

ALESSANDRO VOLTA RTTY DX CONTEST

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The "SSB and RTTY Club of COMO" and the A.R.I. (Associazione Radioamatori Italiani) organize the "Alessandro VOLTA RTTY DX CONTEST to increase interest in RTTY mode as used by radio amateurs and to honor the Italian discoverer of electricity, ALESSANDRO VOLTA, born in Como.

Test period	The contest always takes place on the second full weekend of May from 12:00 UTC on Saturday to 12:00 UTC on Sunday. he dates of the individual editions will be published on the home page of our website www.contestvolta.it
Bands	3,5 – 7 – 14 – 21 – 28 MHz Amateur Band Plan IARU – Only RTTY.
Categories	SINGLE-OP ALL: Single operator, all bands. SINGLE-OP xxM: Single operator, single band (where xx=10,15, 20,40,80). Participants in this category who also make QSOs on other bands, are encouraged to send their complete logs to aid in the log-checking process. QSOs made on other bands, will be entered as checklogs. <u>Mark clearly in the CABRILLO log's header which band is to be counted as the single-band entry.</u> SINGLE-OP 6H: Single operator, all bands 6 hours. May operate up to max 6 hours. Off-times must be greater than 60 minutes. For the ranking, QSO made in the first 6 hours of operation will be considered. Any contacts made after these periods must be included in the contest LOG but they will be treated as a CHECKLOG. MULTI-OP: Multi Operator. CHECKLOG: logs for QSOs checking. FOR ALL CATEGORIES: only one transmitting signal is allowed at any one time; the operator may change bands at any time. No power subcategories. Use of DX spotting nets is allowed (self-spotting not allowed).
Message	RST + QSO progressive number starting from 001 + your CQ Zone number.
Scoring	All two-way RTTY contacts will score points in accordance with the Exchange Points Table (see home page). Contacts between stations within the same DXCC Country or same call-area (for Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and United States) will not be valid (count: 0 point, no multiplier, nor as call-area). (e.g.: a JA2 station can work JA1, JA3, JA4 etc, but not JA2). <u>Hams whose call area is different from that of the number in their callsign are invited to add to their callsign the suffix /x (/1, /2 ... /9, /0) to allow others the exact identification of their call-areas.</u> Contacts made outside one's own continent on 3.5 or 28 MHz are worth double points.
Contacts	Station can be worked only once for each band. Additional contacts may be made with the same station only if a different band is used. A contact with a station which would count as QSO points will only be valid if that station appears at least in 3 other logs, or if a contest log is received from that station.

Countries	ARRL DXCC Country list plus each call-area in Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States, will be counted as a separate country. In those cases, the “main” Country multiplier (JA-VE-VK-W-ZL) DOES NOT COUNT and ONLY each worked call-area can be considered.
Multipliers	Each country and call-area (JA, W, VE, VK, and ZL) worked counts as a multiplier on each of the 5 bands. If a country from another continent is worked on at least 4 bands, it counts as an extra multiplier (e.g., if i2XXX works AA5AU on 10/15/10/40, it will get 4+1 multipliers, while if i2XXX works DF4OR on 10/15/20/40, it will only get 4 multipliers because DL is in Europe).
Final score	Total number of QSOs multiplied by total exchange points/QSO multiplied by total number of multiplier [QSOs x Points/qso x Multipliers = Total score].
Awards	Plate to the winning stations in each category worldwide. Plate to the winning Italian stations in each category. Special Certificate for the winners in each category per continent. Certificate of participation to all stations. Certificates will be downloadable directly from the website in PDF format. Plates will be assigned only after an adequate participation both in terms of qsos and operating time.
LOG	ONLY ELECTRONIC CABRILLO LOG FORMATS are accepted. They can be uploaded ONLY via a specific link on our website, where an online conformity check will be performed. LOGs must be submitted no later than 15 days after the end of the contest.