



Jamboree On The Air

Amateur Radio On Air Procedures & Etiquette

During Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), speaking on amateur radio requires strict supervision by a qualified operator and group leader, protecting personal privacy, and following standard call-sign and turn-taking protocols.

At JOTA at the Boree, your “on air” time is limited to **30 minutes** so it is important to listen carefully, speak clearly, keep questions and answers short and take turns.

To identify the amateur radio JOTA station at the Boree, we will be using the call sign “**VK2LE**”.

Essential Rules

- **Mandatory Licensing Control:** A licensed amateur radio operator must remain present and in control of the station at all times while youth members are speaking on the microphone.
- **No Private or Personal Info:** Never share full names, home addresses, phone numbers, or school names over the air. Use only first names and general locations (like city or scout / guide group).
- **Forbidden Topics:** Strictly avoid discussing politics, religion, or controversial public issues, and never broadcast music.

Speaking Etiquette and Protocol

- **Station Identification:** Always state the call sign of the station you are calling, followed by your own station's call sign or identifier.
- **Use the Call Phrase:** For JOTA calls, use the standard format, such as; “*CQ JOTA, CQ JOTA, this is [Call Sign] calling and listening.*”
- **Clear Turn-Taking:** Speak slowly, clearly, and concisely. End your turn by saying “*over*” or passing it explicitly to the other person, and wait a few seconds before transmitting so others can break in if needed.
- **Be Polite and Patient:** Listen before you talk to ensure the frequency is free, and share the microphone so every participant gets a fair turn to speak.
- **Pause between listening and speaking:** Sometimes your contact with another JOTA station may be through a radio repeater or digital link. It is good practice to leave a pause of a few seconds before transmitting, to allow the link to reset or for another radio station to call (in case of an emergency).