

# Tennessee Contest Group

## MOST RADIO ACTIVE GUIDELINES 2026

### Goals and Objectives:

- Promote observance of the TCG Prime Directive – HAVE FUN!
- Promote and encourage recognition of member accomplishments
- Promote contest participation
- Promote TCG club recognition
- Encourage multi-ops and multi-op participation
- Require some strategy to win – not just “brute force” participation
- Create potential for lesser-equipped stations to be competitive or win
- Everyone competitive right up until the end of the year (no run-aways)

### Qualification Period:

00:00 UTC, Jan 1, 2026 through 23:59:59 UTC December 31, 2026

### Operating Classes:

- For the purpose of reporting scores to the 3830scores.com website, there will be 3 operating classes: HP (power greater than 100 watts up to legal limit), LP (power of 100 watts maximum) and QRP (10 watts maximum).
- You may use scores from any or all classes to accumulate points.
- Power levels used must be within the rules of the contest. (Example: NAQP is 100 watts maximum, i.e. Low Power)

### Scoring:

### QSO's:

- TCG members may choose contests to operate from the list of “MRA Contest Choices for 2026” in Appendix A. Members certainly may operate any contest they wish but only those on the list will count for the MRA competition. The list is updated annually to reflect member preferences in contests.
- For any contest to count, a minimum of THREE QSO's must be made in that contest.
- ALL scores must be submitted to the 3830scores.com website with credit to the Tennessee Contest Group.
- Scores are collected and tabulated from the 3830 website only.
- Scores from the previous weekend's contests must be submitted to 3830scores.com before the contests for the next weekend begin.
- Scores must be submitted to the contest sponsor and posted on the TCG reflector to count.
- Scores will be tabulated on a monthly basis and the highest total of the 12 monthly scores wins.
- The monthly scores will be based on a member's total QSO's made in the contests operated that month, the operating hours spent in the contests and the number of contests worked that month.
- For a TCG Multi-Op station, all operators will receive credit for the total number of QSO's made in the contest by that station and for the total number of hours operated.
- For TCG multi-ops where the station host is a TCG member, all operators will be considered “grandfathered in” as TCG members whether they actually are or not.
- For non-TCG multi-ops where TCG members are guest operators, TCG will get QSO credit based on the percentage of operators that they represent at that multi-op. For example: TCG has 2 guest operators out of 12 total operators at the K3LR CQWW DX CW multi-op in PA. Each TCG guest operator would get credit for 1/6<sup>th</sup> of K3LR's total QSOs.
- Members may earn points from a maximum of 5 multi-op scores each year.

## Operating Time:

- In each and every contest operated, members will earn 1 point for every 1 hour of operating time.
- Members of a multi-op who contribute a significant amount of operating time will all receive credit for the same number of operating hours as the multi-op station. Determining “significant amount of operating time” is at the discretion of the multi-op host.
- Operating time, rounded to the nearest hour, must be shown on the 3830 report.
- If no operating time is reported to 3830, that entry will be given 1 hour of operating time for scoring purposes.
- When operating multiple contests, which may occur on the same weekend and have overlapping contest periods, total operating hours will count but they will only count once, not for each individual contest.

## Multipliers:

- There is only one multiplier: the number of contests worked each month.

## Score Calculation:

- Most Radio Active scores will be calculated on a monthly basis.
- Scores will be based upon the number of QSO's made that month, the total number of hours operated that month and the number of contests operated that month.
- Scores will be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{MRA points} = (\text{total QSO's} + \text{number of hours operated}) \times (\text{number of contests operated})$$

## Other Particulars:

- Scoring claims and score reporting are based entirely upon the honor system. However, in the case of very close competition or score discrepancies, TCG administration reserves the right to request submission of the appropriate Cabrillo log files.
- If using an alternate call sign or other change from your normal call, it is the operator's responsibility to make sure the administration is aware of the change.
- An operator cannot claim points as a member of a multi-op and from an individual single-op effort in the same contest.
- Score updates will be posted monthly. It is each member's responsibility to verify accuracy and bring any discrepancies to the administration's attention.
- When the following month's scores are updated there will be no changes made to the previous months unless an error is discovered. In that case, the error will be corrected.
- ARRL Field Day, Winter Field Day, CWOps CWTs or NCCC NS Sprints will NOT count for score.

