

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 1/6th 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, CW Ops 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.

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

	CVA DX Contest, CW
August	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	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