it became much easier to work non-US stations." - Ted, WA3AER, operating CW Only, High Power.

"This contest started out sounding like the ARRL Sweepstakes with a simplified single-digit exchange. Only stateside stations were workable, and it took hours before I could get any DX in the log. As time progressed, the bands slowly opened up and provided solid contacts across the world." - Bob KØRC, operating CW Only, Low Power.

Despite these less-than-ideal conditions, two powerhouse stations just outside of Europe still managed to break records in Single Operator Unlimited categories. Jozef, OM3GI, operating as CR3A from Madeira Island, set a record in the World Mixed Mode, High Power category with comfortable lead over Juan, EA8RM, in second place. Sergii, 5B4AMM, operating as P3X in Cyprus, set a new world record in CW Only, High Power. These stations exist in two general “sweet spots,” just far enough outside of Europe to be able to work stations on just about every band.

In the Mixed Mode, Low Power category, Laszlo, HA8QZ, operating as HG5D, finished 1st place in the World. Ninety-eight percent of his QSOs were on CW, serving as his winning formula in tough conditions for low power operation. Second and third place finishes come from South America where Soni, PY1NX, operating as PS2T, took advantage of some 10-meter propagation to Europe in the early hours of the contest, which ended up being the difference maker in a close battle with Yuri, N2TTA. Yuri operated from Trinidad and Tobago as 9Z4BM. John, WJ1U, who recently got back on the air after a 25-year period of inactivity, is this year’s W/VE Mixed Mode, Low Power winner.

Szűcs, HA9AX, operating as HA9A, is this year’s World Mixed Mode, QRP champion.

Gyuri, HA5JI, extended appreciation in his 3830scores.com post to Adam, OM2ADM, as they raced each other for 1st place in the World Phone Only, High Power category for participating in the [Contest Online Scoreboard](#). They enjoyed keeping an eye on each other’s score postings. Gyuri said, “Thank you to everyone who participated in this contest. Special thanks to OM2ADM, with whom I had the opportunity to race at the front.”

Gawain, NØGJW, is the W/VE champion in the Phone Only, High Power category operating as NJ4P in Tennessee.

Alex, EA4HPY, operating as EE4M, finished 1st place in the World Phone Only, Low Power category. Art, N3AAA, had the top score in the W/VE Phone Only, Low Power category.

Didier, FY5FY, set a new record in the Phone Only, QRP category on his way to a 1st place finish in the World.

In the CW Only categories, Sergii, P3X, set a new world record in the High Power category while Charles, K3WW,

operated from the N2SR station running away with the 1st place title in W/VE and 5th place overall in the World.

Gator, N5RZ, took 1st Place in the W/VE CW Only, Low Power category which was also good enough for a 6th place finish in the World standings.

Oliver, OMØRX, repeated his results from last year as the top Single Operator QRP score in the World while operating in the CW Only, QRP category from his 100% off-the-grid, solar-powered tiny home. Al, W1FJ, took top honors in W/VE CW Only, QRP.

New Single Operator Unlimited World Records			
MIX: Mixed Mode; CW: CW Only; PH: Phone Only; HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less			
Category	Callsign	Score	
SOU-MIX-HP	CR3A (OM3GI, op)	7,523,664	
SOU-PH-QRP	FY5FY	445,260	
SOU-CW-HP	P3X	6,369,160	

New Single Operator Unlimited Continental Records			
MIX: Mixed Mode; CW: CW Only; PH: Phone Only; HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less			
Continent	Category	Callsign	Score
Africa	SOU-MIX-HP	CR3A (OM3GI, op)	7,523,664
Maritime	SOU-MIX-HP	RD1A/MM	45,322
South America	SOU-MIX-LP	PS2T (PY1NX, op)	1,074,610
South America	SOU-MIX-QRP	PY2NDX	11,550
Africa	SOU-PH-LP	EA8DGI	242,141
Europe	SOU-PH-LP	EE4M (EA4HPY, op)	1,332,840
Europe	SOU-PH-QRP	YO8WW	352,170
South America	SOU-PH-QRP	FY5FY	445,260
Asia	SOU-CW-HP	P3X	6,369,160
Oceania	SOU-CW-HP	VL2A (VK2IM, op)	1,571,110

