

# Guidelines for JOTA/JOTI

*This is a condensed version of Netiquette Guidelines for JOTA/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, facebook address, skype name, and phone number, etc. to anyone while chatting or messaging.
- 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, voice 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 Scouting!

## MESSAGE GUIDELINES

- Assume that mail on the internet is not secure (particularly during JOTI weekend where all in sundry may be looking at what you are sending). Never put in a 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. Chain letters are forbidden on the internet.
- Good rule of thumb: Be conservative in what you send liberal in what you receive. Don't send heated messages, even if you are provoked.
- With writing messages always keep it simple.
- Keep in mind other peoples culture, language and humour when communicating with 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 message 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.

## ADDITONAL 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 are 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 on 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 Face book at NSW jota joti