



# **NSW JOTA & JOTI Information Booklet**

**Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)  
&  
Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)**

## **JOTA/JOTI INFORMATION:**

The following information is provided to assist you with setting up and running a JOTA/JOTI event. Not all of the information required is contained within this booklet and a number of links to recognised Scout websites have been provided to further assist you with program ideas and event registration.

### **International:**

<http://jotajoti.info> is the official World Organisation of the Scout Movement's webpage for all things about Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI). This website is where you can register your group, activity for JOTA/JOTI.

### **Australia:**

Additional information is available on the Australian International JOTA/JOTI site at <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/jotajoti>

### **NSW:**

Further information is available on the NSW International JOTA/JOTI page at <http://scoutsnsw.com.au> or on Facebook NSW JOTA-JOTI.

### **JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list:**

Subscribe to JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list and we'll keep you up to date by email with the latest news and announcements about JOTA-JOTI, internet, radio, National and International Scouting, plus lots of other exciting opportunities throughout the year to contact Scouts all over Australia and the world. To subscribe send a blank email to [jota-joti-australia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:jota-joti-australia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### **Australia Radio and Internet Scouting Forum:**

This is the forum to exchange news, views and to share related information with likeminded people from Australia and other nations. Major topics include the World Scout Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI), a monthly World Scout Net on Echolink, Scoutlink all year round, plus your own activities. Youth and adult members and supporters are welcome to subscribe. To subscribe send a blank email to [Australia-radio-internet-scouting-forumsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Australia-radio-internet-scouting-forumsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### **JOTA:**

The amateur radio operator is responsible for all operations of the radio and must be present while the radio station is in use or capable of being used. An adult leader must assist the radio operator and supervise youth members at all times while they are using the radios by controlling behaviour and assisting with on-air conversations.

### **Echolink:**

Safe, fast, easy, clear, fun, your JOTA ticket to International Scouting. This is an alternate method used by Amateur radio operators to communicate around the world and can be used for taking part in JOTA. It is an amateur radio system that works over the Internet, linked to radios and other computers throughout the world. It is generally perfect two way voice communication with the contact of your choice in the country of your choice. You need a standard computer microphone, soundcard and speakers, a reliable internet connection either wired or wireless. The software is able to be downloaded from [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org) after the requested amateur radio operator call sign has been validated by the Echolink administrators. Validation normally takes about 48 hours to confirm the licence details. An Australian Standard or Advanced class amateur radio operator must be present while Echolink is in use by non-licensed scout members.

To make it easy for other JOTA stations to contact you using **ECHOLINK**, insert the word **JOTA** in capitals followed by your location as your Location/Description. The radio operator will assist with the changes to the Echolink configuration to allow this to be displayed on the Echolink Station Users list.



### **Amateur Radio Operator Badge:**

All Scouts Australia members who gain an **Amateur Radio Licence** are able wear a special badge. It is a gold diamond with a green central stripe as seen above. Youth and adult members who have an amateur Radio licence may be awarded this badge. The award is recorded as a skill in the member's record. Please direct enquiries to NSW Branch International team for further information on this award and badge.

### **Scout Amateur Radio Call signs:**

These are available to Scouts for use throughout the year and during JOTA They are Call signs VK2SAA to VK2SDZ. Please direct enquiries to the NSW JOTA-JOTI Coordinator for approval and recommendation of Scout call signs through the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA). The amateur radio operator will use their own call sign in the absence of a Scout allocated call sign.

### **JOTI:**

An adult leader must supervise the computers to control behaviour and assist with conversations. See the netiquette page in this guide.

### **JOTA/JOTI BADGES:**

JOTA/JOTI badges are available from the Scout shop at Port Kembla. Please contact them on 02 4274 1193 or [sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au). For general Inquires/ ordering and about the price of the JOTA/JOTI badges.

### **CHIEF SCOUT'S JOTA/JOTI MESSAGE:**

Download and hear a message by the Chief Scout and Chief Commissioners of Scout's Australia from <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/jotajoti> available from the week before JOTA/JOTI.

