



HISTORY:

The *Concurso Verde-Amarelo* (CVA DX HF Contest) is one of the most important amateur radio activities in Brazil. In 2026, it will reach its 67th edition, reflecting a long-standing tradition and a demonstration of excellence built over all these years. The CVA DX HF Contest is traditionally held on the third weekend of August in CW mode and on the fourth weekend of August in SSB mode.

The CVA DX Contest was incorporated into the celebrations of *Soldier's Week* by a Ministerial Notice issued on June 16, 1972. Its objectives are to promote fellowship among radio amateurs and amateur radio organizations—civilian and military—from around the world, as well as to involve radio amateurs in the commemorative activities of Soldier's Week, publicizing events related to August 25 and the legacy of Duke of Caxias, Patron of the Brazilian Army.

The *Concurso Verde e Amarelo*, or CVA DX Contest, is the most traditional amateur radio contest in Brazilian history. For more than 50 years, it has progressively evolved and adapted to the standards of international contests. The Brazilian Army, through the Army Communications School, encourages the practice of amateur radio and recognizes its importance in the development of the country.

Throughout more than half a century of contests, the CVA DX Contest has demonstrated the affection and enthusiasm that Brazil has for this event. In 2011, the CVA DX Contest opened its doors to the world, and in just over two years, it began gaining recognition on the international scene, showcasing Brazilian amateur radio to Brazil and to the world.

ORGANIZATION:

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF THE ARMY COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL (CRAEC)

CONTESTBR PLATFORM

1. DATES:

1.1. Third weekend of August.

15/08/2026 CW — 18:00 UTC — Start;

16/08/2026 CW — 21:00 UTC — End.

1.2. Fourth weekend of August.

22/08/2026 SSB — 18:00 UTC — Start;

23/08/2026 SSB — 21:00 UTC — End.

2. BANDS: 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m, and 160m.

3. MODES: CW and SSB.

4. POWER:

4.1. Low Power: up to 100 watts;

4.2. High Power: up to 1,500 watts.

4.3. QRP: up to 5 watts (exclusive to SOAB and CVA Adventure).

5. CATEGORIES:

5.1. SOSB: (Except QRP), 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m, or 160m;

5.2. SOAB: (Except SODB);

5.3. SODB: Bands: 10m and 80m. Low Power: up to 100 watts (the category must be indicated in LOGCHECKER);

5.4. SOAB QRP: Power up to 5 watts.

5.5. RAEB: Exclusive to Brazilian operators, Classes A, B, and C. Participants must operate as SOAB and must be listed in the CRAEC database: <http://cvadx.org/lista-raeb>. (The category must be indicated in the SOAPBOX as RAEB-A, RAEB-B, or RAEB-C).

5.6. SOAB MIL: (Except QRP). Military personnel from all continents, including active-duty, reserve, 1st and 2nd Class Reserve, and retired military personnel.

5.7. MULTI-ONE: All bands. This category is mandatory and is not exclusive to associations with their own callsign. Only one transmitted signal is permitted.

5.8. MULTI-ONE-OM (IF): Multi-operator, single transmitter, all bands. Military OM stations (IF = Fixed Installation) operated within a Military Organization of any country. Remote operation is not permitted. Only one transmitted signal is permitted.

5.9. MULTI-ONE-OM (IP): Multi-operator, single transmitter, all bands. Military OM stations (IP = Temporary Installation) operated within a Military Organization of any country. Remote operation is not permitted. Only one transmitted signal is permitted.

5.10. MULTI-TWO: Multi-Operator — A maximum of two transmitted signals may be used at any time, and they must be on two different bands. The log must indicate which station/transmitter made each QSO. The log must identify which transmitter made each QSO (Column 81 of the CABRILLO QSO template for CVADX contests).

5.11. CVA DX Adventure — ALL BAND: This category is intended for stations operating temporarily in outdoor, portable, or remote environments, such as parks, beaches, mountains, islands, camping areas, lighthouses, trails, or public locations where outdoor activities take place.

The category will be divided into **Low Power (LP)** for **MULTI-ONE or SINGLE OPERATOR**, up to 100 watts, and **QRP**, up to 5 watts, exclusively for **SINGLE OPERATOR**, in accordance with the general power limits established by each country.

The submission of photographs of the station, antennas, and operating location to organizacao@cvadx.org is mandatory.

Select **EXPEDITION** in the **CATEGORY-STATION** field.

