

GOTA Scoring FAQ



IMPORTANT: For 2023, the GOTA Station scoring has changed from previous years.

Individual operators of a GOTA station can earn points as follows:

- The individual operator of a GOTA station earns 5 points for any QSO made from the GOTA Station, regardless of the mode (CW, Phone, or Digital)
- There is no limit to the number of QSOs that a GOTA operator can make.
- If the GOTA station is supervised by a designated GOTA Coach for at least 10 QSOs, a single 100-point GOTA Coach Bonus will be earned.

Q. Do you have to be a licensed amateur to operate the GOTA station?

A. An unlicensed person may never operate an amateur station. As per the FCC rules, they may *participate* by operating the station, but there must always be a licensee at the control point of the GOTA station with an operator's license class that allows them to use the band and mode being used.

Q: What is the maximum number of QSOs that may be completed and claimed by operators of the GOTA station?

A: Effective in Field Day 2023, there is no maximum number of QSOs that can be made by operators of the GOTA station.

Q: How do you earn GOTA bonus points?

A: As stated above, any QSOs made by operators at the GOTA station are worth 5 points, regardless of the mode (CW, Phone, or Digital) used. The points earned by GOTA operators will be added to the total QSO points when submitting the entry.

Q: How do we claim the GOTA Bonus?

A: First, mark the appropriate area in Item 16 on the Summary Sheet. Then in Item 20 on the Summary Sheet, you must list the name and/or callsign of each operator of the GOTA station and the number of QSOs completed by that operator. Then transfer the Total GOTA QSO Points to Line 12 of the summary sheet. If you do not complete Item 20, the GOTA bonus may be disallowed.

Q: How is the GOTA Coach Bonus calculated?

A: A single 100-point bonus can be earned by having a designated GOTA Coach present for at least 10 QSOs made from the GOTA Station. The GOTA Coach must be present and actively coaching the operator of the GOTA station to qualify for this bonus. If claiming the GOTA Coach Bonus, check the box below Item 20 on the summary sheet.