## **Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) and Non Scout Members**

All persons on site over the age of 18 must submit a WWCC number to the Site organiser who will keep a record of names and numbers for 7 years and be able to produce records of events at any time if requested.

Non members of scouts can apply for WWCC clearance from <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/Working-With-Children-Check/apply/apply> and apply for a volunteer clearance. Which is free, the applicant will then need to report at any Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office and present proof of identity (either a driver's licence or proof of age card) an application will then be processed and all being well the applicant will have their number in 2 to 3 weeks. The clearance lasts for 5 years.

## Workplace Health and Safety (WHS)

All activity at JOTA/JOTI must comply with scout WHS requirements, Extra care must be taken with electrical hazards, trip hazards and radiation hazards (Speak to your radio operator about potential radiation hazards)

### *Your Group Checklist*

- ✓ Register your group at <http://jotajoti.info> It is open for registrations about two months prior to JOTA/JOTI. You can also complete an online BLOG. This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organisers know numbers of participants, and how it went.
- ✓ Order JOTA/JOTI badges. ( two weeks before event at the Scout Shop)
- ✓ All adults on site must have a WWCC (Working With children Clearance) number, Adult Non members must supply a WWCC number which is to be added to a list and kept by event organiser for 7 year.
- ✓ Invite a Guide Unit.

### *JOTA*

- ✓ Ask a radio operator now if he/she would set up and operate a JOTA Station for you. Arrange a mutually suitable venue e.g. Scout Den, operator's home, campsite. Give your amateur operator the attached JOTA Operator's Page. Note: most Amateurs do not like one day set ups as it take a lot of time and work to set up a station, if you require a one day JOTA consider visiting a radio club instead as most clubs have a station set up at their club rooms.

An Amateur Radio Club may help you to find an operator. The Wireless Institute of Australia Website [www.wia.org.au/clubs/vk2/](http://www.wia.org.au/clubs/vk2/) lists all of the NSW affiliated clubs and their contact details. Generally the amateur radio operators that assist with JOTA will provide all radio and antenna equipment unless the site has preinstalled radio equipment, like Cataract scout Park.

- ✓ Invite your operator to talk at Section meetings about basic radio communication and speaking on air.
- ✓ Appoint people to assist your operator and to organise activities
- ✓ Program for participants while not on the radio.
- ✓ Prepare some local information to help with conversations on air.
- ✓ **Thank your radio operator/s, JOTA/JOTI badges and a small certificate make an excellent memento for the radio operators.**
- ✓ **After JOTA**, complete the attached JOTA/JOTI report and return it **before 3 Nov.**

### *JOTI*

- ✓ Ask a *computer expert/ computer club* to help you set up the hardware and software (a Youth member may fit the bill). Give your *computer expert* the attached JOTI Operator's Page.
- ✓ Decide what sort of JOTI activity would suit your Group. Some options are IRC (Internet Relay Chat) (keyboard chatting), email, webcam, voice, visiting web sites, or any combination of these. Talk with your computer team about the requirements of each
- ✓ Pick a venue with an internet connection, either wired or wireless, and arrange computer hardware and software.

While some Groups set up computers at their dens, others arrange to use computer rooms at schools or local libraries (please check to see if there are security measures in place that will not allow you to access chat sites).

