

ALPE-ADRIA VHF CONTEST RULES

DATE AND TIME:

Sunday in the first full weekend in August from 06.00 – 13:59 UTC

(For 2026 this is August 2, 2026)

BAND AND MODES:

Band: 2 m /144.025 – 144.400 MHz

Modes: CW (A1), SSB (J3E)

Recommendation for CQ calling: QRP stations: 144.350 MHz and up

QRO stations: 144.350 MHz and down

SECTIONS:

Section A: fixed and portable stations (at licensed address) / licensed PWR

Section B: CW stations regardless the location / licensed PWR

Section C: fixed and portable stations /max. PWR : 100W OUTPUT ***NEW 2026***

Section D: portable stations / max. PWR : 5W OUTPUT / location above 1000m A.S.L.

The equipment of the portable stations (Section D) must consist of portable equipment, portable antennas and power supplies independent from the power line. Use of existing or previously installed equipment is not allowed. It is not allowed for portable stations to use the mains power. The installation of the station and antenna must not start earlier than 24 hours before the beginning of the contest.

MULTIPLIERS: x 1 (1 point/km)

ORGANIZERS

The organizers of AA contest are Austria (ÖVSV), Croatia (HRS), Italy (ARI) and Slovenia (ZRS) as follows:

2026 – ZRS (S5)

2027 – ÖVSV (OE)

2028 – HRS (9A)

2029 – ARI (I)

ENTRIES OF LOGS

Participants, citizens in one of the four organizer countries must **send their logs to their national contest managers**. Others can send their contest logs to any e-mail addresses listed below.

All logs must be in EDI format and must be send 8 days (second Monday) from contest date.

National contest managers are obligated to send all received logs to the organizer. The death time of sending the logs is 30. September for AA VHF and AA UHF/SHF contest

The e-mail addresses of organizers are:

AUSTRIA: oe8fnk at oeovsv.at

CROATIA: alpeadria at hamradio.hr

ITALY: alpeadria at ariudine.it

SLOVENIA: vhfctest at hamradio.si

The organizer is obligated to publish the general results to the end of the year. Before publishing the results the organizer is obligated to coordinate them with the national contest managers.

JUDGING OF ENTRIES

To judging of entries the general rules for IARU REGION 1 VHF/UHF/SHF contests are in force.

PRIZES

The organizer of AA contest will award a prize to the first 5 entries of each section – international results (place 1-3 plaque and place 4 – 5 certificate) and general classification. If there are less than 10 participants in a section then the organizer will award just the winner with the plaque. Young contesters (age under 25) with the best score in Sections VHF(A,B,C,D) will be awarded.

Participation in Young overlay category must be indicated in EDI log as shown (EDI file designator PClub=YOUNG)

AA Contest Committee/October 2017