

SSB SWL Contest 2025 rules

Hello I am Frank SWL F14368 / F-DUW near Paris France.

I have decided to organize a new SWL contest in 2025 who will start the 01 March 2025

There is no need to register to participate in this contest, you can start at any time, even for example just in July for example.

Regulation of this competition in French

<https://webkiwisdrswl.blogspot.com/2025/02/reglement-du-petit-sb-swlet.html>

In Spanish

<https://icomjapan.blogspot.com/2025/02/reglamento-del-concurso-sb-sw-l-y.html>

TRANSLATE in your language

<https://translate.google.com/?sl----->

This SSB contest is open to SWL and amateur radio operators.

SSB - Single sideband mode (USB - LSB)

This SSB contest start 01March 2025 and finish 31 October 2025

Only phone mode SSB(Amateur radio operators talk together with voice (phone), No. F4, FT8 please)

Beginners are welcome. This is an SWL contest, but also amateur radio operators or DX'ERS on 11 meter are welcome. If you are a HAM and make QSO you can participate but enter your contacts as an SWL.

The goal will be to listen a maximum of DXCC entities in eight months (8 months) but only in SSB mode (single sideband USB or LSB or Phone)

If very easy, when you have listened to DXCC like France 10 and 40 meter its FINISH, you have confirmed FRANCE DXCC now try to listen a new DXCC The band is not important, the goal is to listen to the DXCC.

Bands in SSB mode

10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 40 meter.

28, 24, 21, 18, 14 and 7 MHz

Award for 1 to 50 DXCC - Bronze
51 to 100 DXCC - Silver
101 to 150 DXCC - Gold
151 to 200 DXCC Diamond
More of 201 DXCC entities - Titanium award

Example of AWARS for another SWL contest

Why 8 months?

Because from March 2025 to October 2025 they are the biggest amateur radio contests organized by amateur radio clubs and organizations.

ARRL SSB contest

CQ WPX

Field day ARRL

IARU HF world championship

IOTA contest

10-10-INT summer contest SSB

All Asian contest phone

IARU Field day SSB

WAE DX contest (working all Europe)

Oceania DX contest SSB

And the biggest one is the CQ WW DX contest SSB

In fact every weekend Saturday and Sunday they are SSB contests

They are also DX expeditions on rare DXCC entities

On my Facebook group, i will give info about DX expedition and contest during our SSB contest 2025

SWL SSB mode

Group (Public) [803 members](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1241894917180398>

All these HAM radio contests are in SSB mode.

In the world they are around 200 countries but for amateur radio they are 340 DXCC entities.

Example Corsica island is not a country (its France) but for amateur radio it's a DXCC entities.

TK is the prefix. I will give you links many to important information like DXCC list, etc.

Do I need to be registered to work this SSB contest?

NO There is no need to register to participate in this contest, you can start at any time, even for example just in July for example.

Questions and Answers

I am an amateur radio operator who i can work this contest?

Answer: the SWL just need to listen DXCC entities, you need to make contacts with maximum of DXCC entities and send you log like the SWL's. There is a category for amateur radio operators because it's not easy like to be a SWL

Do you have sponsors for this SSB SWL contest? YES I will try to find few gifts All participants will receive an AWARD by e mail.

If I have sponsor, the problem is many sponsors can't send to all the countries in the world the price because of shipping is really expensive.

I am beginner and I never listen to amateur radio bands in Phone SSB, do you think it's difficult to do it? My answer NO is not difficult. I will explain you all this and give sympathetic links.

<https://www.k7ua.com/>

I am a DX'er on 11 meter, i have a CB antenna. can i listen from 10 to 40 meter with my antenna?

My answer YES it will be easy to listen to 10 to 20 meter with your CB radio antenna. if you would like a better antenna for 20 and 40 met make a long wire antenna with 20 meters of electrician wire.

Can I start the contest for example only in July 2025?

YES you can start the SSB contest when you like. But to listen a maximum of DXCC entities it's better to start early remember to send me when you will start to work this contest a message because you must register to participate in this contest. Thank you.