New Single Operator Unlimited W/VE Division Records			
MIX: Mixed Mode; CW: CW Only; PH: Phone Only; HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less			
Division	Category	Callsign	Score
New England	SOU-MIX-HP	ND3T (LZ5DB, op @K1LZ)	3,403,552
Midwest	SOU-MIX-LP	NØRC	110,141
Southeastern	SOU-MIX-QRP	K3TW	97,600
Southwestern	SOU-MIX-QRP	WQ6X	46,909
Canada	SOU-MIX-QRP	VE3BFU	441
Delta	SOU-PH-HP	NJ4P (NØGJW, op)	493,392
Hudson	SOU-PH-HP	KE2AY	410,495
Atlantic	SOU-PH-LP	N3AAA	117,100
Northwestern	SOU-CW-HP	K2PO	933,583
West Gulf	SOU-CW-LP	N5RZ	829,326

Multioperator, Single Transmitter

WRTC 2026 Youth Team Leader, Willow, W7WLW, traveled to visit George, K5TR, to form a potent two-person team to win 1st Place W/VE. George reports in his 3830scores.com report, “[Willow] did CW only and I did SSB and some CW. While it was not planned, I used one radio and she used the other all weekend. Turns out that we each made about half of the total contacts.”

Ray, K9RS, has been forming multioperator teams in IARU HF from his Delaware QTH for a few years now, improving to 2nd place W/VE this year.

Valery, EW6W, and Sergey, EU1A, teamed up as CQ9A in Portugal and completed a decisive 1st place finish in the world. The team from RM9A finished as the top Asian team in a close race with UP2L.

Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power

Now in its fourth year as an official category, Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power affords teams the ability to operate a similar format found in the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) event held every four years. While WRTC teams are two-person partnerships, teams in this category can have an unlimited number of operators. Even so, we often find WRTC veterans and hopefulls using this category as a chance to operate with teammates and test equipment for the next event. The next edition of WRTC will be hosted in United Kingdom in 2026.

Bud, AA3B, one of fourteen North American team leaders scheduled to compete in WRTC 2026, traveled with teammate, John, W2GD, to his usual contesting stomping ground in Aruba to operate as P44W with the express purpose of getting in some operating time together. They were rewarded with a 1st place finish in the World.

The six-man team at HG7T finished 2nd place overall with the top European score. Close behind in 3rd place was a foursome of WRTC veterans, Suad, DK6XZ; Winfried, DK9IP; Philippe, LX2A; and Bernd, VK2IA, operating as LX7I.

Ken, K6LA, and Ron, VE3AT, two other WRTC 2026 hopefulls, met at Ken’s contest QTH on Prince Edward Island, operating at VY2TT and finishing 1st place in W/VE. When Ken asked Ron for a highlight of the weekend Ken could add to their 3830scores.com post, Ron replied, “the lobster dinner Thursday night.”

New Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power Continental Records		
Continent	Callsign	Score
North America	WP3C	1,847,968
Oceania	7I1I	193,450
South America	P44W	3,401,508

New Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power W/VE Division Records		
Division	Callsign	Score
Northwestern	K7BTW	64,965



Eric, NP3A, and Manu, WP4TZ, getting the KP3J station ready for their Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power effort as WP3Z from Aibonito, Puerto Rico. (Photo courtesy of Team WP3Z)

Headquarters and IARU Special Stations

The long-standing rivalry among the German (DARC), French (REF) and Spanish (URE) teams lives on for another year as the incumbent three-time repeat champions at DAØHQ (DARC) were ousted this year in an incredibly tight race in the final scores. DARC fell to third place as TMØHQ took first place.

W1AW (ARRL) HQ operations were performed from Puerto Rico for the very first time in the history of the contest. Led by Angel, WP3GW, who is the Public Information Coordinator for the ARRL Puerto Rico Section, Edgardo, KP3B; Jose, KP4JRS; Bo, NP3F; Oz, KP3N; Jose, NP4ET; Israel, KP4PUA; Carlos, NP4L; and Anthony, WP4I teamed up to make 3,245 QSOs.

The NU1AW operation representing the International Secretariat (IARU) were held at the ARRL Headquarters' Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station (W1AW) in Connecticut. The team consisted of a mixture of ARRL staff and guests: Rich, K1CC; Audrey, KM4BUN; Jack, KM4ZIA; Paul, N1SFE; Conrad, N2YCH; Max, N4ML; Joe, NJ1P; John, W1DRF; and Bart, W9JJ.

