



Youngsters On The Air



General Information and Rules for December 2018

The main purpose of this activity is to show the amateur radio hobby to young people and to encourage young people to make use of the ham radio waves.

The ZS9YOTA callsign should be primarily used by youngsters. Youngsters are defined by the IARU as persons under the age of 26 years.

Please remember that this is not a formal contest.

The main aim is to get youngsters on the air and to make contact with youngsters all over the world.

Please note that the ZS9YOTA callsign registered as an educational callsign and may be used by ANY person under the age of 26. Individuals that does not have a callsign (in other words is not a licensed radio amateur) he/she is allowed to use the ZS9YOTA callsign under supervision of a fully licensed radio amateur.

LOGGING

It is most important to keep proper logs of all contacts made.

Your log for the day must be sent to Noel ZR6DX at zr6dx@iafrica.com preferably on a daily basis.

All logs must be sent in ADIF format.

All basic info MUST be logged e.g. callsign, frequency and mode, time and the callsign operator.

QSL-CARDS

There is one uniform card that will be send by the IARU via the bureau by OM2FY.

No need to make your own QSL cards.

BANDS AND MODES

All amateur band may be used with any mode at any time of the day DX or local.

AWARDS

Every year there are awards available. To obtain an award you have to make QSOs (on-air contacts) with the YOTA special event stations listed at <https://events.ham-yota.com/>

Rules:

- Awards can be requested by licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners.

- SWLs must submit 2-way communication details. Details of communication required: callsign, worked station, date and time (UTC), band and mode. This requirement also applies to enquiries towards organizers regarding your missing QSOs from the database.
- Awards are free, they will be electronically distributed.
- Awards can be achieved by fulfilling the requirements of award levels.
- Scores are calculated based on your QSOs with YOTA special event stations, following these rules.
- Only QSOs made between 1 December 2018 00:00 UTC and 31 December 2018 24:00 UTC can be used to apply for the awards.
- All bands and all modes are valid.
- Equation for calculation of your scores is simple: 'Number of points' = ('Worked stations' * 2) + 'Worked bandslots'. This also means, you get 3 points (+1 'station' * 2 + 1 'bandslot') for the first QSO with a station, and 1 point for every other bandslot with this specific station.
- Bandslots are combination of all amateur radio bands and CW, PPhone and DIGI modes. Contacts made using the Morse Code count as CW, any mode using transmission of speech (LSB, USB, FM, AM etc) counts as PPhone, and all other modes combined count as DIGI.
- For example, if you work 5 stations, DA0YOTA on 80CW, 40CW, HA6YOTA on 80SSB, 80CW, ON4YOTA on 40SSB, PA6YOTA on 40DIGI and I15YOTA on 40SSB, you have 5 'stations' * 2 + 7 'bandslots' = 17 points and you are entitled to a Bronze award.

In total there are 4 awards to achieve:

- Bronze: 15 points
- Silver: 35 points
- Gold: 65 points
- Platinum: 105 points
