

25th IARU REGION 1 / EUROPEAN ARDF CHAMPIONSHIPS

BULLETIN 4

TÂRGOVIȘTE, ROMÂNIA
16-22 AUGUST 2026



Introduction

Dear Sports Friends,

Romanian Federation of Radio Amateurs is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors and guests to visit Târgoviște, România and to participate in the 25 th IARU

Region 1/ European ARDF Championships.

Babeu Pavel. YO9TW

Chairman of the organizing committee

Dear participants, Distinguished guests,

On behalf of the local community and the administration of the Municipality of Targoviste, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our city on the occasion of the 25th European Championships in Amateur Radio Direction Finding.

We are honored that Târgoviște has been chosen to host this prestigious European event, bringing together enthusiasts from all over the world — people united by curiosity, technology, and the passion for communication beyond borders.

Târgoviște, the former capital of Wallachia and a city rich in history and tradition, welcomes you with warmth, openness, and respect. I hope that your stay here will not only be a time of exciting competition but also an opportunity to discover the charm, hospitality, and cultural heritage of our community.

I wish you all great success in the competition, memorable moments, and an unforgettable experience here in Târgoviște.

Welcome to Târgoviște – the historic heart of Romania and, for a few days, the world capital of amateur radio!

With warm regards,

Daniel Cristian Stan,

Mayor of Târgoviște Municipality



Basic informations

Organizers:

IARU Region 1;

Romanian Federation of Amateur Radio (FRR);

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Venue and date of the event:

Târgoviște, in the central-southern part of Romania.

Dates of championships: August 16-22, 2026.

The event will take place in the historic center of Târgoviște, Dâmbovița County, at the Valahia Hotel (44°55'40.7"N 25°27'43.1"E), which will be the main accommodation and dining facility.



International Jury:

Chairman of the Jury:	Franci ŽANKAR, S57CT	ZRS	Slovenia
Secretary of the Jury:	Marius MITRUȚ, YO3CZW	FRR	Romania
Referee at the start:	Dušan ĆEHA, YU1EA	SRS	Serbia
Referee at the finish:	Karl-Heinz SCHADE, DL7VDB	DARC	Germany
Referees in competition area:	Željko BELAJ, 9A2QU	HRS	Croatia
	Dragan GAĆPAR, YU3GD	SRS	Serbia
	Lajos KRAJCAR, HA2QW	MRASZ	Hungary
	Igor LAZAREV, US0VA	UARL	Ukraine
	Rusko RUSEV, LZ1RT	BFRA	Bulgaria
Siting Referee:	Pavel BABEU, YO9TW	FRR	Romania
Technical Director:	Claudiu ANGHELESCU	FRR	Romania

Competition rules:

IARU region 1 ARDF Rules — Part A — Competition, version 2020 (valid from May 6th, 2020)

IARU region 1 ARDF Rules — Part B — Competition, version 2025 (valid from January 1 st, 2025)

Child protection policy:

<http://www.ardf->

[r1.org/files/CP/IARU_Region_1_Child_Protection_Policy_Feb2016.pdf](http://www.ardf-r1.org/files/CP/IARU_Region_1_Child_Protection_Policy_Feb2016.pdf)

Detailed program of the Championships 2026:

Sunday, August 16 – Arrival, training, opening ceremony

11-21 competition office open HOTEL VALAHIA

14:30–15:00 Training SPRINT

15:00–15:30 Training FOXORING

15:30–16:30 Training for 3,5 MHz and 144 MHz Location for training [here](#)

17:00 Opening ceremony will be held at the Cinema Independența. Location [here](#)

19:00-20:00 Dinner

20:30 Team officials' meeting

Monday, August 17 – Foxoring

6:45-7:45 Breakfast

8:10 Departure first 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the first and second starting sequences to leave)

8:40 Departure last 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the third starting sequence and the athletes from China to leave)

