



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

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To: IARU R1 ARDF Working group members

Date : 05.09.2025.

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IARU R1 EC Member Oliver Tabakovski

IARU R2 ARDF Coordinator

IARU R3 ARDF Committee

MINUTES

47th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group
held at Birštonas, Lithuania, August the 18th 2025 (15:00-16:45)

The Agenda:

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the IARU R1 ARDF WORKING GROUP.
The Chairman of the WG welcomed Oliver Tabakovski Z32TO, member of the IARU R1 E.C., Representative of the IARU R2 Ken Harker WM5R, Representative of ARRL Charles Scharlau NZOJ, ARDF Coordinator of the IARU R3 Hiroshi Izuta JF1RPS .
 2. The present ARDF WG members introduced themselves
 - See the list of participants (see Appendix A)
 - Out of 27 WG members, 16 were present in person or by proxy. One of the 16 WG member was online by internet (Igor Lazarev US0VA) and one was presented but did not sign the list of attendees (Mindaugas Nakvosas LY1RM).
 3. Apologies for absence received from Chermen Guliev UA3BL representing SRR, Dragan Gacpar representing SRS. The proxies received from:
 - Gerhard Lettner OE6TGD, gave the proxy to Attila Mezei OE1LTS
 - Gabor Pap HA8MGC gave the proxy to Lajos Krajca HA2QW
 - Jon Stetvold LA9NGA gave the proxy to Svein Olsen LA6KCA
 - Bob Titterington G3ORY to David Williams M3WDD
 4. The Agenda of the 47th IARU R1 ARDF WG Meeting was approved unanimously (see Appendix B).
 5. 7th IARU Youth ARDF Championships 2025 in Czechia – final information was reported by Jiri Marecek (see appendix C).
The report is approved unanimously.
Note: In the mean time I have received a corrected report from Jiri Marecek for WYAC 2025,
 6. Forthcoming 25th IARU R1 ARDF Championship in 2026 in Targoviste-Romania – The written information was reported by the representative of the FRR Pavel Babeu YO9TW in Bulletin 0. The proposed terms of the Championship are August 24-29th 2026. The accommodation price is expected to be given in september/October 2025 and full package will not exceed 500,00 eur per person . Starting fee is proposed to be 50,00 eur. Hamfest fee for visitors and those staying on their own is 25,00 eur.Organizing committee pledge to submit final information in Bulletin 1. (see Appendix D).
The organizer proposed Franci Zankar S57CT to be the Chairman of the International Jury.
- IARU R1 ARDF WG approved the Starting fee 50,00 eur and the Chairman of the International Jury Franci Zankar S57CT unanimously.
7. To discuss the venue and the hosting societies of ARDF Championships in following years:

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- IARU Youth World ARDF 2026, 2027,
- IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2028,
- IARU World ARDF Championship 2027,2029,

A) IARU WORLD YOUTH ARDF CHAMPIONSHIP 2026: ARDF WG received MRASZ application to host 8th IARU World Youth ARDF Championship in 2026. The event will take place in the city of Veszprem. Planned period of the championship is 01.07.2026 – 05.07.2026. The accommodation will be organized in the High school dormitory with 3-bed rooms with shared bathrooms. Accommodation for 4 nights with FB, Hamfest, participation in all three events per person will be 350,00 eur per competitors and 250,00 eur for team leaders, official and visitors.

Starting fee is proposed to be 50,00 eur per competition, 150,00 eur for all three events. (see appendix E)

The Chairman of the International Jury is proposed to be Jiri Marecek OK2BWN, he accepted the MRASZ proposal and promised to give overall support to organizer of this event.

IARU R1 ARDF WG approved the Starting fee 50,00 eur and the Chairman of the International Jiri Marecek OK2BWN unanimously.

B) IARU WORLD ARDF CHAMPIONSHOP 2027: ARDF WG received KARL- Korean Amateur Radio Ligue application to host the 23rd IARU World ARDF Championship (see Appendix F). The estimated budget for the event is approximately 600-700 eur with efforts to minimize costs further. Proposed Venue location is Central region of the Republic of Korea within 1-2 hours travel from Incheon International airport. The letter of intent has been sent and signed by the President of Karl, Dr. Hyeong Moon Choi, HL4CFN.