IARU Headquarters Stations	
Call	Score
TMØHQ	19,194,670
EDØHQ	18,987,246
DAØHQ	18,748,935
9AØHQ	18,576,960
II#HQ	18,270,259
SNØHQ	17,160,000
S5ØHQ	16,510,280
GR2HQ	14,849,380
YTØHQ	14,804,092
LZØHQ	13,847,532
OEØHQ	10,967,686
SK9HQ	10,145,520
OH1HQ	9,245,097
YRØHQ	9,211,752
OPØHQ	8,496,852
HGØHQ	8,360,422
E7HQ	7,661,017
OZ1HQ	7,064,194
HB9HQ	6,557,019
R#HQ	3,744,312
A6ØHQ	3,520,188
B#HQ	3,104,880
8N#HQ	3,062,718
LT4RCA	2,939,520
EIØHQ	2,792,088
Z3ØHQ	2,174,144
W1AW/KP4	2,050,242
ER7HQ	1,917,092
DXØHQ	1,573,746
ZL6HQ	1,520,544
Z6ØHQ	1,340,739
ES9A	1,101,870
PJ2HQ	880,384
3V8HQ	879,874
UN1HQ	851,599
OA4O	805,335
V55HQ	713,980
E2HQ	660,240

VA3RAC	556,640
CE3AA	510,080
NU1AW	466,137
HBØHQ	367,131
HZØHQ	286,172
EX9HQ	228,174
CSSHQ	212,410
HC2GRC	187,680
HLØHQ	164,280
OY1CT	79,900
CX1AA	60,804
VR2HK	40,424
VK3WIA	1,156
ZS9HQ	42
IARU Administrative Council Stations	
SM6EAN	1,053,711
W5ZN	578,250
VE6SH/7	57,660
IARU R1	
IV3KKW	1,990,326
DJ3HW	419,950
HB9JOE	196,808
IARU R2	
VE3YV	3,432
IARU R3	
JA1CJP	135,783
VR2XMC	15

NOTE: # = Multiple stations in a single HQ operation, using call signs with different numbers in the prefix.

Thanks to the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF, www.wwrof.org) for providing the log-scoring for the HQ station competition.

Oh Well, It Was Still Fun...

While we can chalk up this contest as a bit forgettable given the conditions, it's still important to remember how much has changed in 40 years. The top Single Operator scores in W/VE and World in 1986 by Steve, N2IC and Jorge, LU8DQ (operating as AZ8DQ), respectively, didn't come close to a million points. Neither broke 1,500 contacts.

Today, IARU HF World Championship remains as popular as ever. More than 4,000 log entries have been submitted every year since 2012 – and this year is the third consecutive year we've received more than 5,000 entries.

Join the fun in the 41st IARU HF World Championship starting at 1200z on July 11, 2026. With the excitement surrounding World Radiosport Team Championship 2026, we expect another banner year.

Disturbed conditions will not stop us!

