

“March open VHF/UHF/SHF contest”

RULES – 2026.

1. Contest name : “March open VHF/UHF/SHF”

2. Organizer: Radio club “Nikola Tesla”, Sombor

3. Contest period: Contest is held on first full weekend of March, (7th and 8th March 2026), starting 14:00 UTC on Saturday, ending 14:00 UTC Sunday

4. Bands: Contest is held on VHF/UHF/SHF amateur bands.

5. Modes: A1A, J3E, F3E

Cross mode, cross band, EME, MS, and QSO's through repeater are not allowed.

6. Participants: All licensed stations in IARU region 1 can participate to this contest. In order to be ranked, a minimum of 1 contact with Serbian (YU/YT) stations is required, regardless of the band.

7. Categories:

- Multi Operator – MO

A. 144 MHz – MOA

B. 432 MHz – MOB

C. 1.3 GHz and up – MOC

- Single operator – SO

A. 144 MHz – SOA

B. 432 MHz – SOB

C. 1.3 GHz and up - SOC

- Stations outside of Serbia – VS

A. 144 MHz – VSA

B. 432 MHz – VSB

C. 1.3 GHz and up – VSC

Contestants may enter multiple categories (example MOA, MOB, MOC)

8. Exchange

RS(T), separate serial number for each band starting with 001 and increasing, and WW QTH locator.

9. Scoring

Each complete and valid contact shall be scored as following:

- Contacts held on 144 MHz, 432MHz and 1.3GHz 1 point per QRB kilometer.

- Contacts held on 2.4 GHz, 3 points per QRB kilometer.

- Contacts held on all other higher frequencies shall be scored 5 points per QRB kilometer.

10. Logs

Log shall contain following data:

Date, UTC time, call sign of worked station, band, mode, sent and received RS(T), serial number, WW locator and QRB.

Header of the Log shall contain following data:

- Own call sign; - WW locator used during the contest; - data about owner of the station;

- Location data (ASL) - Technical data about used equipment (TRX, antennas, power)

Each band shall have separate log.

11. Call sign and location

Once chosen call sign and location can't be changed during the contest.

12. Log submission

Electronic submission implies a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of operation have been observed.

Summary sheet and log in .EDI format shall be sent to the organizer through web site

<http://hamcontest.rs/index-VHF.jsp> not later than 7 days after the contest ends.

Separate logs shall be uploaded for each band.

Logs received after the deadline will not be accepted.

13. Awarding

Top 3 stations in each category will receive an e-certificate with specified ranking. All others will receive a participation certificate.

14. Disqualification

All stations in violation of contest rules will be disqualified.

15. Results

Preliminary results will be published latest by 45 after the contest end on organizers web site

<http://hamcontest.rs/index-VHF.jsp>

Complaints can be sent to the organizer using the same web-site within 7 days of publishing the preliminary results. After the deadline, organizer will consider any complaints and publish the final results not later than 60 days after the contest.

16. Contest manager keeps the right of rules interpretation. All complaints will be evaluated by the contest committee.

Contest manager

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