IARU R1 ARDF WG as well as the coordinator from IARU R2 and R3 approved KARL to host 23rd IARU World ARDF Championships in 2027 unanimously.

C) To host the IARU ARDF events : WYAC 2027, IARU R1 ARDF 2028, IARU World ARDF 2029 ARDF WG did not receive any application and the invitation to host these events is open.

8. Application of new International Class referees (Appendix G) was received from MRASZ : Varga Tamas HA5TV and Nagy Gyorgy HA3PA.

ARDF WG approved the proposal from MRASZ unanimously.

9. ARDF Rules changes:

A) Proposal Rules by ARRL (see Appendix H):

Detailed proposal was presented in paper to all WG members and some details were explained by Ken Harker WM5R, Charles Scharlau NZOI and Josph Huberman K5JGH (see the Appendix H). The main point of the proposal is to add W75 and M80 ARDF Categories.

After the discussion voting procedure was carried out. Out of 16 votes, 7 were in favour, 9 were against. The proposal was not accepted.

B) IARU R1 E.C. Proposal regarding the penalties for late payment of starting fee (see Appendix I): On behalf of IARU R1 E.C. the detailed explanation was presented by Oliver Tabakovski Z32TO, the IARU R1 E.C. member. The main point and opinion of the IARU R1 E.C. is that the participation fee should not be increased and that penalties should not be charged to participants for late payment. The decision of the WG was the Rules shall be followed. The starting fee shall be approved by the ARDF WG in proper time (usually one year before the event) and could not be changed by the organizer.

C) Jiri Marecek presented this matter how is organized in Orientiring (see Appendix J). After his explanation and no discussion of the attendees, the proposal of Jiri Marecek was not accepted.

D) Proposal rules by BFRA (see Appendix K): Detailed proposal was presented in paper to all WG members (Appendix F) and some details were explained by Viktor Cenkov LZ3NN, the President of BFRA.

After short explanation of Viktor Cenkov and discussion, ARDF WG did not approve this proposal.

10. Closing of the meeting.

The Chair of the IARU R1 ARDF WG thanked all WG members and guests for their contribution and closed the 47th Plenary meeting at 16:45.

The Chair of the IARU R1 ARDF WG

Dušan Čeha, YU1EA



Appendix A:

List of participants of the 47th IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting

Appendix B:

Agenda of the 47th IARU R1 ARDF WG

Appendix C:

Report of the 7th IARU World Youth ARDF Championship in Marianske Lazne, Chechia 2025

Appendix D:

Report-Bulletin 0 from Romanian society-FRR for the IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2026.

Appendix E:

Applicatio of MRASZ to host IARU World Youth ARDF Championship 2026

Appendix F:

Applications for 23rd IARU World ARDF Championships in Korea 2027

Appendix G:

Aplications for new International ARDF refereee- MRASZ

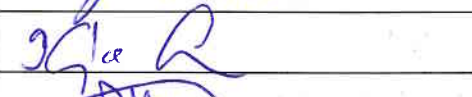
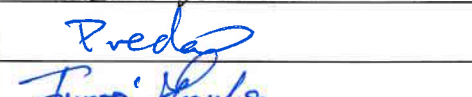
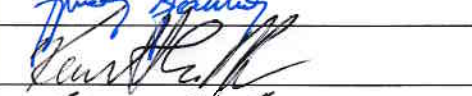
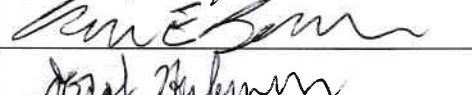
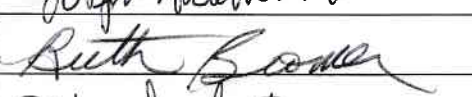
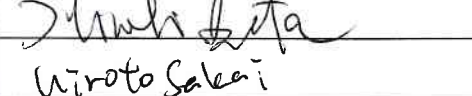
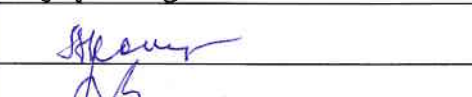
Appendix H: Proposal Rules by ARRL

Appendix I : IARU R1 E.C. regarding the penalties not to be allowed for late payment of starting fee

Appendix J: Proposal Jiri Marecek for starting fee payment WMOC

Appendix K: BFRA proposal for Rules changes- to increase number of participants in category M19,W19

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Appendix B

To: IARU R1 ARDF Working group members
Cc: Sylvain Azarian F4GKR, President of the IARU R1

Date : August 18th 2025.