Top Ten Scores							
United States and Canada		World		United States and Canada		World	
Single Operator				Single Operator Unlimited			
Mixed-Mode, High Power				Mixed-Mode, High Power			
N6MJ	2,665,752	N6MJ	2,665,752	ND3T (LZ5DB, op @K1LZ)	3,403,552	CR3A (OM3GI, op)	7,523,664
N9RV	1,489,012	OG1F (OH1TM, op)	2,344,448	K3MM	921,400	EA8RM	4,413,312
AA4NC (N4YDU, op)	1,448,258	UW5Y (US2YW, op)	1,859,520	W1GD	908,725	HA3NU	3,714,095
K4ZW	1,337,504	N9RV	1,489,012	W3PU (KO8SCA, op)	873,942	ND3T (LZ5DB, op @K1LZ)	3,403,552
KM7W (KL9A, op)	1,305,447	AA4NC (N4YDU, op)	1,448,258	K4AB	790,224	EA8BW	2,819,790
K6XX	1,003,944	K4ZW	1,337,504	K9OM	564,927	UP4L (UN7LZ, op)	2,209,218
K5WA	1,003,844	KM7W (KL9A, op)	1,305,447	KA3DRR (@N6WT)	441,490	YT9X (YU1ZZ, op)	2,144,720
K4PV	316,404	5Z4VJ	1,129,692	AB2E	424,205	PW2F	2,076,975
WR5O	312,825	K6XX	1,003,944	K3MD	319,030	R9MM	1,876,815
N2IC	304,212	K5WA	1,003,844	W8MJ	301,884	PY4BZ	1,822,618
Mixed-Mode, Low Power				Mixed-Mode, Low Power			
W4IX	475,115	DM7A (DL3JAN, op)	1,113,088	WJ1U	494,460	HG5D (HA8QZ, op)	1,769,353
N8II	245,826	PY2NY	829,794	WN4AFP	192,874	PS2T (PY1NX, op)	1,074,610
N8PE	148,082	CT7BJG	729,492	NE9U	181,366	9Z4BM (N2TTA, op)	1,065,750
K5ZD	109,592	W4IX	475,115	W6FB	118,655	LZ8R	1,023,132
N1NQD	80,348	SP2GMA	306,696	NØRC	110,141	OK6Y (OK2PTZ, op)	951,300
KX4UI	67,067	UT3SO	300,384	WA2JQK	100,005	EU2F	944,750
KD2TT	64,152	JS1OYN	294,441	NI1Q	74,208	PI4DX (PA3EVY, op)	922,988
KA2FIR	64,070	UA6GO	289,230	KØKK	70,210	IO8O (IK8UND, op)	900,232
KØEA	61,270	UF5A	288,900	NV3K	62,605	SP9XCN	882,944
WA5LFD	43,364	HA1RJ	258,579	WA4IPU	56,376	UR6EA	839,219
Mixed-Mode, QRP				Mixed-Mode, QRP			
	D2UY	517,842	K3TW	97,600	HA9A (HA9AX, op)	745,290	
	HA5BA	258,132	WQ6X	46,909	YU1LM	133,376	
	IZ3NVR	132,225	K8ZT	6,020	DDØVS	119,126	
	9A2EY	84,102	VE3BFU	441	K3TW	97,600	
	UY7LM	55,530			HA6KG	94,010	
	7K1CPT	51,921			SP3EMA	71,508	
	HB9EGA	41,118			PE2K	58,065	
	ED3Q (EA3O, op)	39,644			WQ6X	46,909	
	SP4LO	38,675			UX9Q (UR9QQ, op)	44,032	
	JH7UJU	37,989			DJ3EI	30,750	
Phone Only, High Power				Phone Only, High Power			
N1UR	510,138	C4W	1,478,830	NJ4P (NØGJW, op)	493,392	HA5JI	2,326,784
W6AFA	199,186	EW5A (EW8ADX, op)	1,467,667	KE2AY	410,495	OM2ADM	2,097,030
KE8FT	89,928	LP1H	1,303,120	VE9CF	348,192	OR1X	1,776,600

