

BVRC BINGO Award Rules

1. Purpose

BVRC BINGO is an amateur radio operating award designed to encourage contacts with a variety of stations, locations, modes, bands, and operating activities while having fun.

The award is open to members of the Bella Vista Radio Club. Applicants must be a current member of the Bella Vista Radio Club in good standing. There is no charge for the award.

2. The Bingo Card

The Bingo Award card serves as a checklist of completed operating activities and contains 24 squares plus a FREE SQUARE. Each square represents a qualifying amateur radio achievement or contact toward acquiring the award.

Participants may wish to opt to use the interactive Bingo Award tracker on the BVRC website. Link is below. – The interactive card can be used for storing contact information for each square on the score card plus monitor the rankings of other members pursuing the award. Participants may wish to enter contacts in their own personal log as well.

To use the interactive card, simply click the square of the QSO requirement or achievement. A pop-up window will appear to enter the QSO data.

- An image of the hard copy bingo card and the link to the interactive card are shown below.
- Either the hard copy card or the electronic interactive card must be used to apply for awards.
 - If using the hard copy card, a log extract must accompany an image of the hard copy card when applying for the award(s).

3. Award Period

The award period shall begin October 1, 2026 and continue ad infinitum or until interest in the award diminishes to the point that it is discontinued. All qualifying contacts for the award must be on or after October 1, 2026. Contacts made before October 1, 2026 do not qualify for the award.

4. Making Contacts

A qualifying contact must be a legitimate amateur radio QSO conducted in accordance with:

- The operator's license privileges
- Applicable FCC rules and regulations

Contacts made through prohibited, non-air wave (Ex: Echo Link, any digital mode using the internet), or non-amateur means do not count.

A single QSO (contact) may satisfy only one bingo square. It may not satisfy multiple squares. Each contact for each square must be a unique contact. (Ex: If a contact is made with a station activating a POTA park on 20 meters, that QSO can be used for either the 20-meter square or the POTA square, but not both. If it is chosen to be used for the POTA square, then another contact with a different station on 20 meters will have to be completed to satisfy the 20 meter square.)

5. BINGO!

A participant earns the BVRC BINGO AWARD by completing any of the following:

- Five squares in a line horizontally
- Five squares in a line vertically
- Five squares in a line diagonally

The FREE SPACE counts toward a line.

6. Full Card

A participant who completes all 25 squares earns the prestigious

BVRC BLACKOUT AWARD

A Blackout is the highest level of the BVRC BINGO award.

(A qualifying participant for the standard BINGO award may apply, or opt to wait and continue working toward the BVRC BLACKOUT Award. Both the Standard and Blackout awards can be issued to the participant if they wish at their discretion. Notify the award coordinator if you wish to receive both awards upon qualifying for each.)

7. Proof of Contacts

Participants should maintain a log showing:

- Date
- Time
- Callsign worked
- Band
- Mode
- Any additional information that may be necessary to demonstrate that the applicable square was completed

LoTW, QRZ, Club Log, paper logs, electronic logging programs, and other reasonable documentation are accepted.

The BVRC BINGO Award Coordinator reserves the right to request reasonable evidence of a claimed contact.

8. Bands, Modes, & Time

Contacts must be made using legal amateur license allocations and modes. Times in the log can be recorded in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) or local (Central) time. (Time options are shown in the interactive Bingo card when entering QSO information.)

9. Honor System

BVRC BINGO is intended primarily as a fun operating award. Participants are expected to claim squares honestly. By submitting an award application, the operator certifies that the claimed contacts and activities are accurate, honestly made, and comply with applicable amateur radio regulations.

10. Submission

Applications should be made via e-mail to arsk5db@gmail.com

The application should include:

- Operator name
- Callsign
- Bingo card:
 - If you use the interactive card, simply advise the award coordinator when applying for an award that you used the interactive card. The coordinator can then access your card to view QSO information for each claimed square.
 - If you use the hard copy card, you will need to submit an image of the completed squares, along with log information supporting the claimed squares.
- Any additional supporting documentation
- Award level requested (regular BINGO or BVRC BLACKOUT)

11. Award issuance

Upon submission approval and award issuance, an e-mail will be sent to the award qualifier with a .pdf attachment of their award, suitable for printing and framing.

12. The Fun Rule

The most important rule of BVRC BINGO is to have fun, make contacts, and encourage amateur radio activity. Friendly competition is promoted, but helping another operator complete their card is not only permitted – it is encouraged.

(See next page for BINGO card image for hard copy printing and interactive card information.)

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BVRC BINGO AWARD

SCORE CARD

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Make a Contact With a BVRC Member	Contact a Station in the 48 Contiguous States Other Than Arkansas	Make a Contact on the 20-Meter Band	Make a Parks On The Air Contact	Make a Two-Way Contact Using a Repeater
Contact a Station in Alaska or Hawaii	Make a Contact on the 10-Meter Band	Make a Contact With a QRP Station	Make a Contact on a WARC Band (12, 17, or 30 Mtrs)	Make a Contact With a New Operator Licensed Less Than 1 Year
Make a Contact With an Amateur Operator Licensed 50+ Years	Make a Contact With a European Station on Any Band	 FREE SPACE	Make a Contact With a SSB Station	Make a Contact on the 80-Meter Band
Make a Contact on the 40-Meter Band	Make a Contact With a Youth Operator (18 Years Old or Less)	Make a Contact With a South American Station on Any Band	Make a VHF or UHF Simplex Contact	Contact an Island That Has An IOTA # (Islands On The Air)
Make a Contact With a Mobile Station	Make a Contact With a Digital Station	Make a Contact With a YL Station (Young Lady)	Make a Contact on the 15-Meter Band	Make a Contact With a Portable Station

You can print the above score card to use as a hard copy, OR.....
you can open an account
to use the interactive Bingo Award tracker on the BVRC website!

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BINGO Award - Standard



BINGO Award – Blackout, OM



BINGO Award – Blackout, YL v.1



BINGO Award – Blackout, YL v.2