INVITATION

47th Plenary Meeting of the IARU ARDF Working Group
to be held at the 22nd IARU World ARDF Championship, Birštonas, Lithuania, on August 18th at 15:00h.

Agenda:

1. Opening by the Chair, welcome to the Guests.
2. Introduction of the present WG members and their attendants.
3. Apologies for absence and proxies.
4. Approval of the agenda of the 47th Plenary Meeting of the IARU ARDF WG in Birstonas, Lithuania.
5. Report from the 7th IARU Youth ARDF World Championship in Czechia.
6. To discuss the 25th IARU R1 ARDF Championship in 2026 in Romania and to appoint the Chairman of the International Jury.
7. To discuss the venue and the hosting societies of ARDF Championships in following years:
 - Youth World ARDF 2026, 2027,
 - IARU World ARDF Championship 2027,
 - IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2028.
8. To discuss the application of new International Class referee (MRASZ Proposal).
9. To discuss ARDF Rules changes-
 - Application from ARRL,
 - To discuss the DECISION of the IARU R1 E.C. for late payment in ARDF competition.
 - To discuss BFRA proposal of increasing number of participants in M19 and W19 cat.
10. Any other business.
11. Closing of the meeting.

The Chair of the IARU R1 ARDF WG

Dušan Ćeha, YU1EA

Report from the 7th IARU World Youth ARDF Championships 2025

The event was organized by the Czech Radioamateur Society Czech Radio Club (CRC), in Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic, on July 02-06, 2025. The event centre together with the accommodation was placed in the hotel facility Zlatý zámek in Mariánské Lázně.

Total participation was 85 competitors from 11 countries (China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine).

Competition areas were situated nearby (15- 40 minutes by bus).

Detailed information and result list are contained in the WYAC2025 Final Report issued by the organizer and published at the event website.

All information were given sufficiently in advance, completely and precisely. The timetable was perfectly followed and the whole organisation went smoothly.

The International Jury (consisting of all team leaders, secretary, sitting referee, organizing committee chairman and the Jury chairman) met at the beginning of the event and then after every competition at the finish area. At these meetings, observations from the competitions were discussed and result lists were approved. There were no disputes, minor problems were solved easily. All results were approved immediately with no objections.

As the Jury meetings consist of the same people as usual team leaders meetings, there were also given detailed information for forthcoming competitions, answered questions and given explanations (if needed).

There were no technical problems and no protests or complaints during the competitions. There were also no serious injuries at the competitions, just small bruises and injured ankle which were treated on the spot.

The chosen terrain (technically demanding but without inappropriate physical difficulties) and maps allow to set very good courses. The winning times around 40-50 minutes for classic (2m) and 16-17 minutes for sprint prove good sense for demands of courses for youth categories. At the classic 80m winning times were 35-40 minutes.

Start and finish areas at all competitions were excellent, well arranged, equipped and very well organized.

The IARU Region 1 Child Protection Principles were followed throughout the whole event.

It was a great pleasure to work with this enthusiastic organizing team. Every organizer made a perfect job and thanks to them the whole event took place smoothly, with no problems and in a fun and friendly atmosphere.



Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU R1 International Class Referee

WYAC 2025 International Jury Chairman



25 th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships

Târgoviște, Romania, 2026

Bulletin No. 0



Romanian Federation of Radio Amateurs is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors and guests to visit Romania and to participate in the 25 th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships.

Organizers:

Romanian Federation of Amateur Radio;
Dâmbovița County Amateur Radio Association.

Contacts:

Babeu Pavel, YO9TW, yo9tw@yahoo.com tel. +40723673588.
Mitrut Marius, YO3CZW, FRR General Secretary, fir@hamradio.ro, tel. +40730425490.

Chairman of the Jury: Franci Zankar, S57CT;

Venue and date of the event:

Târgoviște, in the central-southern part of Romania.

Dates of championships August 24-29, 2026.

