

The 42nd KCJ Top Band Contest Rules



Your Log Submission is Indispensable.

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1. **Name of Contest:** The 42nd KCJ Top Band Contest.

2. **Period:** From 1200 UTC on February 14 to 1200 UTC on February 15, 2026

3. **Categories and codes:**

CP: Single Operator 5W or less

CL: Single Operator over 5W up to 50W

CM: Single Operator over 50W up to 100W

CH: Single Operator over 100W

CMM: Multi Operator

SWL: SWL

DX: Station overseas

EX: 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.

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.

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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.

For the N1MM+ users, please visit the following site.

https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com/manual-supported/contests-setup/setup-udc-contests/#KCJ_DX

Both the KCJ Contest and KCJ Top Band Contest are supported.

- 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 Single Operator.
- 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: 2026toptest(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 on March 2, 2026

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. The KCJ contest committee makes the final decision.
19. **Appeal:** If you have any objections to the provisional rankings, please email us with your concrete evidence to 42top-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