Changes of the ARDF Rules, 2018 to 2019

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Currently valid versions of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Rules are as follows:
Part A: 2019 (approved by the IARU Region 1 EC, valid from January 1st, 2019)
Part B: 2019 (approved by the IARU R1 ARDF WG, valid from January 1st, 2019)
==Changes are highlighted in yellow==

1. Applications for organizing ARDF events

New wording describes better the reality and reflects the recent EC demands.

4.2 Applications of interested societies are to be presented to the ARDF WG ~~on official application sheets provided by the ARDF WG.~~ following the instructions in the Call for hosting paper published at the ARDF WG website.

4.3 Applications signed by the Member society President or Secretary ~~sheets~~ are to be received by the Chairman of the ARDF WG not later than January 31st three years prior to the year of the Championships .

2. Unifying of the different wordings used for the same thing

5.5 One additional team may be entered by the organising society. This team shall participate unofficially.

5.6 Competitors from outside the relevant Region may take part in IARU ARDF Regional Championships. However, they shall ~~be classified~~ participate unofficially.

6.4 The organising society may allow Member Societies with outstanding fees to Region 1 to ~~take part in such a Championships outside of competition (i.e. not to be ranked and not to be awarded medals).~~ participate unofficially.

3. Some minor changes reflecting the latest development

7.2 Entries giving the expected number of competitors of each category, the number of team officials and the team manager's name, address, phone~~/fax~~ number~~s~~ and e-mail address shall reach the organiser not later than TWO MONTHS before the event.

11.2 As a minimum, the organiser shall make available to media representatives the following:
- hotel accommodation to be paid for by the users
- start lists, programme booklets and other information on the day prior to the competition
- opportunity to take part in the model event
- weather-protected working space ~~for media representatives' typewriters or computers~~ in the finish area
- result lists and maps with courses immediately after the competition
- Internet connection, preferably in the finish area

13.7 Bulletin 3 (Additional event information) shall include the following information:
- detailed programme of the event
- details of the terrain
- summary of entries received
- ~~sample or 100% size picture of the starting ticket, if used~~
- electronic marking system description, if ~~used~~ not SportIdent classic system
- size of the maps (not the paper on which it is printed), scales and vertical contour intervals of the maps for each competition
- address, ~~and tele~~phone~~/fax~~ number and e-mail address of the competition office
- details of accommodation and food
- the exact location of each competition area and its finish
- transport schedule
- team officials' meetings

4. minor change

This change is just for better understanding. The starting area may or may not be a part of the competition area (=map). However, in any case, the point is always valid for both starting and competition areas.

24.4 On the day of the competition, the use of any telecommunication device by competitors or team officials in the starting and/or competition area is prohibited until permitted by the organiser. The penalty for this shall be disqualification. If the team official breaks this rule, the whole team shall be disqualified.

5. Control cards and registering devices

As the SI system is automatically approved and normally used, it is unnecessary to describe in detail operations for pin punch.

25.1   Only ARDF WG approved control cards and registering devices may be used – see Appendix 2.

25.2   ~~The control card shall be supplied to the competitor 10 minutes prior to his/her start at the latest.~~

25.3   ~~When non-electronic or combined systems are used, competitors are allowed to prepare the control card, e.g. by writing on it, by reinforcing it or by putting it into a bag, but not by cutting-off parts of the control card.~~

25.4   ~~When electronic systems are used,~~ competitors must have the opportunity to practise the~~m control cards~~ at the model event.

25.5   Competitors shall be responsible for registering at each transmitter using the registering device provided. They are responsible for correct markings which must be clearly identifiable.

25.6   Missing or unidentifiable control marks shall not be considered, unless it can be established with certainty that the competitor visited the transmitter and that the mark missing or unidentifiable is not the competitor's fault.

25.7   ~~When systems with visible punch marks are used, at least a part of the marking must be in the appropriate box for this transmitter or in an empty reserve box. One mistake per competitor is acceptable, e.g. marking outside the correct box or jumping one box, provided all markings can be identified clearly. A competitor who attempts to gain advantage by inaccurate marking may be disqualified.~~

25.8   Competitors who lose their control cards shall be disqualified.

C1.   The only automatically approved control registering system is the SportIdent classic system (it means NOT the Sportident AIR+ system).

Note: the recent problems with AIR+ and no data backup in SI stations call for further examining and considerations. The wording does not mean that the AIR+ system is not allowed at all - it just means that it is not allowed automatically.

6. Awarding ceremony, results and prizes

The recorded minutes of all Jury meetings will preempt any later misunderstandings and discussions.

31.2   The following prizes shall be awarded in all competitions:
- 1st place   Gold medal and certificate
- 2nd place   Silver medal and certificate
- 3rd place   Bronze medal and certificate
- ~~4th–6th place   Certificate~~

Note: The organizer is still free to give certificates for 4+th place. It is just not compulsory

31.3   If two or more competitors or teams have the same placing, they shall each receive the appropriate medal and/or certificate. The position(s) following the tie shall remain vacant.

Note: although this may seem obvious, there were some misunderstandings recently.The standard ranking is generally used.

31.6   ~~The prize-giving ceremonies shall be performed by the representatives of the organising society and the IARU Regional organisation.~~

31.7   ~~During the prize-giving ceremony, the national flags of the first three competitors/teams should be flown and the national anthem of the winner may be played.~~

Note: again, this does not mean that the above principles are not allowed. They are just defined in another paper (the Protocol Guide).

9. Technical change

As the GPS watches as the reference time source are generally widespread, this makes no sense any more.

T3.2   ~~Two independent time-keeping systems, a primary and a secondary, shall be used.~~