KG1E	70,122	RA3OA	1,272,240	VE2NTT	298,606	EA1L	1,622,985
VE4SG	58,344	TI1K (TI5CDA, op)	1,093,328	NA4DA	172,788	UZ7C (UT9CZ, op)	1,549,308
VA3ZNQ	31,257	R3RZ	980,277	VE2CSM	151,226	OT7Q	1,420,826
N4MM	23,698	S51CK	811,832	AEØMO	139,480	IK3UNA	1,349,700
KQ4ZIO	23,427	F5LIW	563,012	W3FR	72,924	SN7D (SQ7D, op)	1,304,292
K9MWM	16,452	OG7Z (DL4SVA, op)	526,038	W9NZ	70,104	PE1T	1,113,832
KC2MBV	14,522	KP4PK	523,528	W4EEY	67,462	IKØPHY	1,036,902
Phone Only, Low Power				Phone Only, Low Power			
VE9CZ	139,686	CT2HOV	572,125	N3AAA	117,100	EE4M (EA4HPY, op)	1,332,840
W9TCV	53,664	SN7T (SQ7OTK, op)	444,325	VA3IDD	63,848	HGØR (HAØNAR, op)	922,523
KF8N	50,692	PY2UD	419,220	AC5O	37,417	PP1WW	502,830
NL7WA	44,672	F4WDL	319,365	NQ9N	31,533	EW7B	423,512
VE2IAA	41,090	IW2JWG	251,515	W4GB	28,770	UA3BL	384,237
W2JV	40,376	YV4AW	215,922	W8TB	28,251	S52OT	351,378
KC2QVD	23,280	OE6HLF	193,970	KC1QEM	26,048	HA1BB	347,772
W8LYO	21,186	D44PM	184,228	KD9YOO	19,027	LY5GT	288,225
N1GNF	19,530	OK6AB	171,201	N7MZW	18,240	LZ2ZY	273,315
KS2G	19,352	DL3RC	155,532	AB5NX	18,090	EA8DGI	242,141
Phone Only, QRP				Phone Only, QRP			
W6QU (W8QZA, op)	9,720	ES6RW	165,204			FY5FY	445,260
		IZ4AIF	65,653			YO8WW	352,170
		SQ3RAX	28,490			HG6V (HA6IHA, op)	136,655
		9A4OP	20,418			HG6K (HA6AK, op)	126,228
		DG7DBM	14,848			MW7FON	17,536
		DL5EC	13,671			DHØGDS	16,835
		IV3LNQ	10,600			SP5DNA	11,058
		W6QU (W8QZA, op)	9,720			YO8OLY	5,957
		E72BE	6,838			LZ1VCT	5,109
		GW5GDP	6,264			EI8LC	1,530
CW Only, High Power				CW Only, High Power			
VE3JM	1,890,114	VE3JM	1,890,114	K3WW	2,097,048	P3X	6,369,160
W1KM	1,513,377	KH7Q (N6TV, op @KH6YY)	1,652,168	K9CT	1,331,003	HG8R (HA8JV, op)	3,053,750
WXØB (AD5Q, op)	1,192,779	W1KM	1,513,377	WIØWA (WØAAE, op)	1,010,240	OM8CW	2,192,139
NA8V	1,031,600	R3ZZ	1,491,780	K2PO	933,583	CT3KN	2,189,640
WØUA	973,440	KP2M (KT3Y, op)	1,413,081	VE7ZO	903,621	K3WW	2,097,048
K6NA	775,443	OM2X (OM2XW, op)	1,259,690	WO4O	881,920	OL8R	2,078,880
VE7UF (VE7JH, op)	666,666	WXØB (AD5Q, op)	1,192,779	W8FJ	844,038	R8TT	1,975,041
K5PI	636,728	NA8V	1,031,600	N3AD	791,538	HG3N (HA3LN, op)	1,734,042
W3RJ	511,700	WØUA	973,440	W1UE	753,468	EU8U	1,726,340
NT6Q (N5ZO, op @WA6TQT)	471,410	K6NA	775,443	N2PP	752,500	VL2A (VK2IM, op)	1,571,110

