The 40th KCJ Top Band Contest Rules

KCJ

Your Log Submission is Indispensable.

1. **Name of Contest**: The 40th KCJ Top Band Contest.

2. **Period**: Starts 1200 UTC February 10, 2024. Ends 1200 UTC February 11, 2024.

3. **Categories and codes**:
   C18: Single Operator
   CP: Single Operator QRP
   CM: Multi Operator
   DX: Station overseas
   SWL: SWL
   CL: Check Log
   Any kind of assistance for station operations for a category of Single Operator
   is prohibited. However, you may use "QSO finding assistance" such as, but not
   limited to, DX cluster, CW skimmer, Reverse Beacon Network and so on.
   A QRP station must run the output power of five (5) watts or lower.

4. **Frequency: 160-Meter**
   Please follow your band plan.
   JA stations: 1801 -1820kHz
   1820 -1825kHz: JA stations are able to respond running DX stations.

5. **Mode**: CW.

6. **Exchange**:
   JA: RST plus Prefecture/district code (e.g., 599 TK)
   DX: RST plus CQ Zone number (e.g., 599 03)

7. **Point**: All logs will be collated with each other and each complete contact counts
   points as follows.
   For JA: one (1) point for a contact with JA, two (2) points with DX
   For DX: two (2) points for a contact with JA, one (1) point with others.
   When logs of other stations you contacted are not submitted, those contacts do not
   count points. Therefore, YOUR LOG SUBMISSION IS INDISPENSABLE.

8. **Multipliers** For JA: Each prefecture/district and CQ Zone worked
   For DX: Each prefecture/district in JA worked
   QSO data are cross-checked each other and coincidence QSO counts points.

9. **Scoring**: Multiplying total points by total multipliers

10. **Log instructions**:
    Cabrillo file format or JARL file format are recommended.
    a. Each entry must be accompanied by summary sheet showing all scoring information,
       name and street-address of a participant.
    b. A QSO data should contain date, time, band, call sign and exchanges both sent and
       received.

c. JA must log the time of QSO in JST and DX in UTC.
d. Output power must be described in the log of category QRP.
e. Names of all operators must be described in the log of the category Multi Operator.

11. **Log submission**
   a. Web upload of logs is available at https://www.kcj-cw.com/contest/?DX
   b. Logs in Cabrillo format may be submitted directly to the following e-mail address:
      2024toptest(a)kcj-cw.com (a) must be replaced with @.
      Be sure to put your call sign in the subject line of your e-mail.
   c. Paper logs may be mailed to
      Mr. Hitoshi Tanaka JH4RAL
      4-31-13-513, Ohe, Ohtsu-City, Shiga, 520-2141 JAPAN

12. **Log Deadline**: 1500 UTC February 26, 2024

13. **Releasing Results**:
   Results will be emailed twice to stations that provide their email addresses and submit
   logs.
   The First Email: The preliminary results will be sent in early March.
   The Second Email: The official results will be sent at the middle of March. Simultaneously,
   we will announce the official results on the KCJ Website.
   Please access the URL on the above second email for the official results, a certificate (winners
   only), a participation certificate and an award KCJCA.
   If you do not receive the email by March 31, please contact us at the contact address
   below.

14. **Awards**: Certificates will be awarded to several high rank entrants and the top in each
   prefecture/district for JA and the top of each entity.
   The number of the stations to be awarded depends on the number of participants.
   Awards for SWL follow the same policy.

15. **The Certificate of Participation**: KCJ proves the participation of entrants in KCJ Contest
   with this certificate in which your call sign, name, score and rank appear.

16. **KCJCA**: KCJ issues the award KCJCA (Keymen's Club of Japan Contest Award) for the
   achievement of working many Japanese prefectures/districts.

17. **Prohibition**:
   Two or more simultaneous signals for a single operator
   Two or more operation positions for multi operator
   Two or more signals on a band for multi operator

18. **Disqualification:** Participants are expected to follow laws of each country and
   the KCJ Contest rules. KCJ contest committee makes the final decision to disqualify
   a violator.

19. **Appeal**: If you have any objections to the provisional rankings, please email us with your
   concrete evidence to 40top-qstn(a)kcj-cw.com within 5 days of the release
   announcement.(replace (a) with @)

REFERENCE
Japanese Prefecture/District codes

1. Area 1 (for JA1 through JS1, 7J1 and 7K1-7N4)

CB: Chiba	GM: Gumma	IB: Ibaraki	KN: Kanagawa
MT: Minamitorishima	OG: Ogasawara	ST: Saitama	TG: Tochigi
TK: Tokyo	YN: Yamanashi		

2. Area 2 (for JA2 through JS2)

AC: Aichi	GF: Gifu	ME: Mie	SO: Shizuoka

3. Area 3 (for JA3 through JS3)

HG: Hyogo	KT: Kyoto	NR: Nara	OS: Osaka
SI: Shiga	WK: Wakayama		

4. Area 4 (for JA4 through JS4)

HS: Hiroshima	OY: Okayama	SN: Shimane	TT: Tottori
YG: Yamaguchi			

5. Area 5 (for JA5 through JS5)

EH: Ehime	KA: Kagawa	KC: Kochi	TS: Tokushima

6. Area 6 (for JA6 through JS6)

FO: Fukuoka	KG: Kagoshima	KM : Kumamoto	MZ: Miyazaki
NS Nagasaki	ON: Okinawa	OT: Oita	SG: Saga

7. Area 7 (for JA7 through JS7)

AM :Aomori	AT: Akita	FS: Fukushima	IT: Iwate
MG: Miyagi	YM: Yamagata		

8. Area 8 (for JA8 through JS8)

HD: Hidaka	HY: Hiyama	IR: Iburi	IS: Ishikari
KK: Kamikawa	KR: Kushiro	NM: Nemuro	OH: Okhotsk
OM: Oshima	RM: Rumoi	SB: Shiribeshi	SC: Sorachi
SY: Soya	TC: Tokachi		

9   Area 9 (for JA9 through JS9)

FI: Fukui	IK: Ishikawa	TY: Toyama

10. Area 0 (for JA0 through JS0)

NI: Niigata	NN: Nagano