

# 11M & PMR TOTA (Towns On The Air)

*Committee referencing of Cities On The Air.*



## Rules

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## INTRODUCTION

**Faced with a craze** for the activations of VOTA (Villages On The Air), **municipalities**,... **"In the broad sense"** ; And in order **to be able to meet all expectations**, requests, ... as well as **to satisfy everyone**, the "VOTA committee" is evolving.

After the creation of the VOTA, **we announce the creation of the "TOTA" (Towns On The Air)!**

Compared to the VOTA, **"the TOTA"** will therefore take care of "all **municipalities with more than 2,000 inhabitants**". The TOTAs will operate **"on the same organization"** as well as **on the same bases, rules, ... of the VOTA** (Except for points and references by municipality).

For more information, **please check the official website regularly**, it will be updated regularly.

**11M & PMR TOTA is a non-profit organizing committee** that does not receive **subsidies or membership fees**. We do not manage any treasury, its members represented **by all the activators of all radio groups** are totally **volunteers**. **The VOTA committee works to promote, organize, manage, ... the references and activations of the VOTA (Villages On The Air) on the free bands** (27Mhz and 446Mhz) through the contest called: **"TOTA Tour which is open to all"**. Through **our common passion**, we want to discover and promote **heritage and its magnificent cities**.

## Definition of a City :

For a long time, demographers (and INSEE) set a threshold **that separates urban and rural areas** and therefore the city from the village. Historically, any municipality with **more than 2,000 inhabitants** is considered a city.

## The advantages of activating a TOTA :

The advantage of this activity is **that at the same time** and on the same site, **in the same city**, you can also **combine**, optimize and **therefore activate/validate one and/or more references** on the same activation!

Suppose, **for example**: that I am **in Charente-Maritime**, in department 17 **in the city of Saint-Denis D'OLERON, therefore on the île D'Oléron**,...

I could **very well validate** and activate **the following 3 references at the same time** :

- 1) **The city** of Saint-Denis D'OLERON under the reference TF-XXXXX **as a TOTA**
- 2) **The île D'Oléron** being an IOTA under the reference **EU-032 as IOTA**
- 3) **The citadel** of Château-d'Oléron on the city Le Château-d'Oléron being a citadel under the reference CF17-018 as **COTA**, ... In concrete terms, **that is to say**:

If I activate for example **the village of Saint-Denis D'OLERON in TOTA** this activation will also be **valid for all other references** (IOTA, LOTA, COTA, FFF, ...) **and vice versa if all the criteria are met** !

**You too want to:**

- Get involved **in the organization** and join us?
- **Activate** and democratize this new activity, ...?

**Contact us** using the contact form and/or via email: at [info@vota11m.fr](mailto:info@vota11m.fr)



## Rules

### 1 TOTA Tour Goal:

Through our common passion, we want to discover and ***promote the rural heritage and its magnificent cities.***

The goal ***is to innovate***, to create a ***new radio activity*** and challenge ***on the free bands*** (27 Mhz and 446 Mhz), in this case ***the T.O.T.A (Towns On The Air) concept followed by the TOTA Tour competition.*** This consists ***of "activating/confirming different cities"*** in France ***and around the world*** according to this regulation. This activity ***also aims to bring together radio operators*** in a friendly, friendly, ... ***camaraderie, regardless of the call sign and the membership of the Dx Group!***

### 2 Admission, Who can participate?

The TOTA Tour 11m & PMR ***Challenge is without a Dx group label***, so it is ***NEUTRAL, INDEPENDENT AND open to all*** 11m & PMR radio Dx groups and/or independent Dxers... ***without any restriction*** and this, as a ***hunter or activator*** (whether in multi-calls, multi-groups and/or single operator).

### 3 Dates of implementation of the TOTA Tour:

#### 3.1 Start date of the TOTA activity:

The start of TOTA activations will take place ***from October 1, 2024 at 00:00*** (UTC).

#### 3.2 TOTA Tour Dates:

***The first year***, the scoring of the challenge (competition) will exceptionally take place ***over +/- 15 months*** (i.e. from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025). Then ***the following year, in January 2026***, the challenge will be carried out as stipulated, ***over a calendar year***, (i.e. from January 1st to December 31st of each year).

### 4 Referencing a city:

#### 4.1 General referencing conditions:

In order for a city to be listed, it must be able to ***meet the requirements*** according to the definition of a city. That is to say, ***any municipality with more than 2,000 inhabitants*** is considered a city.

#### 4.2 Types of city listings:

There will be ***two*** types of ***referencing, examples*** (for a French city):

- The city's ***global*** referencing = ***WT*** (World Town) and/or T-FRA
- The national referencing of the city = ***TF*** (French Town).

