

# The 12th Annual School Club EU – Day (May 5<sup>th</sup>)

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## Introduction

The annual School Club EU – Day activity on May 5<sup>th</sup> is supposed to bring contacts with and among school amateur radio club and training stations as well as contacts with every other station from all over Europe (WAE list).

The activity is a great way to get young operators on the air from their school shacks using their training call signs (or the school club's call sign for irrelevant messages only – according to national regulations). Very often a new operator will be intimidated by the fear of not knowing what to say to the stranger on the other side of the radio. The exchange of information helps to overcome this fear in a low pressure contest format. It should not be made a "5-9-contest", though. Operators are encouraged to take more time to chat beyond the exchange of the necessary QSO details.

A certificate of participation will be issued for stations that send an excerpt from the log of the day. There is also the chance of winning one of the fantastic prizes issued by AATiS.

## Rules:

- (1) **Object:** All stations exchange QSO information as below with as many stations as possible, especially school club stations or training stations (German DN-prefixes).
- (2) **Period of Activity:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – 08:00 till 14:00 UTC = **6 hours**  
a maximum of **60 minutes** for scoring (see 6)
- (3) **Entry Classes:** (1) UHF/VHF/SHF only (2) HF only
- (4) **Frequencies** Stations participating should use the following frequencies for first contact (+ / - QRM):  
40m – 7.070 MHz; 20m – 14.270 MHz 15m – 21.270 MHz etc.
- (5) **Exchange:** Your call sign, RS (T), your WW-Locator. (For example: **DF0HH 59 JO43po**)
- (6) **Scoring and multiplier:** calculate the distance for each QSO within **60 minutes** of your choice with any station from EU-Countries (WAE list), e.g. JO43po <> J=22lk = 317 kms. Multiply the summary of distances with the number of EU-countries operated within the period of activity (6 hours) on this day.

Stations may be contacted once each on phone and CW (Packet, RTTY and other digital modes count as CW). **Repeater contacts are allowed. Give the repeater's call sign and locator.**

**Contacts with regular School Club Stations score two points.**

(7) **More info:** Participants may use a computer program to calculate the locator distances. The latest version of HAMEUTAG – a specially written program for EU-DAY - is available for download from [http://www.arcomm.de/afusoft.htm?programmedl=n\\_99&programmeneuws=n\\_01](http://www.arcomm.de/afusoft.htm?programmedl=n_99&programmeneuws=n_01)

(8) **Reporting:** You should clearly list the callsign used, entry class, (name and type of school if you represent a school), return address, your e-mail address, and the period of activity for scoring. Logs must include exchange information, bands, locators of both stations in contact, and signature of operator.

Entries should be sent to

**School Club EU-DAY 2011**

**P.O Box 1127**

**21707 Himmelforten, Germany**

Entries must be postmarked not later than 30 days after contest end.

Email entries without any p&p fees will be answered by Email only.

(9) **Awards:** 8.5 x 11 inch (DIN A4) certificates will be issued for each entry. Those who do not send appropriate postage (3 EUR or US\$ 4 for P&P) -- **NO IRC !!** -- cannot be assured of getting a certificate. Among all correct entries attractive prizes (kits from the AATiS media list) will be drawn.

Email entries will be answered by email only, a certificate (PDF file) will be issued as an email attachment..

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