6. OVERLAY: ROOKIE, TEEN (YOUTH), AND YL SUBCATEGORIES

6.1. SINGLE OPERATOR OVERLAY: LP — Low Power (up to 100 watts)

Any Single Operator participant who meets the requirements for **ROOKIE** or **TEEN** may choose to compete in one of the subcategories described below (**ROOKIE** or **TEEN**). This option must be included in the appropriate **CATEGORY-OVERLAY** field of the Cabrillo file.

The rankings for the OVERLAY categories will be listed separately in the results.

6.1.1. OVERLAY ROOKIE

Rookie: Single Operator who has been licensed for three (3) years or less as of the date of the contest and has never participated in the CVA DX HF Contest.

The date of the first license must be indicated in the **YYYY-MM-DD** format, along with a declaration that the operator has never participated in the CVA DX HF Contest, in the **SOAPBOX** field of the Cabrillo log.

Example:

2025-08-22. I have never participated in the CVA DX HF Contest.

6.1.2. OVERLAY TEEN (YOUTH)

Single Operator, aged 17 or younger on the date of the contest.

Select **YOUTH** in the **CATEGORY-OVERLAY** field. The operator must indicate their date of birth in the **YYYY-MM-DD** format in the **SOAPBOX** field of the Cabrillo log.

Example:

2010-08-15.

6.1.3. SOYL

HP or LP, except QRP. Classes **A, B, and C** may choose any participation category and select **YL** in the **CATEGORY-OVERLAY** field.

Stations from Brazil will compete by class, while stations outside Brazil will compete against one another in the **DX** category.

The category must be indicated in the **SOAPBOX** field as **YL-A, YL-B, YL-C, or YL-DX**.

7. EXCHANGE

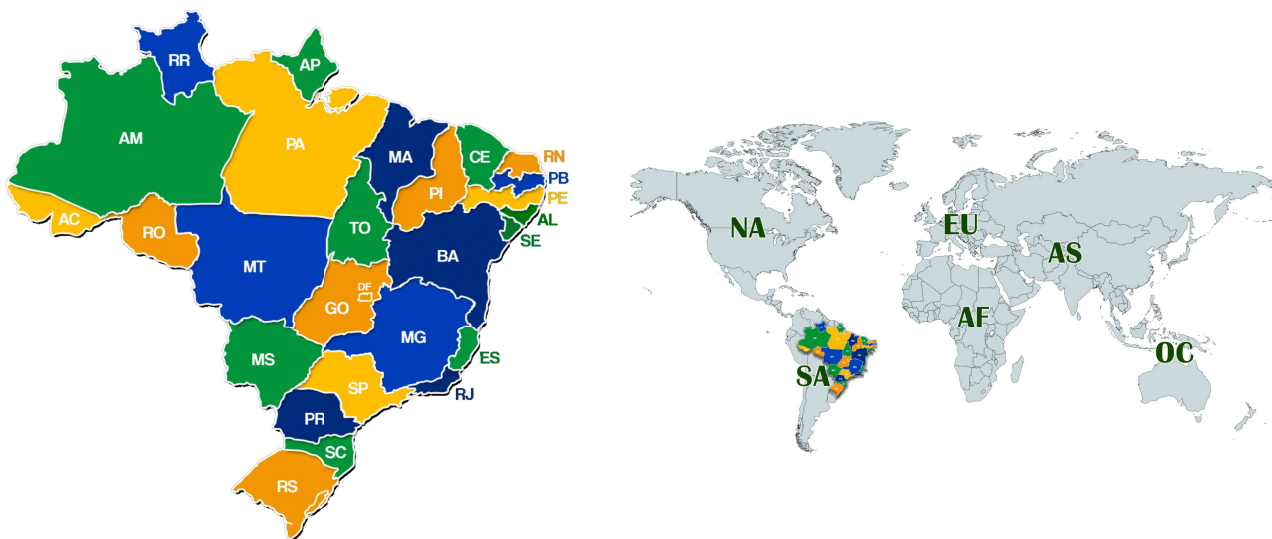
EXCHANGE				
Military stations from all continents			MIL	
Stations outside of Brazil			AF,AN, AS, EU, NA, OC, SA,	
STATIONS FROM BRAZIL				
AC (Acre)	AL (Alagoas)	AP (Amapá)	AM (Amazonas)	BA (Bahia)
CE (Ceará)	DF (Distrito Federal)	ES (Espírito Santo)	GO (Goiás)	MA (Maranhão)
MT (Mato Grosso)	MS (Mato grosso do Sul)	MG (Minas Gerais)	PA (Pará)	PB (Paraíba)
PR (Paraná)	PE (Pernambuco)	PI (Piauí)	RJ (Rio de Janeiro)	RN (Rio Grande do Norte)
RS (Rio Grande do Sul)	RO (Rondônia)	RR (Roraima)	SC (Santa Catarina)	SP (São Paulo)
SE (Sergipe)	TO (Tocantins)			