CW Only, Low Power				CW Only, Low Power			
AD5A	693,660	4Z4AK	1,547,888	N5RZ	829,326	UN4Q	1,928,308
VE3TM	693,625	OM3RM	1,183,695	N4AO (WC4E, op)	590,640	LY5W	1,717,144
K1VUT	429,156	OM7K (OM7RU, op)	884,304	N2YO	457,104	HA7I (HA7JTR, op)	1,318,340
N7VM	420,679	AD5A	693,660	NJ3K	303,676	HA7UI	1,053,905
VA3SP	310,853	VE3TM	693,625	K2KW	260,429	4U1A (YL2QN, op)	1,030,864
WJ9B	213,930	RU9AC	619,382	KØAD	221,667	N5RZ	829,326
W1NN	184,140	JA6GCE	567,264	WA2LMC	217,175	9A1AA	801,762
WB4TDH	181,944	SO5CW (DJ5CW, op)	560,529	W3KB	203,580	DA3M (DL3UB, op)	778,044
KV8Q	131,882	RA3YDA	494,273	KC9EE	200,367	RW4S (RU4SS, op)	776,272
VE3FH	125,271	UA9AT	455,880	AB9YC	177,388	RK9A	693,672
CW Only, QRP				CW Only, QRP			
W6YX (N7MH, op)	123,851	HA5PP	404,890	W1FJ	112,548	OMØRX	1,117,240
N5ER	79,135	HG6C (HA6IAM, op)	225,207	KJ5T	20,458	UR2Y (USØYW, op)	923,490
K8CN	65,968	LZ2RS	197,127	NB1U	3,922	HG6O (HA6OA, op)	585,690
NU4B	26,752	OK6OK	189,792	KD8JDC	1,674	S52P	342,496
K4YJ	26,182	DL1JDQ	163,325			W1FJ	112,548
K7HBN	21,197	W6YX (N7MH, op)	123,851			PAØRDT	70,434
N3CZ	18,612	N5ER	79,135			G4ZFE	68,476
N4NM	18,592	K8CN	65,968			DL1EFW	62,271
NQ2W	2,860	R6ZF	65,682			IK3Tzb	58,206
K1TW	2,280	US5VX	64,311			OM/UT2WW	43,016
Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power				Multioperator, Two Transmitter, Low Power			
K5TR	1,649,174	CQ9A	7,538,416	VY2TT	1,993,050	P44W	3,401,508
K9RS	1,305,500	E7DX	4,360,912	N9NB	1,071,840	HG7T	3,300,204
K8AZ	1,190,952	RM9A	4,355,208	NN3W	977,882	LX7I	3,026,985
WD6T	1,109,934	UP2L	4,239,277	ND8DX	329,420	DRØW	2,118,753
N7DX	945,659	RT4F	3,821,664	WG3J	311,234	VY2TT	1,993,050
AD4ES	744,462	4X1DX	3,069,174	W3ZGD	227,404	LY4L	1,943,667
K3AJ	730,584	OK7O	2,677,320	W1FM	186,333	G1A	1,924,317
W2A	716,289	HG6N	2,593,836	WA2QAU	137,648	YL4U	1,877,841
KD1MC	713,368	DD2D	2,333,804	K8LG	122,166	WP3C	1,847,968
NV9L	664,656	RU1A	2,028,015	K7BTW	64,965	ES7A	1,568,269

Regional Leaders

HP: Over 150W; LP: 150W or less; QRP: 5W or less; SO: Single Operator; MS: Multi-Single; MIX: Mixed-Mode

