



International Amateur Radio Mountain Award Program
and Mountain Challenge

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Principles of the GMA

1. GMA activators carry out their hobby in harmony with the environment. Destruction or being a nuisance is not allowed.
2. GMA activators do not endanger themselves nor others. Safety is paramount.
3. Radio operation will not be from a motor vehicle. No part of the station shall be connected to a motor vehicle.
4. Power supply: The use of mains electricity or the use of fuel-powered generating sets of any kind is not permitted for GMA scoring.
5. The use of pedelecs (bicycle status) is expressly permitted, but not S-pedelecs.
6. GMA-Activators are as amateur radio operators and hikers honest, comradely and considerate.
7. Participants of the GMA that violate these principles, can be temporarily or permanently excluded from GMA.

Mountain Award (MA)

Activator

1. The "Principles of the GMA" are to be observed
2. All the mountains that have a reference number for a program award 1, for example, SOTA (Summits on the Air), HEMA (UK only), etc. ¹, and special GMA References can be activated. The GMA "GMA Definitions of Summits" ² must be taken into account
3. The final part of the ascent to the summit must be done using your own locomotion.
4. The location of the activators on the summit may have a maximum deviation of 25m vertically from the coordinates of the summit i.e. the difference of the height of the summit and the height of your location can have a maximum of 25m.
5. The location of the activator on the summit under minimum height (IS-references) must be in the immediate vicinity of the highest point, here does not apply here the 25m rule.
6. A minimum of four QSOs each with a different station must be made on a summit.
7. QSOs with other activators on the same summit do not count.
8. QSOs via terrestrial repeaters do not count.
9. The activator will get the summit points corresponding to his activation.
10. A summit may be activated once per day and be counted (00.00 UTC to 24.00 UTC clock is regarded as one day)
11. Only one summit-reference can be assigned each activation with overlapping activation zones.
12. After the activation of five different references in one day each further activation must be accompanied with a unique photo or a photo from GPS or a screenshot from a smartphone with GPS app. APRS or GPX tracks will also be recognized

¹ See Appendix: Links

² See GMA definitions of summits

Chaser

1. The chaser must make a QSO with an activator, in which the two exchanged at least call sign and report.
2. An activator can achieve chaser points for QSOs, which he performs during his expedition with an activator on another summit (S2S QSO Summit to Summit)
3. Chaser points are credited only once per day, regardless of how often an activation station or different callsigns were worked.

Summit Points

1. For the evaluation of the GMA-activations a uniform rule will be used for the calculation of the points of the height of the summit.
 - 1.1. The meaning "summit" is defined in "Definition of Summits"
 - 1.2. Each full height of 100 meters is awarded a point. (Examples 120m=1 Pt., 700m=7 Pt., 1299m=12 Pt., etc.)
 - 1.3. For bumps under minimum height, one point is awarded
2. The chaser gets the same number of summit points as the activator, but no bonus points.
3. For QSOs with a GMA reference the chaser will get double the amount of points as the activator.

Bonus points

1. During the months of November, December, January and February each activation will be awarded an additional 3 winter bonus points.
2. The chaser does not get any winter bonus points.

Certificates (Awards)

1. Upon reaching certain point limits (eg 100, 250, 500, 1000, ...) for different categories awards will be issued.

Ranking

1. The score will be published in a hit-list on the GMA website.

Mountain Challenge (MC)

1. The "Principles of the GMA" are to be observed
2. This is an annual competition.
3. The winner is the participant who has achieved at the end of the contest period, the most points.
4. The contest period begins on 1 January at 00.00 UTC and ends 31 December at
5. 24.00 UTC
6. Each participant with more than 50 points will be awarded a certificate of participation.
7. The rules for activators of the Mountain Award are valid here, however, starting with the first QSO, activation and bonus points can be claimed.
8. The rules apply to chasers from the Mountain Award, however, the chaser receives two points for a QSO with a GMA reference and one point for every other reference (SOTA, ...)

Activation- and Bonus Points

1. Each activation, regardless of the height of the mountain counts for three points
2. Upon attaining 4 QSOs the activator receives one bonus point
3. The achievement of 10 full QSOs counts one additional point, ie, at 10, 20, 30, ... QSOs
4. For at least 4 VHF QSO (frequencies > 30 MHz) one bonus point is given.
5. During the months of November, December, January and February for each activation one Winter Bonus point will be credited.

Ranking

1. The score will be published as a hit on the GMA website.

S2S Weekend

The S2S weekend will be held once per quarter. The date will be posted on the GMA website. All points scored in the S2S weekends are multiplied by 2, and are included into the (G)MA and (G)MC results.

Club Stations (Multi Operator)

1. No distinction is made between a multi-operator class and a single-operator class.
2. All QSOs of an operator can be logged with the club station callsign on his account.

Definition of Summits

1. A GMA summit must meet the following criteria:
2. Minimum height of 100 meters above sea level, the mountain's name and the altitude are present on a map. e.g. the top 50 series of the land survey offices.
3. In exceptional cases various constructions may also be included when they dominate the summit (eg, observation deck, pump storage reservoir, observation tower, ...)
4. The respective highest elevation on islands³ is also valid below the minimum height when the other criteria are met.
5. The mountain should stand out clearly from the surrounding area.
6. Summits whose complete activation zone can not be entered or may not be are not to be chosen (military training areas, nature reserves, private property, ...). Dangerous peaks (e.g. risk of rock fall or erosion) are also ineligible for inclusion. If such a summit is still in the GMA-list, this must be reported immediately to prevent damage.

³ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Island> (the german version is crucial)

GMA Reference Number for a Summit

Currently, the following syntax for the reference number is valid.

DA/TH-003

Consisting of:

- DA/ prefix
- TH- 2-character prefix of the region (Alps) or state
- IS- for the highest point of an island under minimum height
- 003 3-digit or 4-digit sequential summit number

Outside of Germany can be created in addition to the references of other mountain programs, special GMA references. The reference numbers must be different from those of other mountain programs and are awarded in consultation with a GMA administrator.

Additions and Deletions of summits

Changes and additions may be conducted independently online. In the case of a summit deletion the summit is not deleted from the database, however it is marked with the status blocked. Already received points remain in the database but the summit can no longer be activated.

Of General Interest

1. The GMA (German Mountain Award) started on 1. April 2012.
2. Renamed to GMA - Global Mountain Activity starting with 1. August 2015
3. The contest period for the Mountain Challenge (MC) ends on the 31.12.2012, 24.00 UTC
4. The Rules can be changed or extended at any time
5. appeals for regress will not be honored

Appendix

Links to other Mountain Programs

- Summits On The Air www.sota.org.uk
- HuMPs Award www.hema.org.uk
- Wainwrights On The Air www.wota.org.uk
- SOTA Italia www.sotaitalia.it

GMA Regions (Examples)

Prefix with appended Ø

- OEØ = Austria
- OMØ = Slovakia
- S5Ø = Slovenia

Prefix with appended M (=Mountain)

- E7M = Bosnia and Hercegovina
- LZM = Bulgaria
- V5M = Namibia

Alternate Prefix

- DA = Germany
- FA = France
- PB = Netherlands

For the currently valid prefixlist for GMA references, there is a link on the home page of <http://www.cqGMA.net>