



European PSK DX Contest Rules

EPC – European PSK Club

<https://eupsk.club>

1. Date and Time:

22nd Contest: 12:00 UTC **17.05.2025** - 12:00 UTC **18.05.2025**

23rd Contest: 12:00 UTC **16.05.2026** - 12:00 UTC **17.05.2026**

24th Contest: 12:00 UTC **15.05.2027** - 12:00 UTC **16.05.2027**

25th Contest: 12:00 UTC **20.05.2028** - 12:00 UTC **21.05.2028**

26th Contest: 12:00 UTC **19.05.2029** - 12:00 UTC **20.05.2029**



2. Objective:

The European PSK Club invites radio amateurs worldwide to participate in the EU PSK DX Contest. The primary goal is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs globally and those in Europe using the BPSK63 mode. Participants can work with any station for QSO and multiplier credit, promoting widespread communication and interaction within the amateur radio community.

3. Bands:

Participants are encouraged to use the following frequencies for the contest:

80 meters: 3.580 – 3.590 MHz

40 meters: 7.040 – 7.050 MHz

20 meters: 14.070 – 14.080 MHz

15 meters: 21.070 – 21.080 MHz

10 meters: 28.070 – 28.080 MHz

4. Type of Competition:

- **Location:** Transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.
- **Connections:** All antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitters and receivers used by the entrant.
- **Call Sign:** Only the entrant's call sign can be used to aid the entrant's score. Each contest entry must use a different call sign.
- **Entrant Groups:** There are two groups of entrants: **EU Stations** and **DX Stations**.
- **Clusters:** All categories of entrants are allowed to use packet and web clusters.

5. Categories:

SO-100: Output power shall not exceed 100 watts.

SO-005: Output power shall not exceed 5 watts.

General Rules:

- Only single operator stations are permitted; multi-operator stations are not allowed.
- The operator performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions.
- Only one signal is allowed at any one time.
- The operator may change bands at any time.
- The operator must operate for the full 24 hours.
- All entrants must indicate the output power (watts) in the Cabrillo log. If no power is mentioned, the participant's score will be moved to the SO-100 category automatically.

6. Exchange:

EU Stations:

- Send a signal report followed by the EU Area Code.
- Example for Seljord, Norway: 599 NOTMSE (no spaces or dots between letters).
- Incorrect formats (e.g., 599 NO.TM.SE or 599 NO TM SE) will result in immediate disqualification.

DX Stations:

- Send a signal report followed by a QSO number, starting from 001.

Note:

- The EU Areas List can be downloaded at <https://eupsk.club/documents/euareas.xls>

7. Points:

For EU Stations:

- Contacts with stations in the same DXCC Country: 1 point.
- Contacts with stations on the same continent but in different DXCC Countries: 2 points.
- Contacts with stations on different continents: 3 points.

For DX Stations:

- Contacts with stations in the same DXCC Country: 1 point.
- Contacts with stations on the same continent but in different DXCC Countries: 2 points.
- Contacts with stations on different continents: 3 points.
- Contacts with EU stations: 5 points.

8. Multiplier:

- **EU Area Multiplier:** One multiplier for each different EU Area contacted on each band.
- **DXCC Country Multiplier:** One multiplier for each different DXCC Country contacted on each band.
- **Maritime Mobile Stations:** Not considered as multipliers, but worth 3 points for any participant.

9. Scoring:

The final score is calculated by multiplying the total QSO points by the sum of your EU Area and DXCC Country multipliers.

Formula:

Final Score = Total QSO Points × (Sum of EU Area Multipliers + Sum of DXCC Country Multipliers)

- **QSO Points:** Points accumulated from each contact based on the criteria in the Points section.
- **Multipliers:** Sum of unique EU Areas and DXCC Countries contacted on each band.

10. Certificates and Trophies:

- **Trophies:** Awarded to the 1st place stations in each category (SO-100 and SO-005) for both EU and DX groups, starting from the 2025 contest.
- **Certificates:** Awarded in all categories.
 - First, Second, and Third place certificates will be awarded for the World and each continent (Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, and Oceania).
 - First place certificates will be awarded in every participating DXCC country.
 - In DXCC countries with sufficient participation, Second and Third place certificates will also be awarded.
 - If you didn't receive your certificate, please contact DK5UR via dk5ur@dk5ur.de.

- **Publication:** All scores will be published at <https://ua9qcq.com>.
- **Issuance:** Certificates will be issued to the licensee of the station used. They will be available in high-resolution PDF format for download at the EPC Member Centre at <https://epc-mc.eu>.
- **Sponsorship:** Any radio amateur, radio club, or commercial organization can act as an official sponsor of the EU PSK DX Contest. Interested parties in sponsoring a Special Trophy should contact MMØDFV via mm0dfv@radioarena.co.uk.

11. Log Instructions:

- **Time:** All times must be logged in UTC.
- **Exchanges:** All sent and received exchanges must be logged.
- **Format:** Logs must be submitted in the Cabrillo format only.
 - Name your Cabrillo file as your call sign (e.g., mm0epc.cbr, mm0epc.txt, or mm0epc.log).
 - The BPSK63 mode should be listed as PM in the Cabrillo file.
 - The contest name in the Cabrillo header must be EU-PSK-DX.
 - The Cabrillo log sample can be found at <https://eupsk.club/eu-psk-dx-contest/cabrillo-sample>.
- **Submission:** Logs should be uploaded through the special web interface at https://ua9qcq.com/submit_log.php.
 - Logs must be submitted no later than 5 days after the contest ends.
- **Verification:** Electronic submission implies a signed declaration that all contest rules and amateur radio regulations in the country of operation have been observed.

Notes:

- Double-check your log before submission.
- Do not create your own category; use only the allowed categories listed in the rules.
- Ensure the Cabrillo header is correctly filled.
- Do not blindly trust generated logs from your software; verify the details.
- Contact UA9QCQ via oleg@ua9qcq.com if you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours after log submission.

12. Disqualification:

- **Rule Violations:** Violation of amateur radio regulations in the contestant's country or the contest rules.
- **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any actions deemed unsportsmanlike.
- **Unverifiable Contacts:** Taking credit for excessive unverifiable contacts or multipliers.
- **Incorrect Logging:** Incorrectly logged calls or numbers will be counted as unverifiable contacts for the contestant.
- **Solicitation:** Use of non-amateur means such as telephones or telegrams to solicit contacts during the contest.
- **Finality:** Actions and decisions of the EU PSK DX Contest Committee are final and binding.

13. Past Contest Results:

- Results for previous years, starting from 2021, can be found at <https://ua9qcq.com/results.php>. Click on **EU PSK DX Contest** in the HF Contest List to view the results.