10:00 Start of Foxoring

13:00-14:30 Lunch

16:00 IARU R1 ARDF WG Meeting

19:00-20:00 Dinner

20:30 Team officials' meeting

Tuesday, August 18- 1st classics

3,5 MHz (W19, W21, M19, M21, M40)

144 MHz (W35, W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

6:45-7:45 Breakfast

8:10 Departure first 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the first and second starting sequences to leave)

8:40 Departure last 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the third starting sequence and the athletes from China to leave)

10:00 Start of 1st Classics

13:00-14:30 Lunch

17:00 Awarding ceremony (1st classics + foxoring) at HOTEL VALAHIA

19:00-20:00 Dinner

20:30 Team officials' meeting

Wednesday, August 19 – The day off

7:30-9:00 Breakfast

13:00-14:30 Lunch

19:00-20:00 Dinner

- On this day, you will have free access to all museums in Târgoviște upon presentation of your individual competition badge.

Thursday, August 20 – 2nd classics

144 MHz (W19, W21, M19, M21, M40)

3,5 MHz (W35, W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

6:45-7:45 Breakfast

8:10 Departure first 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the first and second starting sequences to leave)

8:40 Departure last 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the third starting sequence and the athletes from China to leave)

10:00 Start of 2nd Classics

13:00-14:30 Lunch

19:00-20:00 Dinner

20:30 Team officials' meeting

Friday, August 21- Sprint

6:45-7:45 Breakfast

8:10 Departure first 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the first and second starting sequences to leave)

8:40 Departure last 2 buses to start area (our recommendation is for those in the third starting sequence and the athletes from China to leave)

10:00 Start of Sprint

13:00-14:30 Lunch

16:00 IARU R1 ARDF WG Meeting

17:00 Awarding ceremony and closing ceremony of competitions
(2nd classics + sprint)

20:00 Hamfest at HOTEL VALAHIA

Saturday, August 22 - Departure

7:30-9:00 Breakfast

All competition departures will take place from [here](#)

Information about each competition

Monday, August 17 – Foxoring

FIRST START: 10:00

TIME LIMIT: 120

Length of the finish corridor 180M

CATEGORY	TRANSMITTERS	START CORRIDOR
W19	3, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	B
W21	3, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B.	B
W35	2, 3, 5, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	B
W45	1, 4, 5, 2F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
W55	1, 3, 5, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
W65	1, 3, 5, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
M19	1, 2, 3, 4, 2F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
M21	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
M40	1, 2, 3, 5, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	A
M50	3, 5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	B
M60	2, 5, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	B
M70	5, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B.	B

Tuesday, August 18- 1st classics

3,5 MHz (W19, W21, M19, M21, M40)

144 MHz (W35, W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

FIRST START: 10:00

TIME LIMIT: 120

Length of the finish corridor 250M

CATEGORY	BAND	TRANSMITTERS	START CORRIDOR
W19	80m	1, 2, 4, 5, B.	B
W21	80m	1, 2, 3, 5, B.	B
M19	80m	2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
M21	80m	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
M40	80m	1, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
W35	2m	2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
W45	2m	1, 2, 4, 5, B.	A
W55	2m	1, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
W65	2m	1, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
M50	2m	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B.	B
M60	2m	1, 2, 3, 4, B.	B
M70	2m	1, 2, 3, 5, B.	B

Thursday, August 20 – 2nd classics

144 MHz (W19, W21, M19, M21, M40)

3,5 MHz (W35, W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

FIRST START: 10:00

TIME LIMIT: 120

Length of the finish corridor 100M

CATEGORY	BAND	TRANSMITTERS	START CORRIDOR
W19	2m	1, 2, 3, 5, B.	B
W21	2m	1, 2, 3, 4, B.	B
M19	2m	2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
M21	2m	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
M40	2m	1, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
W35	80m	1, 2, 3, 5, B.	A
W45	80m	2, 3, 4, 5, B.	A
W55	80m	1, 3, 4, B.	A
W65	80m	1, 3, 4, B.	A
M50	80m	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, B.	B
M60	80m	1, 2, 4, 5, B.	B
M70	80m	1, 3, 4, 5, B.	B