I don't have an SSB radio receiver, my radio receiver can only listen to AM, can i use a WEB or KIWI SDR on my computer or smartphone? YES you can use a Kiwi or Wen SDR, but you must use the same SDR during all the SSB contest. My English is not good do you think I can work this SSB contest? Me to i am French and my English is not so good

YES amateur radio in contest make very short contacts and use international alphabet. WA1NB whisky alfa one november bravo are 5/9 five/9 nine (so you just need to learn international alphabet but I will give you a link to learn this to learn this and to know how to count from 1 to 9 English in English language) There is a category in this contest for SWL who will use a kiwi or web SDR.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO-phonetic-alphabet>

Can I listen to the week? YES everyday they are amateur radio who work DX or local contest in SSB. You listen when you have time.

I have a radio receiver with SSB mode but to listen amateur radio bands 10 to 40 meter what is the best antenna?

My answer: if you have only a cheap price radio receiver only a wire of 5 or 10 meter long will be OK. In English 16 feet or 32 feet will be OK. Its better if you antenna is outside. You can also use active loop antenna. For listener who have very nice receivers like ICOM, YAESU etc. They can have long wire. Its the same for listeners who use SDR on a computer.

OK if you have more question please contact me.

Now the Log:

Please send your log at the end of the SSB contest 2025 (send before the 10 November 2025 please)

Give me your name (I will keep for me but in need to make your awards), your e-mail address. You call sign if you are an amateur radio operator or SWL call if you have one. If you are a SWL with not call just give me your name please.

Do you use a real radio receiver or a Web or Kiwi SDR. If you use a kiwi or web SDR give my the address of this SDR like <http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/> You can listen via a Web or Kiwi SDR in Europe even you are in ASIA. Remember always use the SAME SDR

For SWL and amateur radio who use real radios TX RX please tell me what is your equipment please.

They are 2 categories for SWL with real receiver and antenna (also for amateur radio operators who will make real radio contacts) and the second category is listeners with a Kiwi or WEB SDR.

Best gifts will be for people who use real radios and antennas.

Remember shipping price are expensive very so the sponsors cant send to every place in the world.

I can give some personal gifts only for France because poste office is very expensive (near 40 US Dollars outside europe for 0 to 500 grams)

Example of LOG:

Date example 8 March

10:00 UTC

Frequency 28470 SSB

Call sign (QR) of the DX station RA3GBV

Call sign of the station in QSO with RA3GBV is ON1MA

(When you send a QSL card to an amateur radio operator as a SWL must give the call signal of the station who was in QSO with this operator) You don't need to send QSL or receive QSL card for this SSB contest.

Name of DXCC is European Russia

(look on QR.COM <https://www.qrz.com/db/> / RA3GBV)

R/S you listen RA3GBV example 5/9 (radio five/sign nine)

<https://www.hamradioschool.com/post/practical-signal-reports>

Please when you will send me your list (log) at the end of the argument make your list by alphabetical order. Its very important for me to see if you including log the same DXCC entitled two times. Use English names for DXCC please. Thank you.

Tell me how many DXCC entities you have listen.

<https://www.ng3k.com/Dxcc/dxccen.html>

You can send your log in PDF, Exel or like a normal message.

Please make a statement on your honor that you have respected the rules of competition and have not cheated.

Send your log before the 10 November 2025 please. Thank you.

Please send your log to swlcontest@gmx.fr

Thank you by Frank SWL F14368 / F-DUW near Paris France Europe.

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR THIS SSB CONTEST

DXCC list

<https://www.ng3k.com/Dxcc/index.html>

<https://www.ng3k.com/Dxcc/dxcc.html>

<https://www.ng3k.com/Dxcc/dxccen.html>

Dates of amateur radio contest and rules

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

WEB cluster

[http://www.dxsummit.fi/-](http://www.dxsummit.fi/)

<https://www.dxfuncluster.com/>

Propagation on HAM bands

<https://www.hamqsl.com/solar.html>

<https://dr2w.de/dx-propagation/>

<https://www.voacap.com/hf/>

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<https://www.qrz.com/>

<https://rx-tx.info/table-sdr-points>