7.1. Brazilian stations send **RS** or **RST**, followed by the Brazilian state, for example: **59 SP or 599 SP**.

7.2. Stations outside Brazil send **RS** or **RST**, followed by the continent, for example: **59 EU or 599 EU**.

7.3. Military stations from all continents send **RS** or **RST**, followed by “**MIL**”, for example: **59 MIL or 599 MIL**.

EXCHANGE: MAP OF BRAZILIAN STATES AND CONTINENTS



8. GENERAL CALL: CQ CVA

8.1. Free spotting is permitted.

9. SCORING:

All confirmed QSOs are valid, with each station worked once per band.

9.1. STATION SCORING:

TYPES OF QSO	SCORE
<i>QSO between stations from the same country</i>	2
<i>QSO between stations from the same continent</i>	3
<i>QSO between stations from different continents</i>	4

10. MULTIPLIERS:

Two types of multipliers will be used:

10.1. One multiplier for each Brazilian state worked once per band.

10.2. One multiplier for each country worked once per band.

11. FINAL SCORE:

11.1. The sum of QSO points multiplied by the total number of multipliers.

12. AWARDS:

12.1. SSB — 1st place among Brazilian stations.

12.2. CW — 1st place among Brazilian stations.

12.3. Stations outside Brazil with the highest score in each category: 1st place in SSB and CW.

13. PLAQUES AND SPONSORS:

13.1. Any participant may download the electronic certificate from the official CVA DX website. The highest-scoring stations in each category, both in Brazil and abroad, may receive sponsored plaques when resources are available. These plaques are sponsored primarily by the official organizer, the **Amateur Radio Club of the Brazilian Army Communications School (CRAEC)**, as well as by amateur radio operators, groups, and other sponsors. Special awards and plaques may also be granted by these sponsors.

13.2. A participant is eligible to receive an award plaque only after completing a minimum of **30 QSOs** (except in the 160m category, where the minimum is **5 QSOs**).

13.3. For the shipment of awards, the address provided in the Cabrillo log will be used.

13.4. In exceptional cases, if no sponsor is available for a plaque in a particular category, the winner may sponsor the plaque themselves.

13.5. To sponsor a CVA DX plaque, [click here](#).

14. PENALTIES:

14.1. Incorrect callsign transcription: the station that recorded the callsign incorrectly will lose the QSO.

14.2. Incorrect exchange transcription: the station that recorded the exchange incorrectly will lose the QSO.

14.3. A time discrepancy between logs of more than **5 minutes**: the QSO will be removed for both stations.

15. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

15.1. All transmitters, receivers, amplifiers, and antennas of the station must be physically located within a circle with a radius of **500 meters**, hereinafter referred to as the “**station location**.” All antennas must be physically connected to the transmitters and receivers. The use of any equipment outside the “station location” is considered unsportsmanlike conduct, and violation of this rule may result in disqualification.

15.2. Any station classified as Single Operator or Multi-Operator (except OM stations) that complies with item 15.1 may be operated remotely via a network connection. A remotely operated station must comply with the station's license limitations. Remote receivers and transmitters located outside the “station location” are not permitted.

15.3. Violation of the rules of this regulation, the communications legislation of the operator's country, or unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct not specifically listed in these rules may be evaluated by the CVADX Committee and may result in disqualification or reclassification as a Checklog.

16. ARBITRATION:

16.1. The CVA DX HF Contest Committee is responsible for analyzing and arbitrating any complaint or matter identified *ex officio* during the competition. Participants are expected to follow the rules and best practices of amateur radio. Violation of the contest rules, applicable regulations, or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in action by the Committee.

16.2. CRAEC will have the support of specialized equipment, including the use of SDR-based RF reception and monitoring technologies, with the possibility of technical recording for scientific studies and the improvement of the event.

