



The Potomac Valley Radio Club

5 Million Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding and ongoing support by members of the Club in significant amateur radio contests that sponsor club competition.

Eligibility: Any member of PVRC is eligible for this award.

Contests: Eligible contests will be those listed on the Current 5M Season Contest Calendar which can be found on the PVRC website: http://www.pvrc.org/5M/season_contests.php.

Conditions: To receive 5M credit for an eligible contest the following conditions must be met.

- Your score must meet all of the contest sponsor's criteria for club competition, except for rules pertaining to residency within a geographic circle.
- Complete contest entries must be submitted to the contest sponsor before the sponsor's deadline for that contest.
- The submitted log or summary sheet must identify the Potomac Valley Radio Club as your club affiliation.

Period: The 5M contest season runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. All qualified contest scores after July 1, 1997 will count towards the award. Initial awards and endorsements will be processed once a year based on Award Points as of the end of the season on June 30th. All Award points are cumulative and do not expire.

Normalized Score: Contest scores submitted to the 3830 reflector: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/> or to the PVRC 5M website: <http://www.pvrc.org/5M/5Mform.php> will be collected and used to calculate the 5M points. However, if the score is not submitted to the sponsor or does not meet the previously stated conditions, *no 5M points will be awarded*.

Submitted scores will be normalized after the log deadline to calculate points for the 5 Million Award.

The process for normalizing will be to take the highest Single Operator score from the PVRC region (MD, VA, PA, DE, NC, WV, and DC) and assign it a value of 1 million points. This score will become the Reference Score for the contest. Single operator scores include Assisted and Unassisted. It may also include the Multi-Single (M/S) category, if the contest doesn't include a Single Operator Assisted Category (i.e. ARRL 10 & 160 Meter contests). A M/S entry can be used as a Reference Score provided only one operator and packet are used. Multiple operators in a M/S entry are not eligible for the Reference score.

Each eligible contest will be scored separately using the Reference Score unique to that contest.

Single Operator Scores:

All Single Operator scores will be calculated as a fraction of the Reference Score using the formula:

$$(\text{Contest Score} / \text{Reference Score}) \times 1,000,000 = 5\text{M Award Points}$$

A contest can be designated as a “double points” contest, where the reference score is normalized against a 2,000,000 point award. These “double points” contests will be announced by the president via the PVRC reflector.

To encourage station owners to host PVRC operators, Matching Award Points will be awarded to any station owner who hosts a PVRC operator who generates an eligible score. The Matching Award Points will be equal to that of the operator’s Award Points.

Under no circumstances will anyone receive Award Points for more than one operation during a particular contest. If more than one score is generated by a single member, they will receive the single highest score only.

Multi Operator Scores:

Multi-Operator scores will be calculated with the following formula.

$$\text{Operator Points} = [(\text{Multi Op Score} / \text{Reference Score}) * 1,000,000] / \text{number of operators}$$

For multi op scores, 5M points are capped at 1,000,000 per operator, and at 2,000,000 points per operator for “double point” contests.

The number of operators will include non-PVRC members. If less than 50% of the operators are PVRC members, the score is generally not eligible for the 5M program.

As with the Single Operator category, station owners are encouraged to host multi-op PVRC teams. The station owner will be awarded Matching Award Points equal to the Operator Points given to each team member. If the host was also an operator, his score will be doubled. The host/operator of a multi-op effort will be capped at 2,000,000 points, or 4,000,000 points for a “double point” contest.

Reporting:

Claimed score must be submitted either to the 3830 score submittal form at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/> or to the PVRC web page at: <http://www.pvrc.org/5M/5Mform.php>. The 3830 form is preferred, but you must select PVRC as your club affiliation on the form.

To receive 5M credit scores must be submitted to the contest sponsor by the log submission deadline.

To correct a claimed score, submit the revised score using the 5M form.

All multi-op submissions must contain a complete list of operator callsigns and the station host call sign if different from the call sign used during the contest.

Any scores submitted via the 5M form after the cutoff date will be processed at the discretion of the 5M Program Manager, and points will be capped at 1,000,000. No changes in assignment of the reference score will occur with any submissions turned in after the cutoff date.

Awards:

The 5 Million Award will be an endorsable plaque earned after reaching a total of at least 5 million Award Points. Additional endorsements will be available for higher levels.

Disclaimers:

All rules, scores, results, and awards are subject to the scrutiny and decision of the Club officers and their determinations will be final.