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**Subject:** Dedicating limited frequency segments to QRP operations during contests

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**Text:** During amateur radio contests, because of the many high-power stations that operate on seemingly every available frequency, it becomes virtually impossible for QRP stations -- also including those participating in SOTA (mountaintop activations) or WWFF (World Wide Flora and Fauna in Amateur Radio) operations -- to successfully make contacts. The only realistic option for CW operators is to move to the WARC bands, and those who operate only SSB have no alternatives whatsoever during SSB contests.

**Proposal:** During contests, the QRP frequencies for CW and SSB (+/- 5 kHz) are to be kept free of contest operations. Contest organizers are to be instructed to incorporate these band-usage recommendations into their contest rules and subsequently penalize violators if they do not adhere accordingly.

QRP frequencies for IARU Region I (Europe, Africa, Middle East and Northern Asia)

2m	CW: 144.060	SSB: 144.285
6m	CW: 50.060	SSB: 50.285
10m	CW: 28.060	SSB: 28.360
12m	CW: 24.906	SSB: 24.950
15m	CW: 21.060	SSB: 21.285
17m	CW: 18.096	SSB: 18.130
20m	CW: 14.060	SSB: 14.285
30m	CW: 10.106 – 10.116 – 10.140	
40m	CW: 7.030	SSB: 7.060
80m	CW: 3.560 and 3.579 (colorburst xtal frequency)	
		SSB: 3.690
160m	CW: 1.810	SSB: 1.843

**Financial Implications:** None.