K6NA	775,443	CW-HP		WXØB (AD5Q, op)	1,192,779	CW-HP		VE3JM	1,890,114	CW-HP		N4KS	201,663	CW-HP		W1KM	1,513,377	CW-HP
VE7UF (VE7IH, op)	666,666	CW-HP		WØUA	973,440	CW-HP		NA8V	1,031,600	CW-HP		K4BAI	188,976	CW-HP		W3RJ	511,700	CW-HP
NT6Q (N5ZO, op @WA6TQT)	471,410	CW-HP	K5PI	636,728	CW-HP	K8GL	370,440	CW-HP		K9UQN	95,456	CW-HP		K1IMI (N4CW, op)	443,632	CW-HP		
KC7V	255,460	CW-HP	N4VI	137,724	CW-HP	VA3AR	145,425	CW-HP		WQ5L	82,644	CW-HP		W2RQ	438,480	CW-HP		
AJ6V	218,376	CW-HP	KØFX	105,570	CW-HP	WI9WI	94,608	CW-HP		KQ4R	71,905	CW-HP		KU2M	287,375	CW-HP		
N7VM	420,679	CW-LP	AD5A	693,660	CW-LP	VE3TM	693,625	CW-LP	WB4TDH	181,944	CW-LP		K1VUT	429,156	CW-LP			
WJ9B	213,930	CW-LP	AI6O	109,736	CW-LP	VA3SP	310,853	CW-LP	K3JT	116,932	CW-LP		W1QK	107,622	CW-LP			
N6MU	63,217	CW-LP	WØIZ	68,676	CW-LP	W1NN	184,140	CW-LP	K4EJ	63,114	CW-LP		K1TR	103,748	CW-LP			
KS7T	48,507	CW-LP	KNØV	64,233	CW-LP	KV8Q	131,882	CW-LP	W4YE	55,941	CW-LP		K3UA	83,520	CW-LP			
N7IR	39,780	CW-LP	N5CHA	52,469	CW-LP	VE3FH	125,271	CW-LP	N3CKI	54,144	CW-LP		N2EY	54,900	CW-LP			
W6YX (N7MH, op)	123,851	CW-QRP	WØDCX	1,638	CW-QRP	K4YJ	26,182	CW-QRP	N5ER	79,135	CW-QRP		K8CN	65,968	CW-QRP			
K7HBN	21,197	CW-QRP				VE3EDE	900	CW-QRP	NU4B	26,752	CW-QRP		NQ2W	2,860	CW-QRP			
N6HI	1,335	CW-QRP				VE3GMZ	517	CW-QRP	N3CZ	18,612	CW-QRP		K1TW	2,280	CW-QRP			
						K8RXB	180	CW-QRP	N4NM	18,592	CW-QRP		K4UW	1,024	CW-QRP			
						WB9MII	114	CW-QRP	K6RM	1,122	CW-QRP							
Single Operator Unlimited																		
KA3DRR (@N6WT)	441,490	MIX-HP	KEØUI	179,102	MIX-HP	K9OM	564,927	MIX-HP	K4AB	790,224	MIX-HP		ND3T (LZ5DB, op @K1LZ)	3,403,552	MIX-HP			
K7NT	190,799	MIX-HP				W8MJ	301,884	MIX-HP	K3IE	254,100	MIX-HP		K3MM	921,400	MIX-HP			
VE7BC	167,688	MIX-HP				VE3TW	234,250	MIX-HP	KI5GTR	191,900	MIX-HP		W1GD	908,725	MIX-HP			
K6RIM	45,600	MIX-HP				W9XT	230,466	MIX-HP	W4LT	151,110	MIX-HP		W3PU (KO8SCA, op)	873,942	MIX-HP			
NT6X	45,501	MIX-HP				N4QS	132,330	MIX-HP	NF4A	149,766	MIX-HP		AB2E	424,205	MIX-HP			
WU8T	24,990	MIX-LP	NØRC	110,141	MIX-LP	NE9U	181,366	MIX-LP	WN4AFP	192,874	MIX-LP		WJ1U	494,460	MIX-LP			
WN6W	19,110	MIX-LP	KØKX	70,210	MIX-LP	KJ6XC	24,795	MIX-LP	W6FB	118,655	MIX-LP		WA2JQK	100,005	MIX-LP			
N6SPP	5,544	MIX-LP	KA8HDE	21,199	MIX-LP	WB9HFK	24,206	MIX-LP	WA4IPU	56,376	MIX-LP		NI1Q	74,208	MIX-LP			
N7ESU	3,280	MIX-LP	KFØQFD	4,515	MIX-LP	K9KE	17,331	MIX-LP	W4EE	47,396	MIX-LP		NV3K	62,605	MIX-LP			
AG6JA	1,340	MIX-LP	K2HT	2,250	MIX-LP	W8TOM	12,052	MIX-LP	K4OV	14,364	MIX-LP		KD2KEH	7,462	MIX-LP			
WQ6X	46,909	MIX-QRP				K8ZT	6,020	MIX-QRP	K3TW	97,600	MIX-QRP							
						VE3BFU	441	MIX-QRP										

