



„Hemus VHF Contest 2026”

1. Participants

All licensed radio amateurs can participate in the competition. Participants must operate in accordance with the competition rules, the conditions of their own license (maximum allowed power, frequency range, and type of modulation), and in the spirit of sportsmanship. Club participants must use only one callsign during the competition. No more than one band transmitter may be used at the same time. Participants may not change their locator during the competition.

2. Categories

SO - single operator

SO LZ - single operator, LZ participants only

MO - multi operators

MO LZ – multi operators, LZ participants only

3. Dates and contest period.

Every Sunday of the 1st full weekend of August – from 09:00 GMT to 13:59 GMT on August 2, 2026

4. Contacts

Each station may be worked only once regardless of mode. Duplicate contacts should be clearly marked in the log, otherwise they will be penalized. QSO's via repeaters, Moon bounce (EME), VoIP do not count. Contacts should be carried out according to the IARU R1 band plans on each band.

5. Bands and type of emission

Band: **144 MHz** according to the frequency plan of each country and the recommendations of IARU R1 for frequency allocation by mode of operation. Radio contacts can be made in **CW, SSB and FM**.

Recommendation for Bulgarian participants:

CW – 144.020 to 144.150

SSB – 144.150 to 144.400

FM – 145.400 to 145.550

6. Exchange

Report RS/RST, progressive serial number starting with 001 and six character QTH locator (Maidenhead Grid Locator).

Example: 59005 KN22PR (SSB) or 599005 KN22PR (CW).

It is forbidden to exchange competition information via phone calls, chats, messengers and other methods, except by radio and the frequency on which the contact was made. Please respect yourself and your colleagues.

7. Scoring

Points for established radio contacts are awarded as follows: **1 point / 1 kilometer**.

8. Logs

Logs should be written on **EDI format**. Participant's log must contain the following information:

- date and time (UTC)



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- contact's callsign
- exchange sent – RS(T) + serial number + locator
- exchange received – RS(T) + serial number + contact's locator
- points

Summary page contains

- callsign
- category
- QTH locator
- operators – names and callsigns
- address – postal and/or electronic
- equipment used
- final score

All entries must be submitted **no later than 8 (eight) days** after the contest to <https://vhfcontest.bfra.bg/robot>.

9. Judging of entries

All logs will be checked out using cross-check software and human judgement. The claimed contact shall be disqualified for any error in the information logged/entered by the entrant. Penalized will be only the side, caused the mistake. When there is high evidence that the error is due to the wrongly entered information of the transmitting station (i.e. wrong date/time or callsign/locator) such a LOG shall not be used for checking purposes.

10. Ranking

Only participants who have at least one confirmed radio contact with a Bulgarian station will be ranked. The ranking of participants will be carried out by categories based on their final score. Bulgarian radio stations will be included in the overall ranking and in the ranking for Bulgarian participants only.

11. Awards

The winners in each category will receive a plaque. All participants will be able to download an electronic participation certificate.

73's and good luck to everyone!