- ✓ Familiarise yourself with the safe JOTI operating practices outlined in the attached 'Netiquette'.
- ✓ Find out what charges will apply for use of equipment and access to the Internet.
- ✓ Invite your *computer expert* to speak at Section meetings about computers, JOTI, and Netiquette.
- ✓ Provide close Leader supervision to police Netiquette and keep users within the aims of your JOTI activity.
- ✓ Program for participants while not on the Computers
- ✓ Prepare some local information to help with conversations on Computers
- ✓ **Thank your computer operator/s, JOTA/JOTI badges and a small certificate make an excellent memento for the computer operators.**
- ✓ **After JOTI**, complete the attached JOTA/JOTI report and return it **before 3 NOV.**

# Netiquette Guidelines for JOTI

*This is a condensed version of Netiquette Guidelines for JOTI at [www.jotajoti.info](http://www.jotajoti.info).*

Here are some simple rules to make your JOTI experience FUN & ENJOYABLE while at the same time being SAFE.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Never give out your full name, address, and phone number, etc. to anyone while chatting or E-Mailing.
- If you receive an E-Mail or other internet communication from anyone that WANTS TO MEET YOU or asks for any personal information - DO NOT REPLY! Tell your leader immediately if you receive one.

## SCOUTING COURTESY

- Reply to all messages that are received.
- If you promise to send information or exchange badges, etc. keep your word.
- When using E-Mail or even signing someone's guestbook do not use language which could offend others. Also, try to be positive, constructive and focus on the fun aspect of Cyber-Scouting!

## EMAIL GUIDELINES

- Assume that mail on the internet is not secure (particularly during JOTI weekend where all and sundry may be looking at emails). Never put in a mail message anything you would not put on a postcard.
- Respect the copyright on material that you reproduce. Almost every country has copyright laws.
- Never send chain letters via E-Mail. Chain letters are forbidden on the internet.
- Good rule of thumb: Be conservative in what you send and liberal in what you receive. Don't send heated messages, even if you are provoked.
- With writing Email messages always keep it simple.
- Keep in mind other peoples culture, language and humour when Emailing people in another country.
- Use mixed case (like in this document, where capital letters are necessary). UPPER CASE LOOKS AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING and people don't like that.
- Don't send photos, documents, sound files or any other attachments with an E-Mail as they may take too long for the recipient to download - wasting their time and money.
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## GENERAL INTERNET RELAY CHAT (IRC) GUIDELINES

- When you enter a chat room, it is wise to "listen" first to get to know what's being discussed on the channel before jumping in.
- It's not necessary to greet everyone in the chat room individually - usually one "Hello" is enough.
- Don't badger for personal information such as gender, age or location (the famous a/s/l line when you first talk to someone in a chat room!). After you have built an acquaintance with another user, these questions MAY be appropriate, but that is up to you. If hesitant - don't say it.

## ADDITIONAL RULES FROM SCOUTLINK (OFFICIAL JOTI CHAT CHANNELS)

- **Conduct** - Please conduct yourselves according to the Scout Law and Promise.
- **Idling** - Channel sitting or idling are not permitted. People are here to talk to others. There is nothing worse than trying to talk to someone who is not there.
- **Bots and Scripts** - No unauthorised bots and scripts are permitted
- **Sounds** - No random wav and midis are to be played on channels. The channel #sounds is available for people to share sounds with others.

- □ **Language** - No abusive or foul language will be permitted. You will be kicked out (from 5 minutes to indefinitely -even a whole ISP may not be permitted to participate if your behaviour is incorrect)
- □ **Flooding** - No flooding by type, colour or sounds are permitted
- **Personal info** - Please do not give out your phone number or address on open channel!

Before and while JOTA is being conducted updates from the Branch Coordinator may be sent about things like NSW Site lists and other important operating information via email to the Region Coordinators or in Facebook at NSW JOTA-JOTI

## Media Releases and Publicity

JOTA-JOTI is a great chance to publicise your Group and Scouting. Combine some of the following details with information about your own JOTA/JOTI activity:

□□ JOTA-JOTI is the **largest annual activity** in World Scouting.

□□ JOTA-JOTI is held every year on the third full weekend in October.

□□ **JOTA-JOTI enables Scouts from ages 6 and up to experience a World Jamboree**, meet and share ideas, make friends, and have fun using radio and computer communication.

□□ This year Scouts and Leaders from NSW will make friends and share ideas, along with almost 1 million Scouts and Guides around Australia and the World.