Event center would historical center of Târgoviște, Dâmbovița county at Hotel Valahia as well as main accommodation facility.



Programme suggested as follows:

24.08.2026 Arrival

25.08.2026 Foxoring

26.08.2026 1st Classic

27.08.2026 Sprint

28.08.2026 2nd Classic

29.08.2026 Departure

In the days leading up to the championships, there will be several training days. The schedule for these will be published in bulletin 1.

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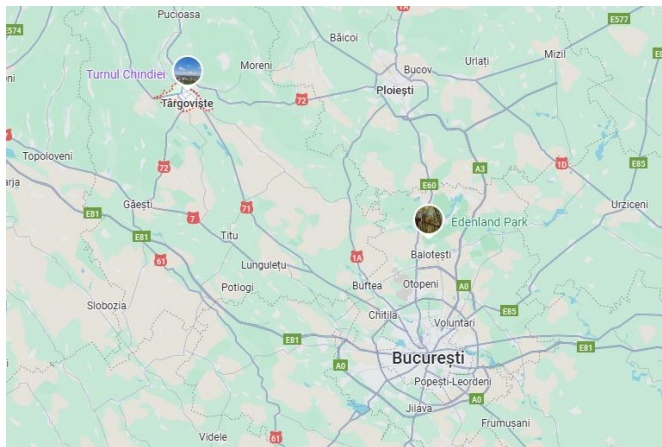
According to the Rules: W19, M19, W21, M21, W35, M40, W45, M50, W55, M60, W65, M70.

Expected fees:

Starting fee: 50 EUR/pers/competition. Full package not more than 500 EUR per whole event. Accommodation & Board possibilities will be offered later after all contracts with service providers will be signed. Hamfest fee for visitors and those staying on their own- 25 EUR.

Transportation:

București – Târgoviște (80 km)



Deadline for Letter of intent: February 28, 2026

Embargoed areas: Will be published in Bulletin No.1



Magyar Rádióamatőr Szövetség

Hungarian Radio Amateur Society

Member of the IARU



Application

8th World Youth ARDF Championships

The Hungarian Radio Amateur Society is happy to host the **8th World Youth ARDF Championships** and is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors, and guests from all countries to visit Hungary and participate in the event.

1. Venue

Venue: **Veszprém**

Planned period: 01.07.2026 - 05.07.2026

Veszprém is located in the valley between the Bakony Mountains, 115 km from [Budapest](#) along route 8



Veszprém is located in a valley between the Bakony Mountains, 115 km from Budapest along Route 8.

Veszprém, a city nestled where the Bakony Hills meet the Balaton Highlands, is one of Hungary's most ancient settlements. Its historic Castle District offers a journey back in time, where visitors can wander along medieval streets and admire landmarks like the Gizella Chapel and St. Michael's Cathedral. With a history stretching back over 1,000 years, the Veszprém Archdiocese played a significant role in the founding of the Hungarian state.

The scenic Viaduct (Szent István völgyhíd) spanning the Séd stream valley is not only a major transport link but also one of the city's most recognizable symbols. Veszprém boasts a vibrant cultural life centered around its castle and downtown areas. The city is home to numerous museums, galleries, and theaters, offering a wide range of cultural experiences.

In 2026, Veszprém was named a European Capital of Culture, further boosting its tourism and cultural programs. The Kittenberger Kálmán Zoo is a popular destination for families and nature lovers. The city's proximity to Lake Balaton makes it an ideal starting point for exploring the region.

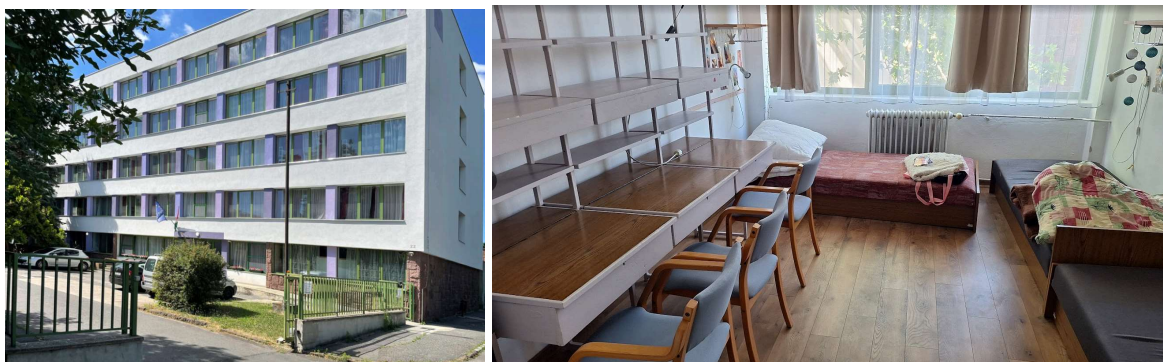
Overall, Veszprém is a perfect destination for those seeking a blend of history, culture, and natural beauty.

