

JOTA Frequency Cheat Sheet

All frequencies in MHz. Source: Scouting America JOTA Guidelines for Amateur Radio Operators. WOSM = World Organization of the Scout Movement; its calling frequencies mark the center of international activity.

HF SSB Voice

Band	Calling	US segment
20 m	14.290	14.270-14.290 14.320-14.340
17 m	18.140	18.140-18.150
15 m	21.360	21.360-21.400
12 m	24.960	24.960-24.980
10 m*	28.390	28.350-28.400

HF CW

Band	Calling	US segment
20 m	14.060	14.050-14.060
17 m	18.080	18.070-18.080
15 m*	21.140	21.130-21.140
12 m	24.910	24.900-24.910
10 m*	28.180	28.170-28.180

* Technician class licensees can operate on these bands and modes. All other HF rows require General class or higher.

VHF/UHF Handhelds (FM Simplex)

Band	Calling channel	Other channels
2 m	147.540	147.450, 147.480, 147.510
70 cm	446.000	445.950, 446.050, 446.100, 446.150

Listen first to avoid interfering with another QSO or a control link. Avoid 146.520 (national simplex calling) and 146.550 (mobiles and RVers).

Repeater (2 m)

Repeater	Output	Offset	Input	PL tone
Billerica (MMRA, W1DC)	147.120	+600 kHz	147.720	146.2

Procedure

- Call "CQ JOTA" or "CQ Jamboree", or answer a station that is calling.
- Make first contact on the calling frequency, then move to a nearby frequency to keep it open.
- Not a contest. Count Scouts on both sides of a QSO, not QSOs.
- Scouts may talk directly only to stations in countries with a US third-party agreement (arrrl.org/third-party-operating-agreements). Otherwise the licensed operator talks for the Scouts.
- A licensed control operator must be present at every HF station.