### JOTA

- □ Youth Members have the opportunity to learn about and use a range of **radio technology**. Examples are: data, amateur television, voice, satellite, long range high frequency radio, and Morse code.
- □ **Venues** vary from the Scout Den or campsite, to high-rise buildings and mountain tops.
- **Radio operators** are the key to JOTA. Equipment and skills are provided at no charge.
- JOTA unites **three community groups**: Scouts Australia, Guides Australia, and the Amateur Radio Operators.

### JOTI

- **JOTI was first officially held in 1997**, having started spontaneously with the widespread use of the Internet,
- **JOTI activities** include: Internet Relay Chat, visiting Scouting websites and exchanging emails.
- **Scout Netiquette** outlines safe and responsible use of the Internet.
- **Venues** may include local Scout halls, campsites, libraries, schools, colleges and universities.

# *JOTA Operator's page*

PLEASE PASS THIS PAGE TO THE RADIO OPERATOR(S)

Firstly, thank you for assisting Scouts with JOTA/JOTI – the largest annual Scout event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The following is provided for your information. Further information is available on the Scout Australian and World web sites

Scout websites, <http://www.scouts.com.au> and <http://www.jotajoti.info> respectively.

Register your group at [www.jotajoti.info](http://www.jotajoti.info). This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organisers know numbers of participants, and how it went. Before and while JOTA is on updates from the Branch Coordinator may be sent about things like NSW station lists and other important operating information via email to the region coordinators or in Facebook at NSW JOTA-JOTI

**SCOUT CALLING FREQUENCIES - *Please OSY off the frequency after establishing communication. No communication between youth members is permitted on calling frequencies ever.***

**World CW calling frequencies:** (Updated from 1 July 2007)  
3.570, 7.030, 14.060, 18.080, 21.140, 24.910, 28.180, 50.160

**World voice calling frequencies:** (Updated from 1 July 2007)  
3.690 & 3.940 MHz, 7.090 & 7.190, 14.290, 18.140, 21.360, 24.960, 28.390, 50.160

**Australian voice calling frequencies:**  
3.650, 7.090, 14.190, 21.190, 28.590, 52.160

**Calling frequencies for Slow Scan TV (SSTV):**  
3.630, 7.033, 14.227

**Calling Frequencies for PSK31**  
14.070

## **CHIEF SCOUT'S JOTA/JOTI MESSAGE**

Broadcast on Saturday October 16 at 1.00pm (1300K or 0300Z) for 10 minutes. Test transmissions will commence at 12.50pm (1250K). Speeches by the Chief Scout, Patron of Guides, and Scout and Guide Chief Commissioners will conclude by 1.10pm (1310K), followed by a brief call back. The Message will be available to be downloaded as an audio file via [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au) the week before JOTA/JOTI.

**A list of stations and frequencies broadcasting the Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Message may be announced on WIANEWS in the weeks before JOTA/JOTI.**

**'Thankyou'** – Thank you for enabling Scouts to participate in JOTA. Your Scout Group should submit a JOTA Station Report before the 30th October including your name, call sign, and a brief summary of contacts and participants direct to your Scout contact



PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS LOG SHEET FOR YOUR COMPUTER OPERATOR

# JAMBOREE ON THE AIR Contact Log Sheet

**JOTA** \_\_\_\_\_ year    PAGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Your Group:</b>		<b>Your Call sign:</b>	
<b>Your Location:</b>		<b>Your Email Address:</b>	

Date	Time	Channel	Username	Section / Role	Scout / Guide Group	Country	E-mail Address	Comment

# *JOTI Operator's page*

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Register your group at <http://www.jotajoti.info> it is open for registrations about two months before JOTA-JOTI. This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organisers know numbers of participants, and how it went.

**SOFTWARE TO USE** - **mIRC** can be downloaded from [www.mirc.co.uk](http://www.mirc.co.uk). Install this on your computer that you are using for JOTI.

