Contest Rules: TTC Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest

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1. Organizer and Contest Character

The contest organizer is **SPCWC - Polish CW Club** (https://spcwc.pzk.pl).
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The first edition of **TTC-SPCWC** is a pilot project. Running until the end of 2026, this period is dedicated to testing software, optimizing the platform, and making any necessary adjustments to these rules. You can submit suggestions for changes at https://spcwc.pl/sugestie/_xYleH2CmAwJDGS2-r1apVK-xS8.

Station Identification and Callsigns

- **General Rule:** During any given round of the contest, an operator must use only **one callsign** that belongs to them.
- **Functional Suffixes:** Suffixes indicating power level or station mobility (e.g., `/P`, `/QRP`, `/M`, `/MM`, `/AM`, `/A`) are not allowed. Using any functional suffix (e.g., `SQ7M/P`) will cause the log processing robot to automatically reject your log.
- **Exception for Geographic Prefixes:** Geographic prefixes indicating country location (e.g., **DL/SP1NQN**) are allowed and mandatory when operating from another DXCC area. This format is correct and will be accepted by the robot. In the monthly and annual rankings, these stations will be grouped under their primary callsign (for example, **DL/SP1NQN** will count as **SP1NQN**).

2. Date and Time (Schedule in Section 13)

- **Frequency: Every Tuesday**.
- **Round Duration:** 60 minutes.
- **Time (UTC):** 19:30 – 20:29:59 UTC

2.1. Division of a Round into Stages

Each **Round** is divided into four 15-minute **Stages**. In each **Stage**, you can make one valid QSO with the same station on the same band:

Stage I	**19:30:00 – 19:44:59 UTC**
Stage II	19:45:00 – 19:59:59 UTC
Stage III	20:00:00 – 20:14:59 UTC
Stage IV	20:15:00 – 20:29:59 UTC

3. Bands and Mode

- **Bands:**
  - **80m:** 3520 – 3555 kHz.
  - **40m:** 7010 – 7040 kHz.
- **Mode: CW** only.

4. Entry Categories

SO40-QRP	40-meter band, output power up to 5W.
SO80-QRP	80-meter band, output power up to **5W**.
SOAB-QRP	All bands (**All Bands**) – output power up to **5W**.
SO40-LP	40-meter band, output power up to **100W**.
SO80-LP	80-meter band, output power up to **100W**.
SOAB-LP	All bands (**All Bands**) – 40 and 80 meters, output power up to **100W**.
SO40-HP	40-meter band, output power over **100W**.
SO80-HP	80-meter band, output power over **100W**.
SOAB-HP	All bands (**All Bands**) – 40 and 80 meters, output power over **100W**.
SWL	Shortwave Listener category. Both **SWL enthusiasts** and **licensed operators** are welcome to join.

5. Exchange and Contest Call

- **Contest Call: TEST TTC**.
- **Exchange: RST** report + sequential QSO number starting with **001** (e.g., **599 001**).
- **Serial Numbers:** Continuous throughout the entire **Round**, regardless of **Stage** divisions or band changes.

6. Scoring and Disallowed QSOs

6.1 Transmitting Categories

- **Scoring:** Each valid contact (**QSO**) is worth **1 point**.
- **Multiplier:** The number of unique callsigns (**U**) worked during the entire Round (across all bands and throughout the contest duration). Each unique callsign counts towards the multiplier only once, regardless of how many bands or stages you work them on.
- **Final Score:** The total QSO points multiplied by the unique callsign multiplier (formula: `Score = QSO * U`).

- **QSO Verification (Crosscheck):** Submitted logs are verified using a cross-check system (comparing entries from both stations). For a QSO to be valid, there must be a complete match of the following data:
  - QSO time,
  - callsigns,
  - RST reports,
  - serial numbers (exchange),
  - stage alignment (for duplicate contacts as described in the "Duplicates" section).
- **Streaks:** A QSO with the same station **on the same band** can be repeated in each new **Stage** (per the divisions in Section 2.1). This allows a maximum of four valid QSOs with the same station on a single band during a **Round**. Contacts with the same station on different bands (80m and 40m) are allowed without any time limits. In total, you can make up to eight valid QSOs with a single station during one **Round** (four on 80m and four on 40m).

Disallowed Contacts (0 points)

- QSO with a station that did not submit a log.
- Time difference in logs exceeds **3 minutes**.
- Error in the correspondent's callsign.
- Error in the RST report or received exchange.
- Duplicate QSO on the same band during the same **Stage**.
- Stage mismatch for contacts described in the "Duplicates" section.