17. APPEALS/COMPLAINTS:

17.1. Complaints and appeals concerning unsportsmanlike conduct or violations of these rules may be submitted to the **CVA DX HF Arbitration Committee** at any time up to **72 hours after publication of the provisional results**, accompanied by sufficient evidence and grounds for verification and judgment.

17.2. The CVA DX HF Arbitration Committee, as the final authority responsible for verifying and ruling on possible appeals and/or complaints, will hear the parties involved and make a decision. Its decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

17.3. Failure to comply, within the established deadline, with requests or determinations issued by the Arbitration Committee based on a received complaint, when such compliance is essential to the defense of the accused party and to the analysis of the case, will result in a judgment *in absentia*, and the complaint may be considered substantiated.

17.4. The **Amateur Radio Club of the Communications School (CRAEC)**, responsible for conducting the CVA DX HF Contest, is a private legal entity and is therefore not subject to the rules and procedures governing the conduct of public institutions or civilian and military government agencies. CRAEC maintains a support relationship with the Communications School within the possibilities of that military organization, without, however, any official organizational or hierarchical affiliation.

18. DECLARATION:

18.1. By submitting your participation log to the CVA DX HF Contest, you agree that:

18.2. You have read and understood the contest rules and agree to comply with them;

18.3. You have operated in accordance with all rules and regulations applicable to amateur radio in your country;

18.4. Your log may be made publicly available;

18.5. You unconditionally accept that disqualifications and other decisions of the Arbitration Committee are official, sovereign, and final, with no right of appeal. If a participant does not wish or is unable to agree to the entire foregoing declaration, they must not submit an entry or must submit it only as a Checklog, which may or may not be accepted by the organization;

18.6. All actions and decisions of the CVADX Contest Arbitration Committee are official and final.

19. LOGS AND RESULTS:

19.1. Original or corrected logs will be accepted only through the official CVA DX website until **23:59 UTC on the seventh day after the contest**. Logs submitted by any other means or after this deadline will not be accepted.

19.2. Logs submitted in violation of the rules or containing errors that prevent their correct processing are the sole responsibility of the competitor and will automatically be reclassified as Checklog.

19.3. The list of received logs will be published on the official CVA DX website and contestBR. The publication of your callsign confirms that your log has been received.

19.4. To validate the score for your club, the club name may be selected when uploading the log, at the end of the second page of Logcheck, where all clubs registered on the official CVA DX website are listed. If necessary, request the registration of your club by email to the organization.

19.5. After publication of the provisional results, requests to correct a log in a manner that could change the ranking of the competitor or their club will not be accepted, except when it is proven that an error was made by the Contest Scoring Committee.

19.6. The provisional results will be published by the **20th day after the contest**, and the official results will be published by the **30th day after the contest** on the official CVA DX website and contestBR.

19.7. The recommended software for logging is **N1MM Logger**, but competitors may use any software of their choice, provided that the log is submitted in **Cabrillo 3.0 format**.

19.8. When operating outside the operator's home QTH, the use of **"/" (forward slash)** is recommended, for example: **PS7DX/PY2**. Logs containing **"\" (backslash)** have also been received, both from the operator of the station outside their QTH and from the station that completed the QSO. If the same configuration is not used by both stations, the QSO will not be validated during the scoring process.

19.9. The **OPERATORS** line of the Cabrillo file must contain only the operator's callsign. When there is more than one operator, the callsigns must be separated by commas.

19.10. Files without the sender's email address in the Cabrillo log header will not be accepted.

19.11. A competitor may request the withdrawal of their log from the competition up to **72 hours after publication of the provisional results**. This request will be disclosed in the final results.

19.12. Brazilian stations must replace **"DX"** with the abbreviation of their Brazilian state in the **LOCATION** line of the Cabrillo file.

19.13. Validation of Contacts with Stations That Did Not Submit a Log

19.13.1. Contacts with stations that do not submit a log to the CVA DX Contest may be considered valid, provided that the station appears in at least **five (5) different logs** received by the organization.

19.13.2. For these contacts to be validated, the information — callsign, date, time, band, and mode — must match among the different logs.

19.13.3. Contacts validated under these criteria will be counted normally for scoring and multiplier purposes, provided that they comply with the other requirements of these rules.

19.13.4. Stations that did not submit logs and are eligible for validation will be subject to more rigorous analysis.

19.13.5. Although validation of contacts with stations that did not submit a log is permitted, the organization strongly recommends that all participants submit their logs, even as a **Checklog**, contributing to more accurate scoring and to the integrity of the contest.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT CONTEST!