## **JOTI CHAT ROOM LOCATIONS**

Dedicated Scout/Guide Chat Rooms are available through *The Scoutlink Project*, a group of volunteer Scout and Guide Leaders who maintain chat rooms for your use. The following server addresses take you to a free server in the particular area of choice (Australia, America or Europe). Program *mIRC* to go to anyone of these servers:

### **Server Location Server Address Ports**

Random Scoutlink server chat.scoutlink.net 6667-6668

Random Australian Scoutlink server chat.au.scoutlink.net 6667-6668

Random American Scoutlink Server chat.am.scoutlink.net 6667-6668

Random European Scoutlink server chat.eu.scoutlink.net 6667-6668

**WEBCHAT** - If you are using a network of computers at a school, university, library or commercial business you may experience problems with *mIRC* from the computer's **firewall**. *Scoutlink* offers a facility to chat via a normal Internet Browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape). Go to their web site [www.scoutlink.net](http://www.scoutlink.net) and go to "Web Chat (Java)" section. Browser chat uses the similar layout to *mIRC* and is easy to use. Please follow their instructions on the web page. **Use Webchat as a last resort measure and not as a replacement to *mIRC*.**

**Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Message** — You can download an Audio file of the Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Address, which is heard over the airwaves at 1.00pm (Eastern Standard Time). Download this file and play it at your JOTA/JOTI activity.

**Download the audio file from:** [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au)

The **Chat Log Sheet** (over page) is designed so that you can keep a record of who you chatted with on the JOTI weekend. Have a world map on hand to identify where your chatters come from! Send pictures to your new friends of your Scout Hall, etc. There are plenty of ideas for you to give your Scouts/Guides a unique JOTI weekend. Be aware of the rules of JOTI – please become familiar with the JOTI Netiquette (a summary is printed in this booklet).

**Thank You** for helping out and allowing Scouts/Guides participate in the World's largest Jamboree!

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS LOG SHEET FOR YOUR COMPUTER OPERATOR

# JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET

## Chat Log Sheet

JOTI \_\_\_\_\_ year      PAGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Your Group:</b>		<b>Your Username:</b>	
<b>Your Location:</b>		<b>Your Email Address:</b>	

Date	Time	Channel	Username	Section / Role	Scout / Guide Group	Country	E-mail Address	Comment

## JOTA/JOTI Group Report Form

Please complete and return this report **before 3 NOV**

Post completed report to: your region office, region JOTA/JOTI coordinator, or NSW international team member or e-mail a report containing this information to: [Karl.humphreys@bigpond.com](mailto:Karl.humphreys@bigpond.com)

The leader co-ordinating the JOTA/JOTI activity will need to collect the information from the radio and/or Internet operators to complete this report. Your anticipated assistance is greatly appreciated. Your report will be used in the Branch and National reports. Including your yarns, photographs, newspaper articles etc. This may be sent to the World Scout Bureau. Pictures of your event are also welcome and helpful

Group: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area/Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader compiling report: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scouting Role: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 After hours phone No.:( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We participated in a (Please circle): **JOTA (radio only)** **JOTI (internet only)** **JOTA & JOTI**

Scout Groups that Participated	Joeys	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers	Leaders	Guides	Non Members

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of information if any photographs or newspaper clippings were published as part of your event.**

Name of Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date published: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of contacts made -**

	JOTA Contacts		JOTI Contacts/Activity	
	Scout/Guide	Non Scout/Guide	JOTI chats	Scout/Guide websites 'hit'
<b>No. of Australian contacts</b>				
<b>No. of overseas contacts</b>				
<b>Total No. of contacts</b>				

**JOTA STATION INFORMATION**

Station Manager/Operator in charge of station: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of operators: \_\_\_\_\_

Station call sign(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ JOTA station location: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOTI BASE INFORMATION**

JOTI Base Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Nick Name Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge of computer activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of IT staff: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list overleaf or attach sheets detailing your interesting JOTA/JOTI activities, highlights, and memorable contacts.**