Friday, August 21- Sprint

FIRST START: 10:00

TIME LIMIT: 60

Length of the finish corridor 220M

CATEGORY	TRANSMITTERS	START CORRIDOR
W19	2, 3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B .	B
W21	2, 3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B .	B
W35	2, 3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, B .	B
W45	1, 3, 4, S , 1F, 2F, 4F, B .	A
W55	1, 3, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, B .	A
W65	1, 3, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, B .	A
M19	1, 2, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, B .	A
M21	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5F, B .	A
M40	1, 2, 3, 4, S , 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, B .	A
M50	2, 3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 3F, 5F, B .	B
M60	3, 4, 5, S , 2F, 4F, 5F, B .	B
M70	3, 4, 5, S , 1F, 2F, 4F, B .	B

Categories:

According to the Rules: W19 , W21, W35, W45, W55, W65, M19, M21, M40, M50, M60, M70.

Ranking:

Individual for each category and each competition, team ranking for each category for the two classics. Competitors at 1-3 places will be awarded with medals and certificates.

Transmitters and antennas:

3.5 MHz transmitters for foxoring (continuous)

RF power: field transmitters = 10 mW, finish beacon = 1W;

Antennas: field transmitters = 30 cm vertical (no counterpoise);

finish beacon = 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1, 2, 1F, 2F, (MOE, MOI);

3.550 MHz ... TX 3, 4, 3F, 4F, (MOS, MOH);

3.570 MHz ... TX 5, 5F, (MO5);

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon: (MO);

TX 1-5, finish beacon: keying speed 50 PARIS / TX 1F-5F: keying speed 70 PARIS.

3.5 MHz transmitters (classic)

RF power: 3W;

Antenna: 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1-5;

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon

144 MHz transmitters (classic)

RF power: 1W;

Antenna: turnstill, 3 m above ground level;

Frequency: 144.500 MHz ... TX 1-5;

144.900 MHz ... Finish beacon.

3.5 MHz transmitters for Sprint (1 minute cycle - 12s:48s)

RF power: 1W;

Antenna: 8m vertical + 4x2m radials counterpoise;

Frequency: 3.530 MHz ... TX 1-5 keying speed 50 PARIS;

3.550 MHz ... spectators control S keying speed 50 PARIS;

3.570 MHz ... TX F1-F5 keying speed 70 PARIS;

3.600 MHz ... Finish beacon keying speed 50 PARIS;

Flags:

Foxoring: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at B (beacon) control. No flag at all other controls.

Classic 3.5 MHz: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at all controls;



Classic 144 MHz: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag with a blue vertical stripe at all controls;



Sprint: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at S (spectator) and B (beacon) controls. Red/white striped SI stand (no flag) at all other controls



Marking device:

SportIdent at all controls (NOT in the AIR mode), control numbers and bands are written on the SI units.

Note:

Note on use of GPS devices: The use of satellite positioning devices is allowed provided they do not contain digital map of the terrain.

Note on thunderstorm: In a case of a severe thunderstorm, the Chairman of the Jury may recall the competition (27.5 of the Rules). The competitors shall set for the finish immediately.

Insurance and Medical Care: First aid facility will be available at the finish areas for all competitions. No cost to the participant applies for on-site minor treatment; however, the cost for ambulance transportation, emergency department visits, and clinic visits will be the participant's responsibility. Thus, we recommend you to purchase an insurance covering such expenses.

Terrain, maps and competition areas

Terrain:

Land dominated by hills and plains with a good network of paths and various open spaces.



Maps and competition areas:

Foxoring - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

1st Classic - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

2nd Classic - 1:10000, E=5m, A4

Sprint - 1:5000, E=5m, A4

The maps for training will be included in the starter kit.

Here you can find the finish locations for all competitions.

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