

YO VHF - UHF Marathon 2023 Rules

Purpose:

YO VHF/UHF Marathon it's an "OPEN" contest, who intend to promote the activity of YO stations on VHF/UHF bands. Who can join? Each and every hamradio from Romania, or any other country, with a valid hamradio authorization and whom accepts the present set of rules. Contest days: Every third Sunday of each month. Listed below are the contest dates of the total of 9 rounds of the YO VHF/UHF Marathon:

Period	Date
1a	19.03.2023
2a	16.04.2023
3a	21.05.2023
4a	18.06.2023
5a	16.07.2023
6a	20.08.2023
7a	17.09.2023
8a	15.10.2023
9a	19.11.2023

Round period:

From 07:00 to 12:00 GMT.

Bands:

Bands to be used for the contest are 144 MHz and 432 MHz, according to IARU Region I band plan.

Categories:

SINGLE (single operator, both bands)

MULTI (multi operator, both bands)

In each round, both bands can be used, but logs will be made separately for each band.

Modes:

CW / SSB / FM

Only one contact per band can be made with each station, regardless of working mode.

Only one signal/band allowed at any time for one station.

Exchange: RS or RST + serial number starting 001 + QTH Locator.

Example: 59(9) 001 KN00XX

Each round will start with 001.

Scoring: 1 km = 1 point, regardless the band.

Logs: Only electronic logs in EDI format files are accepted, separately for each band.

The log must contain the following information:

- Date (TDate)
- Callsign (PCall)
- QTH locator (PWWLo)
- Category (PSect) SINGLE / MULTI
- Band (PBand)
- Email address of main operator (RHBBS)

Logs must be sent by email, in maximum 7 (seven) days from the end of each round, to <http://maraton.uus.ro/upload/> Logs received later than 7 (seven) days will not be counted.

The confirmation of received logs will be done by email. Received logs list will be posted on site as soon as possible.

Penalties:

- QSOs with a time gap higher than 5 (five) minutes will not be counted.
- QSOs will not be counted if: - incorrect CALL
- incorrect serial number
- incorrect QTH locator

Log checking and partial results posting: it will be done in maximum 5 (five) days after receiving logs term is over.

Claims: If they are any claims to the results, they will be send by email to maraton@uus.ro and they will be solved in maximum 2 (two) days after the date the preliminary results were posted on site.

Round results and aggregate: Final results table for each round and aggregated total score will be posted on site www.maraton.uus.ro in maximum 2 (two) days after the claims period is expired. Also, a notification email will be sent to every station who sent a valid log, when the results are posted on site.

Final results:

Final results will be posted at the end of the contest, for the following categories:

- 144MHz SINGLE
- 144MHz MULTI
- 432MHz SINGLE
- 432MHz MULTI

Awards:

Electronic-format awards will be sent to first three stations in each category.

Remarks:

- There are no penalties for dupe QSOs, they just won't be counted.

- There will be no penalties if some errors appear in the serial number transmitted.
- Use of DX clusters are allowed in every category, however, self-spotting is forbidden.

Scheduling

QSOs is permitted only by chat on the site www.on4kst.org

- Logs name should be like:

callsign_144.EDI (example YR0XXX_144.EDI)

callsign_432.EDI (example YR0XXX_432.EDI)

- Log checking and results will be made only based on the logs received by email to the address maraton@uus.ro or uploaded on <http://maraton.uus.ro/upload/>

Issues/Ideas: If you note any issues with this rules or the contest, or have any idea to help us, please report to www.forum.uus.ro , section "Maraton VHF/UHF". Thank you!