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UPCOMING: YOTA Contest – 18th July 2021

The first YOTA Contest has already taken place and was a big success. Over 700 logs were received within the deadline and are currently worked on to provide the final results as soon as possible. Meanwhile, claimed results can be looked at on the YOTA Contest website. Further, we are very happy to have received over 100 YOTA logs, where operators have to be \leq 25 years old.

The next second session will be taking place in about 1 month already. Due to unforeseen date collissions we had to shift the upcoming session from the previously announced Saturday (17th July) to Sunday, **18th July.** The announced times will remain the same from **1000 – 2159 UTC**. We are sorry for any inconveniences.

So, are you ready to compete within the next YOTA Contest? Everyone in the ham radio community can take part, it takes place three times per year and only lasts 12 hours. Its aim is to increase the youngsters activity on the air, strengthening the reputation of the YOTA program and demonstrate the support for youngsters across the world.

We have implemented 8 different categories which also include special ones for youngsters (≤ 25 years old) only. Covering the 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m bands the competition will take place in CW and SSB modes.

The contest exchange used will be the age of the participating operators. Different ages also serve as multipliers during the contest.

Contacts between the own continent are worth 1 point, working DX is worth 3 points but the most points will be achieved by working youngsters. The younger the operator the more points one will get for the QSO.

During the past month we have received several rule translations into various languages. A big thank you to the contributors! So, if you are not that fluent in english, check them out here.

If you have any further questions after reading through the <u>rules</u> please go to our <u>FAQ page</u> to see if your question has been answered already. If you still have a question, feel free to drop the YOTA Contest Committee an email at <u>contest@ham-yota.com</u> and we are happy to reply.

On behalf of the YOTA Contest Committee,

73 Philipp, DK6SP

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