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## WAG and JOTA

### Introduction

This paper describes a method to allow the WAG contest and the Jamboree On The Air activity operating in harmony.

### Background

The Worked All Germany Contest (WAG) dates from the WADM and the WAY2-Contests and takes place on the third full weekend of October since 1959. The Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) is taking place at the same weekend for about the same period of time.

During the JOTA young scouts (without amateur radio licence) are allowed to share their experiences and collect first impressions of our common hobby amateur radio under the supervision of experienced HAMs. During 40 or so years WAG contestants and JOTA participants had no problems with each other on the bands. Due to the increasing number of WAG participants since the year 2000 there were several complaints from JOTA scouts who feel disturbed by the contest operation of others.

Hence in 2006 the DARC Committee for DX and HF-Contesting invited JOTA representatives of the major German scout organizations to discuss the situation. After a testing phase in 2006 a new rule was introduced in 2007 which states that WAG contest operation is not allowed in the following contest-free sections to reduce interference with the participants of JOTA:

80m: CW: 3560-3800 kHz, SSB: 3650-3700 kHz  
40m: SSB: 7080-7140 kHz  
20m: CW: 14060-14350 kHz, SSB: 14100-14125 kHz and 14280-14350 kHz  
15m: SSB: 21350-21450 kHz  
10m: SSB: 28225-28400 kHz

Every year since 2007, DARC and JOTA representatives discuss the current situation after the contest. Apart from some individual cases these contest-free sections are respected by the WAG contesters. However there is also an increasing number of cases where interested scouts are joining the WAG contest or contestants are chatting with scouts.

## **Recommendation**

All member societies of the IARU Region 1 can support the JOTA activity by encouraging in their publications contesters to respect these contest-free sections. All radio amateurs who are going to assist the scouts on the bands should know these contest-free sections to allow unharmed JOTA operations.