## Awards:

- A Plaque will be given to the highest scoring member without regard to power class or QTH. This operator will be honored as the Tennessee Contest Group's “Most Radio Active” member for that calendar year.
- Since Tennessee has three natural geographic regions, “Most Radio Active” certificates or plaques will be awarded to the top 3 radio active (Alpha/Beta/Gamma) and highest scoring members for each of these three regions:

East Tennessee    Middle Tennessee    West Tennessee

*TCG Administration reserve the right to change, modify, add or delete rules, awards, contests, classes etc. as deemed necessary.*

(1/4/2026)

# APPENDIX A

## Tennessee Contest Group – MRA Contest Choices for 2026 - Alphabetically (1/4/2026 edit)

(130 contests)

7 th Call Area QSO Party  
Alabama QSO Party  
All Asian DX Contest, CW  
All Asian DX Contest, Phone  
ARI International DX Contest  
Arizona QSO Party  
Arkansas QSO Party  
ARRL 10-Meter Contest  
ARRL 160-Meter Contest  
ARRL International Digital Contest  
ARRL International DX Contest, CW  
ARRL International DX Contest, SSB  
ARRL January VHF Contest  
ARRL June VHF Contest  
ARRL RTTY Roundup  
ARRL September VHF Contest  
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW  
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB  
**Atlantic Canada QSO Party**  
BARTG HF RTTY Contest  
BARTG RTTY Sprint  
British Columbia QSO Party  
California QSO Party  
Canadian Prairies QSO Party  
Colorado QSO Party  
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW  
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB  
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW  
CQ WW WPX Contest, RTTY  
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB  
CQ-M International DX Contest  
CQMM DX Contest  
**Croatian DX Contest**  
**CVA DX Contest, CW**  
**CVA DX Contest, SSB**  
CWops CW Open  
Delaware QSO Party  
Dutch PACC Contest  
EA RTTY Contest  
European Union DX Contest

Florida QSO Party  
GACW WWSA DX  
Georgia QSO Party  
Hawaii QSO Party  
His Majesty King of Spain Contest, CW  
Hungarian DX Contest  
IARU HF World Championship  
Idaho QSO Party  
IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest  
Illinois QSO Party  
Indiana QSO Party  
Iowa QSO Party  
JARTS WW RTTY Contest  
Kansas QSO Party  
Kentucky QSO Party  
Louisiana QSO Party  
LZ DX Contest  
Maine QSO Party  
Makrothen RTTY Contest  
Marconi Memorial HF Contest  
Maryland-DC QSO Party  
Mexico RTTY International Contest  
Michigan QSO Party  
Minnesota QSO Party  
Mississippi QSO Party  
Missouri QSO Party  
Nebraska QSO Party  
Nevada QSO Party  
New England QSO Party  
New Hampshire QSO Party  
New Jersey QSO Party  
New Mexico QSO Party  
New York QSO Party  
North American QSO Party, CW Aug  
North American QSO Party, CW Jan  
North American QSO Party, RTTY Feb  
North American QSO Party, RTTY Jul  
North American QSO Party, SSB Aug  
North American QSO Party, SSB Jan  
North American Sprint SSB, February  
North American Sprint SSB, November  
North American Sprint, CW Feb  
North American Sprint, CW Sep  
North American Sprint, RTTY Mar  
North American Sprint, RTTY Sep  
North Carolina QSO Party  
North Dakota QSO Party  
Ohio QSO Party

OK DX RTTY Contest  
OK/OM DX Contest, CW  
Oklahoma QSO Party  
Ontario QSO Party  
Pennsylvania QSO Party  
Quebec QSO Party  
RAC Canada Day Contest - July  
RAC Winter Contest - Dec  
RSGB IOTA Contest  
Russian DX Contest  
Russian RTTY WW Contest  
**Russian WW Multi-Mode Contest**  
SARTG WW RTTY Contest  
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW  
South America 10 Meter Contest  
South Carolina QSO Party  
South Dakota QSO Party  
SP DX Contest  
SP DX RTTY Contest  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Dec  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Jun  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Mar  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Oct  
Tennessee QSO Party  
Texas QSO Party

