

## A.GINFO 11 (2024) JOTA/JOTI

The following guidelines have been developed to support Units participating in JOTI programs in the upcoming JOTA/JOTI weekend in accordance with Girl Guides Australia's Child Safe Child Friendly Framework. Girl Guides Australia does not endorse individual members registering on the JOTA/JOTI platforms.

To support Girl Guides Unit participating in JOTA/JOTI, the following procedures are recommended:

### ***Registration for JOTI:***

There are 2 sites through which a unit can register.

### **World Association of the Scout Movement**

[JOTA-JOTI 2024 | Scouts for a Greener World \(jotajoti.info\)](https://jotajoti.info)

Registration needs to be done as Scouts Australia. As this is a WOSM database we suggest that Girl Guide email addresses be used rather than personal emails and all information is provided at the individual leader's discretion.

### **ScoutLink**

[ScoutLink – Connecting Scouts and Guides Worldwide](#)

Choose Connect >IRC (webchat) >Chat Now

No personal information needs to be given, just a nick name chosen. It is recommended that full names NOT be used.

As with any Girl Guide Activity, leaders are reminded of the following:

- The Leader in Charge needs to retain a register of all youth and adult members in attendance and provide this to the State office or kept in a manner required by the State
- All GGA policies to be adhered to including ratios and Child Safe, Child Friendly policies
- Even though this is a Scout and Guide Activity, it is not possible to verify the identity of everyone that the Guides might be chatting to online, so leaders need to be extra careful to ensure a safe environment for the Guides.
- Guides need to be supervised closely by an adult when they are online and no private chat rooms are to be accessed by Guides. Leaders should also remind Guides not to provide any personal information while chatting including personal emails, addresses, phone numbers, where they go to school etc.
- No other platforms, servers, or chats on the ScoutLink page to be accessed by the youth e.g., Minecraft Link

Some suggested questions that the Guides might want to ask to start chatting:

- Have you participated in JOTI before?
- How many Guides/Scouts are in your group?
- How long have you been in Guides/Scouts?
- What is the best thing you do at Scouts/Guides?
- What badges have you got? Which was your favourite to do?
- When/where was your last camp? What did you do?
- What are your hobbies?
- What sports do you play? Are you on a team?
- Who is your favourite sports team?
- Where do you like to go on holiday?
- What is your favourite food?
- What do you like to watch on TV?
- What games do you like to play?

### ***Registration for JOTA:***

Registration for JOTA is done through the Scouts Australia database. To follow GGA procedures, Units should not register directly with Scouts Australia. Instead, Units should contact their SGGO and request a registration on their behalf. The SGGO will register for the Unit and provide details back to the Unit.

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### **Badges**

Each year there is an official participation badge for those taking part. Badges can be ordered through your usual Guide Badge supplier or your State Guide Shop.

