

Changes of the ARDF Rules, 2017 to 2018

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Currently valid versions of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules are as follows:

Part A: 2018 (approved by the IARU Region 1 General Conference 2017, valid from January 1st, 2018)

Part B: 2018 (approved by the 39th IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting 2017, valid from January 1st, 2018)

Changes are highlighted in yellow

1. The effectuality of the Rules to other IARU Regions

The effectuality of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules to the other IARU Regions (in the case of the IARU World ARDF Championship) shall be specified.

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- 2.1 These rules are valid for and shall be used in connection with IARU World and Regional Championships in Amateur Radio Direction Finding organized in the IARU Region 1.
- 2.2 These rules are recommended as a basis for the World ARDF Championships organized outside IARU Region 1 as well as any international ARDF event and national championships.

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2. Competitors with dual nationality

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- 5.1 Competitors shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of the society they represent. Competitors with dual nationality may compete for either of the countries of which they are nationals. Other nationals living at least for one year in the country in question may also participate for the society of said country; the legitimacy of the residence shall be proven by an official document. Exceptions from this requires the approval of the ARDF WG and the societies involved. The competitor may represent just one country in a calendar year.

end of text

3. IARU Region 1 Child Protection policy

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- 5.7 All organisers and participants shall abide by the IARU Region 1 Child Protection Policy.
Event organisers and organising volunteers shall read and understand the Child Protection Policy and sign to say that they will operate to its requirements.
Team officials shall read and understand the Child Protection Principles and sign to say that they agree to abide by the requirements set out therein.

end of text

4. At the World Championships, all three IARU regions shall be represented in the International Jury

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- 8.4 The appointed Chairman of the Jury shall, in co-operation with the organising society, propose all other referees needed for the Championships from the list of approved IARU International Class Referees after consultation with the Chairman of the ARDF WG in order to ensure adequate experience. Referees shall be drawn from as many societies as possible. At the World Championships, the representation in the International Jury shall be offered to all three IARU regions. The names of the members of the International Jury shall be recorded and announced as early as possible before the beginning of the event.

end of text

5. The Jury is allowed to make exceptions to specific requirements in the rules

Explanation: Sometimes local conditions physically disallow full performing of the Rules. In this case, the Jury shall minimize the impact on safety, fairness and sports value of the competitions, even at the expense of the (as small as possible) adjustment of some points of the Rules.

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- 8.6 The Jury is entitled to make exceptions to specific requirements in the rules. Such exceptions should require two-third majority in the jury. Any such exceptions must be announced at the team leaders meeting.

end of text

6. The extension of the competence period of the International Jury

A time period for when the Jury is "in power" i.e. has its responsibility as a jury, is set. Some period after the end of the event is recommended to deal with last moment matters. The 48 hours period is selected in order to span the last day of the event usually spent en route to homes of the jury members.

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8.12 The Jury shall be in power (i.e. have its responsibility as a Jury) from the time the Chairman of the Jury is appointed by the regional executive body until 48 hours after the championships has officially finished.

end of text

7. The decisions of all Jury meetings into included in the Event report

The recorded minutes of all Jury meetings will preempt any later misunderstandings and discussions.

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12.1 Not more than one month after the event, the organiser shall submit a report to the ARDF WG Chairman containing:

- complete result lists
- map of each competition with course details
- composition of the International Jury
- **decisions of all International Jury meetings**
- comments about the event

end of text

8. Correction of the numbering The paragraph in question was mistakenly numbered as 13.7, correct number is 13.8.

9. Composition of teams - The limit of 6 competitors per country per category is removed, clarification.

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15.5. A competitor may start in different categories in different competitions (provided he/she meets the age/sex requirements for both categories).

15.6 Each society may enter up to three competitors in each category for each competition.

end of text

10. Correction of the wording of the paragraph 17.4.

Replacement of the confusing word "registration" with the word "event check-in", time limit added..

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17.4 At or before the **event check-in and in no circumstances later than 15:00 on the day before the first competition.** each team shall allocate its competitors to 3 starting groups, separately for each competition and each category. If a team fails to allocate its competitors to starting groups in time, competitors will be allocated in the order in which they are entered.

end of text

11. Replacement of the incapable competitor (new paragraph 17.10):

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17.10. **Changes to the start list by substituting a competitor for another due to illness must be requested at the team officials' meeting on the day before the competition at the latest. The substitution must be approved by the Jury. The substitutes can be taken only from the team originally entered.**

end of text

12. Correction of the wording of the paragraph 24.4.

To add the words " in the starting or competition area" which limits the validity of the restriction just to the competition.

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24.4 On the day of the competition, the use of any telecommunication device by competitors or team officials **in the starting or competition area** is prohibited until permitted by the organiser. The penalty for this shall be disqualification. If the team official breaks this rule, the whole team shall be disqualified.

end of text

13. Correction of the wording of the paragraph T2.3:

The wording does not reflect the development in the last 6 years (more transmitters, 2-band system)

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T2.3 The frequency of the beacon transmitters shall be significantly different from the frequency of any other transmitter.

end of text

14. The entire paragraph T2.7 (recommended frequencies for the 3.5 MHz band) deleted: Any recommendation should belong to the Guidelines (if this does not jeopardise the clarity). Moreover, the change of frequencies used will be a matter for further discussion.

15. The Appendix 2 removed and made a separate Guideline (remaining Appendices renumbered) - The Principles for course planning are the Guideline by definition.

16. Verification of the skills of newly appointed ARDF referees

New text inserted into the original paragraph R4, renumbering of following paragraphs

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R4. Candidates for nomination as an IARU ARDF International Class Referee shall be submitted by his or her national society to the relevant regional ARDF WG confirming that the candidate fulfils the conditions listed in paragraph R3. The ARDF WG shall discuss the proposal and if satisfied, shall approve the candidate for trial deployment at the forthcoming ARDF Championship.

R5. Before the first deployment the candidate shall prove his/her knowledge of the Rules and his/her English speaking ability at the examining committee consisting of the ARDF WG Chairman and two more Active ARDF International Class Referees.

R6. When the candidate passes his/her trial deployment successfully, the Chairman of the ARDF WG shall send the request for nomination (with his/her comment) to the relevant regional Executive Committee for final approval. After the approval of the Executive Committee, a written certificate is issued to the newly appointed referee.

end of text

17. Correction of the wording of the paragraph S6.3:

To change the definition of the keying speed to WPM (to be consistent through the Rules)

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S6.3 Two sets of five transmitters shall be used in the sprint event. Transmitters groups 1 to 5 and 1F to 5F shall operate on different frequencies and with different keying speeds.

Example of frequency and keying speed assignment:

frequency	function	code	speed
3,530 MHz	TX 1...5	MOE...MO5	10 WPM
3,550 MHz	spectator control	S	10 WPM
3,570 MHz	TX 1F (fast)...5F	MOE...MO5	15 WPM
3,600 MHz	finish beacon	MO	10 WPM

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