6.2 Shortwave Listener Category (SWL)

- **Scoring:** Each valid logged contact (**QSO**) is worth **1 point**. The validity of a logged QSO is cross-checked by verifying the **RST** reports and **exchange numbers** of both transmitting stations. The sent/received reports and serial numbers of both stations must match perfectly.
- **Multiplier:** Multipliers are not used in SWL logs.
- **Streaks:** Logging contacts with the same station **on the same band** can be repeated in each new **Stage** (per the divisions in Section 2.1). This allows logging a maximum of four contacts with the same station on a single band during a **Round**. Logging the same station on different bands (80m and 40m) is allowed without any time limits. In total, you can log up to eight valid QSOs involving a single station during one **Round** (four on 80m and four on 40m).

Disallowed Contacts (0 points)

- Logging a contact involving a station that did not submit a log.
- Error in either of the stations' callsigns.
- Error in the logged **RST** report or **exchange number** (for at least one of the two stations).
- Repeatedly logging the same station on the same band during the same **Stage**.

7. Disqualification

- Violation of generally accepted fair play and sportsmanship rules.
- Intentional non-compliance with the contest rules.
- Arranging contacts (skeds) via any non-amateur band communication channels before or during the **Round** is strictly prohibited.
- Only one signal may be transmitted at any given time.

8. Contest Logs (Required Header Fields in Section 12)

- **Format: Cabrillo**.
- **Deadline:** Within **24 hours** from the start of the **Round**.
- **Submission Page:** Platform at https://spcwc.pl/upload.
- After uploading the log, a **TOKEN** will be sent to the email address provided. Use this token if you need to resubmit a corrected log. Resubmitting will completely overwrite the previously uploaded version.

9. Announcement of Results

The results will be published on the contest platform within **48 hours** after the log submission deadline.

10. Rankings

Rankings in all classifications (except the **SWL** category) are based on the **final score** calculated using the formula: `Score = QSO * U` (where **QSO** is the number of valid contacts, and **U** is the unique callsign multiplier).

- **Individual Rankings:** Weekly, monthly, and annual, separated by entry category.
- **Team Rankings:** The team classification is based on the sum of the **final scores** of the three highest-scoring stations representing a given team in a given **Round**. The number of operators submitting logs under the same club is unlimited, but only the top three individual scores will count towards the team's total.
  - **Team Codes:** To count a score towards the team classification, you must specify the correct team code or the team's full name in the `CLUB:` field of your **Cabrillo** log. The list of team codes is available at: https://spcwc.pl/clubs.

11. Platform and Contest Info

All info, results, and log submission tools are available on the dedicated platform:

Contest Homepage	https://spcwc.pl
Log Submission	https://spcwc.pl/upload
Individual Round Results	https://spcwc.pl/rounds
Registered Teams List	https://spcwc.pl/clubs

Contest Homepage	https://spcwc.pl
Rankings	https://spcwc.pl/rankings
Contest Rules	https://spcwc.pl/rules
Suggestions	https://spcwc.pl/sugestie/_xYleH2CmAwJDGS2-r1apVK-xS8
SOAPBOX	https://spcwc.pl/raporty/soapbox/EQCVVSTPBS

12. Required Cabrillo Header Fields by Version

Depending on the **Cabrillo** format version, your log header must include the following fields:

- **Cabrillo 3.0**

```
START-OF-LOG: 3.0
CONTEST: TTC-SPCWC
CALLSIGN: SQ7M
CATEGORY-OPERATOR: SINGLE-OP
CATEGORY-POWER: LOW
CATEGORY-BAND: 40M
CATEGORY-MODE: CW
CLUB: TERENOWA GRUPA RADIOWA
EMAIL: your@email.com
```

- **Cabrillo 2.0**

```
START-OF-LOG: 2.0
CONTEST: TTC-SPCWC
CALLSIGN: SQ7M
CATEGORY: SO40-LP
CLUB: TERENOWA GRUPA RADIOWA
EMAIL: your@email.com
```

13. Round Schedule for 2026

All rounds take place every Tuesday between **19:30 and 20:29:59 UTC**:

Round	Date	Time (UTC)
Round 1	June 2	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 2	June 9	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 3	June 16	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 4	June 23	19:30 – 20:29:59

Round	Date	Time (UTC)
Round 5	June 30	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 6	July 7	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 7	July 14	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 8	July 21	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 9	July 28	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 10	August 4	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 11	August 11	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 12	August 18	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 13	August 25	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 14	September 1	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 15	September 8	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 16	September 15	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 17	September 22	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 18	September 29	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 19	October 6	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 20	October 13	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 21	October 20	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 22	October 27	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 23	November 3	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 24	November 10	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 25	November 17	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 26	November 24	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 27	December 1	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 28	December 8	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 29	December 15	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 30	December 22	19:30 – 20:29:59
Round 31	December 29	19:30 – 20:29:59