

# 2026 CCARC Radio Challenge

## Rules:

The Challenge is open to all CCARC members. The Challenge is target to a variety of operating activities and contesting.

**Contest QSOs:** The rules of each participating contest apply. Submit your log per the rules of that contest, and the submit entry form to the CCARC (as described below). In addition to the individual contest rules, the rules of the CCARC Radio Challenge apply.

**Contest Scoring:** The scoring will be based on the total number of contacts, not the individual points for the participating contests. This means 1 CW contact is worth 1 point, an RTTY contact is worth 1 point and a SSB (or FM for VHF/UHF) phone contact is worth 1 point.

**Weak Signal, QSO's:** Weak signal individual contacts or contests QSO's can be submitted for the special award noted below. Provide a QSO total for all QSOs submitted. Modes that qualify as a weak signal mode includes: JT4, JT9, JT65, QRA64, FT8, FT4 & MSK144. **Note:** CW, RTTY & PSK at any power level will not be considered as a weak signal mode.

**Parks on the Air (POTA):** POTA individual contacts or POTA QSOs involving a contest can be submitted for a special award noted below. There are 2 categories. One for POTA park activators and the other for POTA hunters. Any mode qualifies. You can calculate your total for 2025 by logging in to the POTA website and going to [pota.app/#/stats](http://pota.app/#/stats). Download the CSV file and filter the view to see your 2025 entries.

**Non-Contest CW QSOs:** CW individual contacts for the year that were logged for an event or activity that were not part of a contest. Examples include: Special Event QSOs, SOTA QSOs, POTA QSO, WAS, DXCC, County Hunting,....

**Special Event Participation:** Count the total number of Special Events you participated in 2025. Participation includes either calling CQ for a special event or responding to a CQ for a special event. This is not a QSO total. Only count the number events.

**Power:** Legal limit per contest rules and FCC regulations.

**Challenge Period:** January 2026 through Dec 2026

**Submission:** For each participating contest, weak signal mode, POTA contacts and other award category, enter your QSO totals on the entry form. Track and list the number of Special events in the submittal form. (Refer to the included example.) Email all entry forms to [CCARC-Challenge@w7aia.org](mailto:CCARC-Challenge@w7aia.org) by Dec. 31st of 2026. Entries submitted on Jan 1 of 2027 or afterwards, will not be considered for the 2026 challenge.

**Awards:**

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, any mode for contest entries – The W7AIA Contesting Trophy

Highest Number of QSO's single operator, any mode for contest, Low Power (100 watts or less), no tower or steerable antenna for contest entries – The Silver Fox Trophy

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, Weak Signal digital mode.

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, POTA Activator.

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, POTA Hunter.

Highest Number of non-contest CW QSOs.

Highest Number of Special Events participated in.

**Participating Contests:**

There are 27 contests that qualify for the challenge. 25 contests are listed in the table and select any 2 other contests as wild cards of your choice during the challenge period. There is a combination of contests for CW, RTTY, SSB phone and FM Phone along with contests that are DX, ARRL sections and that are local to our region. Refer to the contest sponsor web page or the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) for the contest dates.

| <b>2026 CCARC Radio Challenge Participating Contests*</b> |  |
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| January   | North American QSO Party, CW<br>North American QSO Party, SSB<br>ARRL January VHF                                      |
| February  | 10-10 Int. Winter Contest SSB<br>CQ WW RTTY WPX<br>ARRL International DX Contest, CW<br>North American QSO Party, RTTY |
| March   | ARRL International DX, SSB<br>CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB   |
| April   | 10-10 International Spring Digital Contest   |
| May   | 7QP<br>CQ WW WPX Contest, CW   |
| June  | ARRL VHF   |
| July  | IARU HF World Championship,  |
| August  | 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB<br>North American QSO Party, CW<br>North American QSO Party, SSB               |
| September   | ARRL VHF<br>Washington State Salmon Run<br>CQ WW DX, RTTY  |

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| October   | CQ WW DX, SSB   |
| November  | ARRL Sweepstakes, CW<br>ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB<br>CW WW DX, CW |
| December  | ARRL 10 Meter Contest   |
| *Wild Card Contest. Select any 2 contests from Jan 1 to Dec 31. |   |