N7GCO	14,904	PH-HP	AEØMO	139,480	PH-HP	W9NZ	70,104	PH-HP	NJ4P (NØGJW, op)	493,392	PH-HP		KE2AY	410,495	PH-HP
AC7GL	10,452	PH-HP	KØYR	60,860	PH-HP	W8GX	18,336	PH-HP	NA4DA	172,788	PH-HP		VE9CF	348,192	PH-HP
K6DW	3,861	PH-HP	N5KWD	32,376	PH-HP	VA3UG	3,840	PH-HP	W4EEY	67,462	PH-HP		VE2NTT	298,606	PH-HP
KM6TFY	3,250	PH-HP	W5ABA	8,148	PH-HP	KF8AVC	2,502	PH-HP	K4PZZ	49,810	PH-HP		VE2CSM	151,226	PH-HP
VE6CLG	616	PH-HP	WAØO	2,668	PH-HP				N5GI	39,390	PH-HP		W3FR	72,924	PH-HP
W6MX	15,840	PH-LP	N7MZW	18,240	PH-LP	VA3IDD	63,848	PH-LP	AC5O	37,417	PH-LP		N3AAA	117,100	PH-LP
KD6HOF	1,062	PH-LP	AB5NX	18,090	PH-LP	NQ9N	31,533	PH-LP	W4GB	28,770	PH-LP		KC1QEM	26,048	PH-LP
KW6SA	210	PH-LP	NT5F	13,950	PH-LP	W8TB	28,251	PH-LP	N4MCC	16,472	PH-LP		WB2ITX	12,342	PH-LP
VA7RFX	0	PH-LP	KF9MT	6,752	PH-LP	KD9YOO	19,027	PH-LP	KM4IAJ	14,706	PH-LP		VY2GF	11,712	PH-LP
			KØTJT	1,919	PH-LP	VE3RGO	14,224	PH-LP	N2ESP	13,688	PH-LP		KE2CRB	4,232	PH-LP
K2PO	933,583	CW-HP	WIØWA (WØAAE, op)	1,010,240	CW-HP	K9CT	1,331,003	CW-HP	WO4O	881,920	CW-HP		K3WW	2,097,048	CW-HP
VE7ZO	903,621	CW-HP	WØZB	693,750	CW-HP	WM9C	692,988	CW-HP	AD4EB	642,630	CW-HP		W8FJ	844,038	CW-HP
N7AT (K8IA, op)	711,540	CW-HP	NSØR	489,955	CW-HP	VE3NNT	549,332	CW-HP	KM5G	486,750	CW-HP		N3AD	791,538	CW-HP
K6KM (@W6SRR)	523,854	CW-HP	NØAV	435,024	CW-HP	VE3NE	499,731	CW-HP	KO4VW	417,474	CW-HP		W1UE	753,468	CW-HP
KA6BIM	507,416	CW-HP	AAØFO	209,088	CW-HP	KE4KY	312,567	CW-HP	NK4O	326,890	CW-HP		N2PP	752,500	CW-HP
WAØWWW	107,888	CW-LP	N5RZ	829,326	CW-LP	KC9EE	200,367	CW-LP	N4AO (WC4E, op)	590,640	CW-LP		NJ3K	303,676	CW-LP
NN6U (@K6MTU)	11,790	CW-LP	KØAD	221,667	CW-LP	AB9YC	177,388	CW-LP	N2YO	457,104	CW-LP		W3KB	203,580	CW-LP
KI6OY	10,950	CW-LP	KØXF	166,060	CW-LP	VE3YT	170,610	CW-LP	K2KW	260,429	CW-LP		K2ZR	138,672	CW-LP
KZ2V	10,286	CW-LP	KØRC	134,264	CW-LP	VE3MA	166,005	CW-LP	WA2LMC	217,175	CW-LP		AC5XK	93,100	CW-LP
K7NEW	8,289	CW-LP	K4IU	122,850	CW-LP	VE3MV	147,900	CW-LP	N9TF	119,795	CW-LP		KE2D	87,568	CW-LP
			KJ5T	20,458	CW-QRP	KD8JDC	1,674	CW-QRP	NB1U	3,922	CW-QRP		W1FJ	112,548	CW-QRP
Multioperator Single Transmitter															
WD6T	1,109,934	MSHP	K5TR	1,649,174	MSHP	K8AZ	1,190,952	MSHP	AD4ES	744,462	MSHP		K9RS	1,305,500	MSHP
N7DX	945,659	MSHP	WØECC	515,431	MSHP	NV9L	664,656	MSHP	N1RM	582,660	MSHP		K3AJ	730,584	MSHP
KT7E	344,596	MSHP	NØAX	476,117	MSHP				W4NF	228,600	MSHP		W2A	716,289	MSHP
VA7DZ	296,728	MSHP	NA5C	237,160	MSHP				W4MLB	134,415	MSHP		KD1MC	713,368	MSHP
W7TVC	104,040	MSHP							W4USF	528	MSHP		K3CCR	316,043	MSHP
Multioperator Two Transmitter															
K7BTW	64,965	M2LP				N9NB	1,071,840	M2LP	NN3W	977,882	M2LP		VY2TT	1,993,050	M2LP
						ND8DX	329,420	M2LP	AC4BB	10,556	M2LP		WG3J	311,234	M2LP
						K8LG	122,166	M2LP					W3ZGD	227,404	M2LP
						VE3RHQ	27,295	M2LP					W1FM	186,333	M2LP
													WA2QAU	137,648	M2LP