

RULES FOR THE NORDIC ARDF CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a translation of the rules as agreed by SRAL, SSA, EDR and NRRL in 1999.

1. The Championship is open to all members of the Radio Amateur Organisations associated with the Nordic Amateur Radio Union. (NRAU)
Competitors from other countries may participate in an open class if the organizer agrees.
2. The competition is individual and it is not allowed to receive any kind of help. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of all involved parties.
3. The championship event consists of two separate competitions on foot in daylight, one on 80m and one on 2m.
4. The 80m and 2m competition are organized as separate championships with separate results and prizes.
5. Controls
The number of controls shall be 5, and all shall be placed outdoors. The controls may be searched in any sequence at the discretion of the competitor.
Each control transmits 1 minute every 5 minutes. All the control's shall transmit on the same frequency +/- 2 KHz. The frequency shall be announced before start.
 - The 80m TX's shall use CW (A1A) modulation and vertical ant. Polarisation
 - The 2m TX's shall use tone modulated (A2A) telegraphy and horizontal ant. polarisation.All categories should find all 5 transmitters
6. Finish
The finish shall be marked on the map
If the organizer so decides, a beacon transmitter may be located at the finish, the beacon continuously sending MO on another frequency than the 5 controls.
The beacon frequency shall be announced before start, if used.
7. Start
Depending of the number of competitors, the start is organized with all competitors starting simultaneously or in groups at 15 minutes intervals. When group start is used, the starting order of the competitors is determined by lots.

All receivers are to be placed in a designated area before start. The competitors will be allowed to pick up their receivers as they approach the start area, but the receiver may not be switched on before the starting signal is given.
8. Timekeeping
The time is taken from the starting signal of the competitor's group and till the competitor crosses the finish line. All timing shall be done with an accuracy of 1 second.
Before start the organizer shall announce the maximum time allowed in the track.

All participants must register at the finish line even if they do not complete their run.
9. Classification
The competitor ranking is found by first counting the number of controls found, and then according to the time used.
Competitors who have failed to find any controls or who have exceeded the maximum time shall not be ranked.
Participants without ranking can not count in the team ranking.
10. Map
Map and punching card shall be given to the competitors 15 minutes prior to start of each group.

11. Interference
ARDF receivers that are causing harmful interference in other receivers at a distance of more than 10 m shall not be allowed.
12. Fenced areas, properties and agriculture fields must not be crossed. Such areas should preferably be marked on the map .
13. All participants take part on their own risk. Everyone should bring a whistle.
14. Categories
The following categories are used:
Junior – Male competitor under the age of 20
Senior - Male competitor from the year they reach 20 to the year they reach 39
OT – Male competitor from the year they reach 40 to the year they reach 54
VET- Male competitor from the year they reach 55
YL – Female competitor regardless of age.

The category is determined by the age any given competitor will reach during the whole year of the competition.
15. Team
The team classification is determined by the two best competitors from each NRAU society having the best overall ranking regardless of category.
16. Prizes
Prizes are awarded to the winner of each category in each of the two competitions.
The title Nordic Champion for men is awarded to the man with the best ranking regardless of category provided that a minimum of 5 participants from at least 2 different NRAU societies have taken part in the championship.

The title Nordic Champion for women is awarded to the YL with best ranking provided that a minimum of 3 participants from at least 2 different IARU societies have taken part in the championship.

The best team in the 80 m competition will be awarded a share in the perpetual challenge cup presented by NRRL / Trondheim group in 1957.
17. A jury must be appointed before the competition starts. The jury shall settle any dispute and their decision is final. The jury should consist of members from as many participating NRAU societies as possible. Competitors can not be a member of the jury.
The jury announces the time limit set for protest to be submitted.
The limit must be set to a reasonable time after the preliminary results have been announced.

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