

Contest Corral

October 2026

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Start - Finish		Bands		Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
Date-Time	Date-Time						
1 0000	1 0500	144		VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
1 0000	2 0300	7		Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM: RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk40
2 0000	2 2359	1.8-28		URC DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, 3-letter territory code	unicomradio.com
3 0000	4 2359	No WARC		Collegiate QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), school ID or SPC	collegiateqsoparty.com
3 0600	4 0600	1.8-28		Oceania DX Contest, Phone	Ph	RS, serial	www.oceaniadxcontest.com
3 0600	4 1800	1.8-28		TRC DX Contest	CW Ph	RST, serial, "TRC" (if mbr)	trcdx.org
3 0700	3 1000	3.5,7		German Telegraphy Contest	CW	RST, LDK	www.agcw.de
3 1200	4 1159	1.8-28		Russian WW Digital Contest	Dig	RST(Q), 2-letter oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru
3 1600	4 1100	3.5,7		International HELL Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.darc.de
3 1600	4 2200	1.8-28		California QSO Party	CW Ph	Serial, CA county or SPC	www.cqp.org
3 1800	3 2200	50		50 MHz Fall Sprint	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid	packratvhf.com
4 0600	4 1000	3.5,7		UBA ON Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial, ON section (if ON)	www.uba.be
4 2200	4 2359	3.5-14		Peanut Power QRP Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, peanut no. or pwr	www.nogaqrp.org
6 0000	6 0200	3.5-28		ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, pwr	ars-qrp.com
7 2000	7 2100	3.5		UKEICC 80m Contest	Ph	6-char grid	www.ukaicc.com
7 2300	8 0600	432		432 MHz Fall Sprint	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid	packratvhf.com
8 0000	8 0500	432		VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
10 0000	10 2359	1.8-28		QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrparci.org
10 0000	11 1559	3.5-28		Makrothen RTTY Contest	Dig	4-char grid	www.pl259.org
10 0001	10 2359	28		10-10 Int'l 10-10 Day Sprint	CW Ph Dig	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
10 0600	11 0600	1.8-28		Oceania DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.oceaniadxcontest.com
10 1200	11 1200	3.5-28		Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	Ph	RST, serial	www.sactest.net
10 1200	11 2359	1.8-28,50		SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
10 1500	11 0500	1.8-28		Arizona QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), AZ county or SPC	www.azqp.org
10 1600	11 2200	No WARC		Pennsylvania QSO Party	CW Ph	Serial, PA county or ARRL/RAC Section	paqso.org
10 1800	11 1800	1.8-28,50,144		South Dakota QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), SD county or SPC	www.sdqsoparty.com
10 2000	11 2000	1.8		PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	Dig	RST, SPC	www.podxs070.com
11 0600	11 1000	3.5,7		UBA ON Contest, CW	CW	RS, serial, ON section (if ON)	www.uba.be
12 0000	12 0200	1.8-28		4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	www.4sqrp.com
14 0030	14 0230	3.5-14		NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html
15 0000	15 0500	1296		VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest-NA	Dig	4-char grid	ft8activity-na.net
15 0000	16 0300	14		Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM: RST, SPC, name, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20
17 0000	18 2359	3.5-28		JARL WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, avg age or "01"	jarl.org
17 0800	17 1400	902 and above		902 MHz and Up Fall Sprint	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid	packratvhf.com
17 1400	18 0200	No WARC		New York QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), NY county or SPC	www.nyqp.org
17 1500	18 1459	3.5-28		Worked All Germany Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), DOK or "NM" or serial	www.darc.de
17 1500	18 1500	1.8		Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid	www.kkn.net/stew
17 2000	17 2359	1.8-28,50		Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
17 2130	17 2330	7		Argentina National 7 MHz Contest	Ph	RS, 2-digit year first licensed	www.lu4aa.org/wp
18 1700	19 0100	1.8-28,50,144		Illinois QSO Party	CW Ph Dig (no FT4/8)	RS(T), IL county or SPC	w9awe.org/ilqp
18 2300	19 0100	1.8-28		Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or pwr	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
19 1300	23 2359	No WARC		ARRL School Club Roundup	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), class (I/C/S), SPC	www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup
24 0000	25 2359	1.8-28		CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, CQ zone	www.cqww.com
26 2000	26 2200	3.5-28		RSGB FT4 Contest	Dig	Signal report	www.rsgbcc.org
28 0000	28 0200	1.8-28,50		SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
28 2000	28 2100	3.5		UKEICC 80m Contest	CW	6-char grid	www.ukaicc.com
30 1500	30 2359	3.5-28		Zombie Shuffle	CW	RS(T), SPC, Zombie no. or area code, name	www.zianet.com/qrp
31 0000	1 2359	50-1296		ARRL EME Contest	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid	www.arrl.org/eme-contest
31 1200	1 1159	1.8-28		Russian WW MultiMode Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST(Q), 2-letter oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru
31 1200	1 1200	3.5-28		UK/EI DX Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, serial, district code (if UK/EI)	www.ukaicc.com

There are a number of weekly contests not included in the table above. For more info, visit: www.k4oaq.com/fox, www.ncccsprint.com, and www.cwops.org. All dates and times refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at www.contestcalendar.com and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.