Website: <https://www.veszpreminfo.hu/en>

a.) Accommodation

High school dormitory (<https://veszpremikollegium.hu/>)

There are 3-bed rooms with shared bathrooms.



b.) Trainings, Competitions, Schedule

01.07.2026 - Arrival, training event, Opening Ceremony

02.07.2026 - CLASSIC 2m

03.07.2026 - SPRINT

04.07.2026 - CLASSIC 80 m, Awarding Ceremony, HAMFEST

05.07.2026 - Departure

Details of the terrains:



Sprint:

- Terrain: park forest, flat to moderately steep slopes
- Vegetation: well-groomed forest area
- Visibility: Reduced in the dense parts.
- Roads and paths: Good network of paths and roads

Classics:

- Terrain: Moderately steep hills with incisions and stones.
- Vegetation: well-groomed forest area, scattered bushy area
- Good network of paths and road



Letter of Intent to Host the 23rd IARU World ARDF Championships

To: IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

From: Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL)

Date: 2025. 8. 15

Planned Event Date: September 2027

Event Name: 23rd IARU World ARDF Championships

Proposed Host Organization: Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL)

Estimated Budget: Approximately €700–800 (with efforts to minimize costs further)

Proposed Venue Location: Central region of the Republic of Korea, within 1–2 hours travel from Incheon International Airport. Suitable competition venues and facilities are available to meet the requirements for ARDF events.

Special Notes:

- The Korean Amateur Radio League successfully hosted the IARU World ARDF Championships in 2008 and 2018.
- Most Korean ARDF athletes have extensive experience participating in international ARDF competitions.
- The final decision to host will be confirmed by resolution of the KARL Board of Directors in August 2025.

We, the Korean Amateur Radio League, express our sincere intent to host the 23rd IARU World ARDF Championships and will provide the best possible environment and organization to ensure the event's success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "3/2025", is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Dr. Hyeong Moon Choi, HL4CFN

President, Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL)



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IARU R1 ARDF WG
Mr Dušan Čeha , YU1EA

Dear Dušan,

1. Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ) would like to nominate

Mr. Varga, Tamás HA5TV
as a candidate for ARDF International Class Referee

Tamas has been in ARDF since 2019, participates as a competitor on IARU ARDF Championships.

He is active as an organizer and referee in local events from 2018 until today.

Fluent in English, both spoken and written and well acquainted with current IARU ARDF Rules.

MRASZ believes that his nomination would be an opportunity for him to contribute to ARDF even more in the future.

Budapest, 12.07.2025.


 Attila Holop
President of MRASZ



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Dear Dušan,

1. Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ) would like to nominate

Mr. Nagy, György HA3PA

as a candidate for ARDF International Class Referee

György has been in ARDF since 1988, frequently participates as a competitor on IARU ARDF Championships.

He is active as an organizer and referee in local events from 1990 until today.

Fluent in English, both spoken and written and well acquainted with current IARU ARDF Rules.

MRASZ believes that his nomination would be an opportunity for him to contribute to ARDF even more in the future.

2. Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ) would also take this opportunity and propose a change referee status from Active Referee to Honorary Referee for our members, due to their health conditions, they are no longer able to undertake the task.

- Mr Istvan Börcsök, HA8ZG

- Mr Miklos Venczel, HA0LZ

Budapest, 09.07.2025.

