

## The Latvian Radio Amateur League invites all radio amateurs to take part in a VHF Contest dedicated to the anniversary of proclamation of the Republic of Latvia

**Contest period:** 17th November 2018, 18:00 - 21:59 UTC. The contest is held annually on the 18th November or on the Saturday before 18<sup>th</sup> November – the Latvian National Day.

**Competitors:** All radio amateurs. Foreign stations should make at least one contact with Latvia (YL).

**Frequencies, Modes:** 144-146 MHz band, CW, SSB and FM simultaneously, according to the IARU Region 1 band plan.

**Operating:** The contest is held in four consecutive 60 minute stages (18:00-18:59; 19:00-19:59; 20:00-20:59; 21:00-21:59 UTC). In each stage contacts are again permitted with all correspondents. Within a stage duplicate contacts are not permitted. Mixed-mode, meteor scatter, Moon-bounce and contacts through active repeaters are not valid.

**Exchange:** RS(T) + QSO number starting with 001 + own Locator, e.g. 59(9)001 KO26AA. QSOs are numbered consecutively. If there were 27 contacts in Stage One, then the first QSO in Stage Two shall be designated QSO Number 28.

**Scoring:** For each QSO one point for every km of distance between stations, but 20 points per QSO if the distance is less than 20 km. For each new Locator square (e.g. KO26) add 500 bonus points.

**Categories of competition:** Latvian stations: single operator all modes;  
single operator FM.

Foreign stations: single operator all modes.

**Logs:** Computer logs in EDI format are preferred but not mandatory. You may also send your log as a plain text file.

Logs shall be mailed within 15 days after the contest.

The submission of a log will be considered as a declaration that the participant has observed all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in their country.

**Address:** Logs shall be sent to [vhf@lral.lv](mailto:vhf@lral.lv)

**Awards:** Latvian stations

Winners in each Category will be awarded prizes. Second and third places will be awarded diplomas. If a category has less than 5 entrants, the winner will be awarded a diploma.

Foreign stations

Best foreign station will be awarded a prize. Second and third places will be awarded diplomas.

Best station in each country will be awarded a diploma.