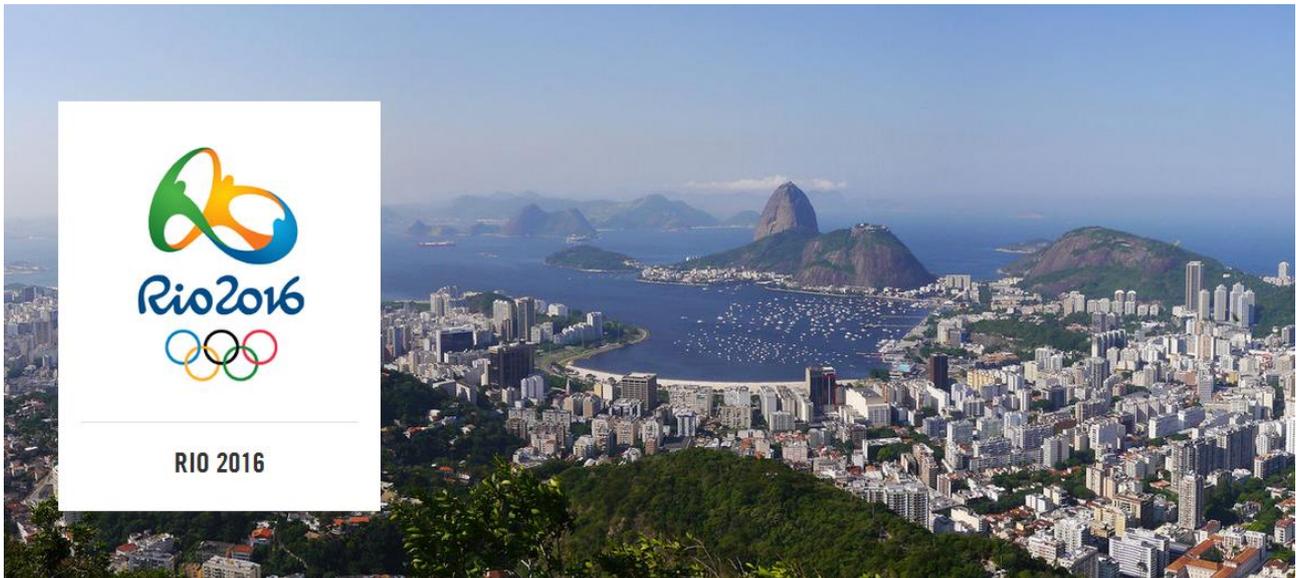


# Amateur Radio in Brazil during 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games

*Foreigner amateur radio operators gained easier access to operate in the country.  
Brazilians stations received special call sign formats.*



The 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will be happen in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from August 05 to 21 (Olympics) and September 7 to 18 (Paralympics). The cities of Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Manaus, Salvador and São Paulo will also host the football matches.

It's the first time in history that same country host an Olympic/Paralympic Games only two years after a Football World Cup. It's expected the presence of 17.000 athletes representing 200 countries.

Among the visitors, many will be amateur radio operators. LABRE (the Brazilian national amateur radio association) asked to Anatel (the Brazilian telecommunication agency) to facilitate the permission to the foreigner amateur radio operator transmit in the country during the games, in the same way happened in 2013 for the Football World Cup

On last April 15; the president of Anatel, Mr. João Batista Resende, signed the normative Act n. 1085 establishing to the foreigner amateur radio operators who wish to operate in Brazil from August 01 to September 30, 2016 must send to LABRE the following documents:

- Copy of a valid passport (identification pages);
- Copy of amateur radio license of his/her country;
- List of cities in which he/she intends to operate and the respective periods;
- Email address for contact.
- The documents must be scanned and sent to [executiva@labre.org.br](mailto:executiva@labre.org.br)
- No further requirements or fees were necessarily to obtain the permission.

According the same act and for the same period, Brazilian amateur radio stations gained the option to transmit with special call sign formed by its own usual letters, but with double numbers of the prefix, without any further requirements or fees.

The Amateur Radio rules in Brazil are based on "Resolução 449" (operational aspects of the service, licensee process, callsign framework, etc) and "Resolução 452" (covering spectrum occupation). As many other countries, Amateur Radio Service in Brazil is divided in 3 classes: A, B and C. They have different privileges to access the spectrum, callsign and powers output. For more information on Amateur Radio Service in Brazil, visit: <http://www.radioamadores.org/biblio/outros/olymp-article-brazil-v.2.pdf>

LABRE is the IARU national member association. It's located in Brasilia and on several other State capitals.

Orlando Perez Filho (PT2OP, CEO of LABRE) and Gustavo de Faria Franco (PT2ADM, president of LABRE's council), considered the amateur radio activities during Olympic Games a new opportunity for the community

increase the number of radio contacts, stimulate WPX types of awards and promote the international goodwill on Amateur Radio along with this very special sportive event, following the good example occurred o past World Football Cup.

### For more information



Get Ready for Rio! IOC website: <https://www.olympic.org/rio-2016>



Official Rio 2016 website with schedules, tickets, tourist information, etc: <https://www.rio2016.com/en>



Anatel major events website: <http://tinyurl.com/anatel-events-en>



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