#### 4.3 Principle of referencing a city:

The system and principle of referencing a city will be established as follows:

Example for ***the world reference*** of a French city: ***WT0001*** and/"or ***WT-FRA001"***

Example for ***the reference*** to the ***local*** level of a French city (Div. 14): ***TF17-810.***

***For activation, the so-called LOCAL reference will always be taken by default.*** The call sign of the activation will therefore be, for ***example: 14 PZT / TF17-810.***

#### 4.3 Specific changes to the referencing of a city:

Depending on the needs, if necessary, ***for the smooth running of the TOTA Tour, the organizing committee may change*** the particular conditions ***of the quota*** of the number of inhabitants ***per city and/or other criteria.***



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## 5 Types of participants and categories in the TOTA Tour:

The TOTA Tour *is "open to everyone* without *any restrictions"*, discrimination, and this, as a hunter and/or activator, whether in multi-(calls, multi-groups), single operator and/or independent DXers. Therefore there *will be TWO categories: Activators and Hunters*.

### 5.1 Types of categories:

There will be two types of categories: **Activators and Hunters**.

#### Activators:

The activators, *whoever they are*, will aim to **activate**, according to these rules, **a maximum of cities** classified and **referenced in TOTA** during the year and therefore counting for the TOTA Tour.

The team(s) will be able to **activate by**:

- *Single-operator*,
- In *multi-operator* and/or
- Or in multi-groups.

#### The Hunters:

The hunters, *whoever they are*, will aim to **hunt, to contact as many activations** on the air as possible, during the year and therefore counting for the TOTA Tour. **Hunters** can only be classified **as single-operators**.

### 5.2 Types of participants:

There will be **3 types of participants**: Multi-Calls, Multi-Groups, Single-Operators.

- **Multi-Calls** : are teams from and made up of the same Dx Radio group.  
In this case, they will have to consult each other to choose the call sign that will be retained, declared as a Multi-Calls team and therefore counted for the TOTA Tour ranking as an activator.
- **Multi-Groups** : are teams from and made up of various Dx Radio groups.  
In this case, they will have to consult each other to choose the callsign that will be retained, declared as a Multi-Group team and therefore counted for the TOTA Tour ranking as an activator.
- **Single-Operators** : are operators who work alone, on their own account, whether they are in a group Dx and/or Independent DXers and therefore counted for the TOTA Tour ranking as a hunter.

## 6 Activators:

The purpose of the activators will be **to activate as many cities as possible** according to the rules set out in this regulation.

### 6.1 Registering your TOTA application:

**Before any activation, the participating activators** (multi-calls, multi-groups, single operator and/or independent DXers), must **imperatively inform the** organizers of the VOTA Tour **by filling in the activation proposal form** by the website and/or *failing that by email* (if there is a possible problem with the malfunction of the website). **Otherwise**, even if the activation has been made, **it will be null and void**, so it will not be **validated by the committee** and the same will apply **to the reference**.

**Note:** For the sake **of management, organization** of publications, etc. **the organizers of the committee**; Your **request** for a declaration **of activation and referencing** must reach **the committee as soon as possible**, and/or **at the latest** within **96h00 before the start of the activation**.



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## 6.2 Mandatory logs SHEET:

**Activators** must fill *in a traffic logbook*, it is necessary that there be **one per activation** (including 11m + PMR on the same support). The log must be correctly typed in accordance with the recommendations **of the sample document provided**. Once the activation is validated, complete,...

Send your **log in Excel format** (as a file. XLSX) or Open Office (in file. ODF) by email to: [comitevota@gmail.com](mailto:comitevota@gmail.com)

## 6.3 Proof of activations:

**Activators** must **publish proof of** the activity (photos, GPS readings, videos, etc.) and this **maximum 15 days after the end of their activity** (in order to be able to validate the activated city and verify that it has been activated on site. To publish your proof of activation, you can use the media of your choice: The 11M & PMR VOTA (Villages On The Air) VOTA Tour Facebook Group **by clicking [HERE](#)**, our 11m & PMR VOTA Facebook Page: click [HERE](#). For information, we are going to create a photo album and report on the official website,... with the most beautiful photos of the VOTA & TOTA Tour, **your photos are appreciated** too, please **send them to us at: [comitevota@gmail.com](mailto:comitevota@gmail.com)**

## 6.4 Exemption from proof of activation, residents of the village:

**Exceptionally**, if the activating operator **is a resident of the city** it activates, for **reasons of confidentiality**, privacy, etc. He **may be exempted** from providing **evidence** (photos, videos, etc.).

The request for exemption can "**only be granted once**", and "it must be made **at the same time** as the **request for proposed activations** by the website in accordance with Article 6.1 (Registering your TOTA request).