Attila Holop

President of MRASZ

Proposal to Add W75 and M80 ARDF Categories

From: American Radio Relay League (ARRL) ARRL Radio Orienteering Committee

To the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group,

The ARRL Radio Orienteering Committee respectfully requests the addition of new age group categories W75 and M80 to our competitive framework. (*Proposed changes to IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules 15.2, 20.7 and 28 are included below.*)

Veteran ARDF athletes continue to train and compete actively, demonstrating a strong desire to participate in the sport they love. By embracing these new categories, we not only prioritize their well-being, we also acknowledge their dedication and commitment to amateur radio. In recent years, radio orienteering in the USA has grown significantly, thanks to the dedication of veterans. Their hard work has attracted youth to our sport. With these categories, we can provide these veterans with greater incentives to continue developing ARDF around the world.

Currently, athletes aged 75 and older (women) and 80 and older (men) are compelled to compete in the W65 and M70 categories, respectively. The competitors whose teams don't have spaces in the W65 and M70 categories are unable to compete in the World Championships. Competitors on teams with space in the W65 and M70 categories are undertaking courses and competing against significantly younger competitors on courses designed for the younger individuals. By competing in these more rigorous categories, our older participants are exposed to greater risk, not less.

We understand the Working Group's concerns regarding the safety of older participants, specifically the concern that introducing these categories might increase risk. But, in fact, the opposite is true. Establishing these new age groups will enhance safety, fairness, and increase the competitive opportunity for our most experienced competitors and allow the sport to retain their knowledge and ongoing contributions within the sporting community

Including these categories brings ARDF in line with other international sports. IOF Orienteering events include these older categories. The IOF masters orienteering categories require W85 and M85 as well as older categories when there are entrants in these categories. (IOF rule WMOC 5.9) The USA has been including these categories in ARDF as well as our Orienteering National Ranking Events for years without problems.

Introducing W75 and M80 categories will allow for the creation of courses specifically tailored to the physical capabilities and competitive needs of these age groups, and can be accomplished with minimal additional work. This will enable organizers to design less demanding courses, potentially shorter in length, with less climb for these categories, thereby reducing the physical difficulty for these athletes. Furthermore, it will foster a more equitable competitive environment, allowing individuals to compete against peers of similar age and ability. This alignment is crucial for maintaining engagement and motivation among our long-standing participants as well as increasing organizers' revenue at our major events.

Thank you for considering this important matter. The addition of W75 and M80 categories will be a positive step forward for the sport, promoting both safety and fairness for our valued senior participants.

Sincerely,

ARRL Radio Orienteering Committee

Proposed changes to IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules to add categories W75 and M80

15.2 Categories

add...

Women (W)	Age	Men (M)	Age
W75	75 and older	M80	80 and older

20.7 Number of transmitters and course lengths assigned to particular categories:

Add ...

Category	number of transmitters	effective course length
W75	2...3 + finish beacon	3...5km
M80	2...3 + finish beacon	3...5km

28. Transmitters arrangement

28.1 Classic competitions are organised on both the 3,5 MHz and 144 MHz bands simultaneously. Categories are divided into two groups: one group contains categories M19, M21, M40, W19 and W21, the other group contains categories M50, M60, M70, **M80**, W35, W45, W55 W65 and **W75**. On the first competition day, one group runs on the 3.5 MHz band and the other group on the 144 MHz band. On the second competition day, the bands are swapped.



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EC+ meeting, SEE-Hotel Friedrichshafen, 26/06/2025.

Authors	F4GKR
Subject	EC+ minutes V1.0

In attendance: F4GKR, HB9SSB, Z32TO, DJ3HW, PA2LS, IV3KKW, 5B4AHZ, EA1JAY, G0DUB

1. Welcome & Agenda

- IARU Restructuring - status & position regarding R1 societies
- International Meeting
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4. AOB: Penalties for late payments in ARDF competition

This topic is brought by Z32TO.

The ARDF Working Group sets the participation fees for each competition during the Championship. This fee is sometimes increased afterwards, and late payers may face penalties.

The EC is of the opinion that the participation fee should not be increased and that penalties should not be charged to participants for late payments. The Executive Committee asks the ARDF Working Group Chair to discuss this matter at the next Working Group meeting and adapt the ARDF rules accordingly.

