

W9GKA 11-07 note:

The following letter from W9XA and the proposed rover rules of the VUAC is the outgrowth of much discussion at the ARRL division level. Central division ARRL Director, Dick W9GIG (a SMC member) appointed Kermit W9XA (another SMC member) to the VUAC to consider various changes VHF rules. A reflector was set up in early 2007 to solicit comments from all ARRL members in the Central Division. VHF ops from many clubs in the Central Division, including the SMC, Badgers, and others, participated in the exchange of ideas on this reflector. After much discussion, many recommendations were made to Kermit from that reflector. The VUAC then developed the following recommendations in 10-07, which was circulated by Kermit in the following letter on 10-15-07.

W9GIG and W9XA are to be congratulated for the level of input requested from the VHF community and the general degree of openness in the decision-making process in this round of proposed VHF rules revisions.

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Subject:	[Centdivvhftopics] Copy of the New Rover Rules de W9XA

Hello All -

Thank you for your participation and interest in the discussion on the proposed changes to the Rover Rules for the ARRL VHF Contests. Included below are the recommended changes. Please be aware that these recommendations are just that -and- that there are more steps in the process before the changes to rules are adopted.

These recommendations are the result of several months effort by the VUAC. Please note that in the arena of VHF contesting there has arisen several distinct profiles of Contest Rover operation. It was a paradigm of the decision making process to not dissuade any particular profile of operation in favor of another and instead adopt rules that would increase overall participation.

As a synopsis you will note that it has been recommended that there will be three Rover categories which are the Rover, Limited Rover and Unlimited Rover class.

The Limited Rover has been recommended to be added as a class to allow entry level competition with the limit of up to any four bands of the operator's choosing.

The use of APRS, and the use of drivers by all classes of rovers was adopted in the recommendation. There will be a limit of 100 contacts between any two Rovers that operate in the Rover or Limited Rover Class, this 100-contact limitation will not exist in the Unlimited Rover Class.

The unlimited rover class will basically allow for grid circling, more than two operators and not transporting all equipment but scores from this class will not count in club competition scores,

Again, thank you for your input and discussion. It was not possible to meet all of the interests and expectations of each Central Division