URC DX RTTY Contest  
Vermont QSO Party  
Virginia QSO Party  
Volta WW RTTY  
WAE DX Contest, CW  
WAE DX Contest, RTTY  
WAE DX Contest, SSB  
Washington State Salmon Run  
West Virginia QSO Party  
Wisconsin QSO Party  
Worked All Germany Contest  
World Wide Digi DX Contest  
YO DX HF Contest

## APPENDIX B

### Tennessee Contest Group – MRA Contest Choices by Month for 2026 (1/4/2026 edit)

(130 contests)

January	ARRL January VHF Contest ARRL RTTY Roundup BARTG RTTY Sprint CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW Hungarian DX Contest North American QSO Party, CW Jan North American QSO Party, SSB Jan
February	ARRL International DX Contest, CW British Columbia QSO Party CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB CQ WW WPX Contest, RTTY Dutch PACC Contest European Union DX Contest Mexico RTTY International Contest Minnesota QSO Party North American QSO Party, RTTY Feb North American Sprint, CW Feb North American Sprint, SSB Feb North Carolina QSO Party South Carolina QSO Party Vermont QSO Party
March	ARRL International DX Contest, SSB BARTG HF RTTY Contest CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB Idaho QSO Party North American Sprint, RTTY Mar North Carolina QSO Party Oklahoma QSO Party Russian DX Contest South America 10 Meter Contest Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Mar Virginia QSO Party Wisconsin QSO Party
April	BARTG Sprint 75 CQMM DX Contest EA RTTY Contest Florida QSO Party Georgia QSO Party

IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest

Louisiana QSO Party

Michigan QSO Party

Mississippi QSO Party

Missouri QSO Party

Nebraska QSO Party

Nevada QSO Party

New Mexico QSO Party

North Dakota QSO Party

Ontario QSO Party

Quebec QSO Party

SP DX Contest

SP DX RTTY Contest

May

7 th Call Area QSO Party

ARI International DX Contest

Arkansas QSO Party

Canadian Prairies QSO Party

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW

CQ-M International DX Contest

Delaware QSO Party

His Majesty King of Spain Contest, CW

Indiana QSO Party

New England QSO Party

Volta WW RTTY

June

All Asian DX Contest, CW

ARRL International Digital Contest

ARRL June VHF Contest

Atlantic Canada QSO Party

GACW WWSA DX

His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB

Kentucky QSO Party

Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Jun

West Virginia QSO Party

July

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest

IARU HF World Championship

MARAC US Counties QSO Party

Marconi Memorial HF Contest

North American QSO Party, RTTY Jul

RAC Canada Day Contest - July

RSGB IOTA Contest

CO QSO Party

Alabama QSO Party

August      CVA DX Contest, CW  
CVA DX Contest, SSB  
Hawaii QSO Party  
Kansas QSO Party  
Maryland-DC QSO Party  
North American QSO Party, CW Aug  
North American QSO Party, SSB Aug  
Ohio QSO Party  
SARTG WW RTTY Contest  
WAE DX Contest, CW  
World Wide Digi DX Contest  
YO DX HF Contest

September  
r      All Asian DX Contest, Phone  
ARRL September VHF Contest  
Colorado QSO Party  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY  
CWOps CW Open  
Iowa QSO Party  
Maine QSO Party  
New Hampshire QSO Party  
New Jersey QSO Party  
North American Sprint, CW Sep  
North American Sprint, RTTY Sep  
Russian RTTY WW Contest  
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW  
Tennessee QSO Party  
Texas QSO Party  
WAE DX Contest, SSB  
Washington State Salmon Run

October      Arizona QSO Party  
California QSO Party  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB  
Illinois QSO Party  
JARTS WW RTTY Contest  
Makrothen RTTY Contest  
New York QSO Party  
Oceania DX Contest, CW  
Oceania DX Contest, Phone  
Pennsylvania QSO Party  
Russian WW Digital Contest  
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB  
South Dakota QSO Party  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Oct  
URC DX RTTY Contest

## Worked All Germany Contest

November    ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW  
              ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB  
              CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW  
              LZ DX Contest  
              North American Sprint SSB, November  
              OK/OM DX Contest, CW  
              WAE DX Contest, RTTY

December    ARRL 10-Meter Contest  
              ARRL 160-Meter Contest  
              Croatian DX Contest  
              FT Challenge  
              OK DX RTTY Contest  
              RAC Winter Contest - Dec  
              Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Dec