



Table of VHF Contest Penalties: Issue 2, 30/12/2021

1. Principles of Adjudication

- a. The table below gives the recommended deductions & penalties for each category of error.
- b. Penalties for rule infringements not described below are at the discretion of the VHFCC.
- c. The VHFCC reserves the right to vary the penalties in the event of repeated and/or deliberate rule infringements.
- d. The information supplied by the transmitting station is taken as accurate where the transmitting station supplies a log, and all errors are taken as being made by the receiving station (but see 13 & 14 below).
- e. If you know you have made a mistake (e.g., you forgot to sign /P for the first few QSOs), please tell the adjudicator about your error in the comments/soapbox section of your log.
- f. The VHFCC reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to an entrant's coversheet (e.g., correcting the club in an AFS-type contest, changing the call sign suffix or correcting the declared Locator).

#	Rule Infringement/Error Description	Adjudication Action & Penalty
1	QSO time not in UTC	Correct log & inform entrant. If repeated in subsequent contests, do not correct log
2	Time of one or more QSOs missing from log	Correct log if possible & inform entrant. Disqualify entrant if not possible.
3	Wrong date	Correct log if possible & inform entrant. Disqualify entrant if not possible. If repeated in subsequent contests, do not correct log
4	Reversing RST (swapping TX and RX reports)	Correct log & inform entrant. If repeated in subsequent contests, do not correct log; restore points to other party
5	Error in call sign	Disallow QSO for entrant
6	Error in RX report	Disallow QSO for entrant
7	Error in RX Serial Number	Disallow QSO for entrant
8	Error in RX Locator	Disallow QSO for entrant
9	Error in RX Other Exchange	Disallow QSO for entrant

#	Rule Infringement/Error Description	Adjudication Action & Penalty
10	Error in TX mode (data contest only)	Disallow QSO for entrant
11	QSO time outside of contest period	Disallow QSO for entrant
12	Late log	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
13	Where there is good evidence that the TX station is not consistently sending correct call sign	Restore points to other party & disallow TX QSOs
14	Where there is good evidence that the TX station is not logging what was sent (report, serial, locator, exchange)	Restore points to other party & disallow TX QSOs
15	Antenna height greater than permitted	Move log to correct section. Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log if not possible.
16	Number/size of antennas greater than permitted	Move log to correct section. Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log if not possible.
17	Power greater than permitted	Move log to correct section. Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log if not possible.
18	Verified radiated poor signal & insufficient action taken during the contest	Variable penalty from a minimum of a 10% score deduction to making the log a check log depending on the severity and duration of the issue.
19	DX Cluster self-spotting	1 to 5 self-spots: 10% penalty 6 to 10 self-spots: 25% penalty 11 to 20 self-spots: 50% penalty >20 self-spots: Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
20	Use of Internet facilities (ON4KST etc) or DX Cluster to exchange QSO data	Disallow QSO for both parties
21	Multiple QSOs with same operator under different call signs	Allow 1 st QSO, disallow additional QSOs
22	Verified Band Plan violation (Centre of Activity) where QSOs can be identified	Disallow QSO for entrant

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23	Verified Band Plan violation (Centre of Activity) where entrant does not identify QSOs made when requested to do so	<10% of contest period: 10% <25% of contest period: 25% <50% of contest period: 50% <75% of contest period: 75% <100% of contest period: 90% 100% of contest period: Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
24	Verified Band Plan violation (outside of permitted segment) where QSOs can be identified	Disallow QSO for both parties
25	Verified Band Plan violation (outside of permitted segment) where entrant does not identify QSOs made when requested to do so	<10% of contest period: 10% <25% of contest period: 25% <50% of contest period: 50% <75% of contest period: 75% <100% of contest period: 90% 100% of contest period: Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
26	Logs containing one or more QSOs that never took place (also known as 'log stuffing')	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
27	Entrants who deliberately give an incorrect Locator to gain an advantage	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
28	Entrants who deliberately give an incorrect prefix (RSL) to gain an advantage	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
29	Entrants who deliberately sign /P when not portable to gain an advantage	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log
30	Entrants who deliberately do not sign /P when portable to gain an advantage	Disqualify entrant but use their submission as a check log