Action: Z32TO

23 Entry fees

Deadline	Sprint only	Forest only	Both Sprint and Forest
31st of January 2024	120 €	130 €	160 €
30th of April 2024	140 €	150 €	180 €
30th of June 2024	170 €	180 €	220 €

All payments can be made via bank transfer or card payment.

24 Changes and late entries

Changes made before 30th June 2024 are free of charge. Afterwards, the fee for a change is 10 €. After 30th June 2024, **late entries are not possible**.

25 Cancellation policy

Cancellation before 30th of April 2024

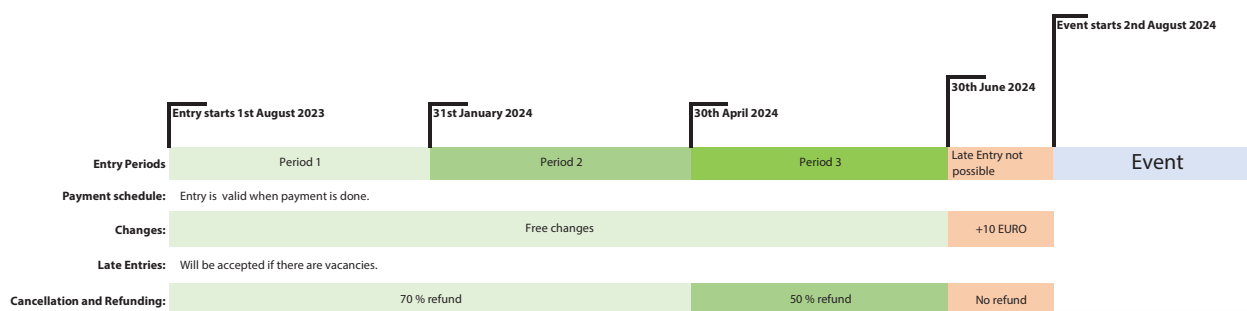
70% refund. A small handling fee will be kept for banking costs.

Cancellation before 30th of June 2024

50% refund. A small handling fee will be kept for banking costs.

Cancellation afterwards

No refund.





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Dear colleagues,

In recent years, many worrying trends have been observed in the development of our beloved sport ARDF.

In our opinion, the most important is the decrease in participants in the youth categories W19 and M19.

Here is a table of number of participants in these categories in the last major championships since 2012:

Competition	W19 sprint	W19 classic 1	W19 classic 2	W19 foxoring	M19 sprint	M19 classic 1	M19 classic 2	M19 foxoring
WC Serbia 2012	22	22	22	16	31	35	35	25
R1 Poland 2013	18	18	18	18	21	22	22	20
WC Kazakhstan 2014	20	23	23	22	19	20	20	20
R1 Czechia 2015	14	17	17	15	18	23	23	20
WC Bulgaria 2016	17	21	19	20	27	29	28	27
R1 Lithuania 2017	20	24	24	20	23	25	27	25
WC Korea 2018	32	34	34	34	30	30	30	30
R1 Slovenia 2019	20	23	23	21	24	24	25	24
R1 Bulgaria 2021	13	14	15	13	21	22	22	22
WC Bulgaria 2022	10	11	11	11	17	19	18	17
WC Czechia 2023	12	14	12	14	17	19	19	17
R1 Bulgaria 2024	7	8	7	8	15	15	13	15
WC Lithuania 2025	11?	11?	11?	11?	16?	16?	16?	16?

The trend is clearly visible that after 2018 the number of participants in these categories has sharply decreased. Even if we take into account the fact that after 2021 there were no representatives of Russia and after 2022 of Belarus, the trend is quite worrying.

A similar situation existed in the youth championships up to 16 years old. Then, with adequate decisions and changes, the situation stabilized.

I propose, similar to the youth championships, that the rule for the W19 and M19 categories be that up to 5 competitors from a given country can participate, with the two best results considered valid for the team ranking, and that all those who are part of the team from a given country and have successfully completed the competition (within the specified time limit and with at least one transmitter found) also receive medals.

To this end, changes should be made to the Rules, in particular to 15.6 and 17.5.

What will be the advantages:

- The number of participants will increase, which will lead to greater competition;
- Countries that actually develop youth sports will have the opportunity to send more competitors and this will increase interest in the sport.

I call for active discussion and decision-making that will increase the popularity of our beloved sport ARDF.

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