## 6.5 Technical and ethical obligations for activators:

Activation **must be done as much as possible by means of non-fossil fuels** (no generator and other engines...). You can use one or more batteries, solar panels, wind energy. It is mandatory to **leave the activation areas clean** and to take your waste (cigarette butts, bins, rubbish, various waste, etc.).

## 6.6 Promote your TOTA (suggestions):

We remind you that **the success of a radio activation will depend on the quality of the communication** you undertake. We therefore invite you **to use all possible means of communication** in order **to disseminate, share, as much as possible your activation on:** newsgroups, pages and Facebook groups dedicated to radio, including in particular **the Facebook Group 11M & PMR VOTA (Villages On The Air) VOTA Tour: [HERE](#)**, or on your Personal website and blog by sharing the link to your article, (*think of those who don't have access to social networks*).

## 6.7 The Activators/Hunters:

In order **not to disadvantage the activators-hunters**, the team of activator(s) **can log in** (without obligation) **from the TOTA** it has activated, in such a case, **it will have to note the QRZ(s)** of the team in last position in the log by indicating QRG : "**NO**" / **MODE: "SELF"**, (*see example*).

N°	TYPE	ACTIVATION	NOM VILLE	QRZ RX	OPERATOR RX	DATE	UTC	QRG	MODE	RS	COMMENTS	POINTS DU TOTA
1	VOTA	14CTP/TF-17800	Saintes	14UPC020	PASCAL	07/09/2024	09H00	11M	USB	58	EN MOBILE(EXEMPLE)	20
2	VOTA	14CTP/TF-17800	Saintes	14DFI122	MARC	07/09/2024	09H02	PMR	FM	59	DEPT 21	20
3	VOTA	14CTP/TF-17800	Saintes	14UR001	GILLES	07/09/2024	09H05	11M	USB	22	EN PORTABLE(EXEMPLE)	20
4	VOTA	14CTP/TF-17800	Saintes	14CTP001	LAURENT	07/09/2024	19H55	NO	SELF	59	TEAM ACTIVATOR	20
5	VOTA	14CTP/TF-17800	Saintes	14CTP050	FRANCK	07/09/2024	20H00	NO	SELF	59	TEAM ACTIVATOR	20

Remplir impérativement **comme l'exemple** ci-dessus et tout en **masjuscule** mode texte



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## 6.8 Confirmations of contacts made by Qsl and/or via EQsl:

**After each activation** of a TOTA, upon receipt of the Qsl and/or EQsl cards, **the activators** are required to **confirm** all contacts **received without exception**. Exchanges and confirmations of contacts between **Hunters and Activators** must **be made by Qsl cards and/or EQsl**.

## 6.9 Choice of Qsl or EQsl cards:

Activators **have the free choice of the type of QSL** (QSL card or EQsl) that will be sent as confirmation. Therefore, **activators** will be able **to choose** whether to send confirmations **by a Qsl card** (paper) and/or **by an EQsl card** (digital). **The conditions** of sending Qsl **must be stipulated** and specified at the same time as **their communications**, publications, advertisements, etc. in the various Facebook groups and pages, websites, Cluster Dx,...

## 7 Validation of the activation and the TOTA reference:

**Pour valider** une activation et **la référence d'un TOTA**, l'activateur devra remplir **les conditions suivantes ci-dessous** :

### 7.1 Activation validation:

To **validate an activation**, the activator must meet **the following conditions below**:

1. Have applied for referencing with the 11M & PMR VOTA committee;
2. Have made the request and **proposal for a VOTA activation to the** VOTA committee in accordance with Art 6.1 of these rules;
3. Provide **the activation log sheets** according to Art N°6.2 (Mandatory logs);
4. Provide **the necessary proof** of activations Art N°6.3 (Proof of activation);

**Note** : In the absence **of one of its elements**, the activation **may be considered invalid** and/or not validated **by the** TOTA committee.

### 7.2 Validation of the TOTA reference on 27 Mhz:

To **validate the** VOTA reference, the activator **must meet the following conditions below**:

- The team and/or activator **must make** a minimum **of 50 ITL** (In The Log) contacts within **6 months** (from the date of activation).
- The referral can be activated **in one go or in several times**, if the 50 LTIs were established **before the 6 months**.

**Note** : In this case, the activation and reference will not be validated on the above-mentioned tape(s). Therefore, the reference will be reassigned to another team and/or activator.

### 7.3 Validation of the VOTA reference on 446 Mhz:

To **validate the** VOTA reference, the activator must meet the following conditions below:

- The team and/or activator must **make a minimum of 15** ITL (In The Log) contacts within **6 months** (from the date of activation).
- The referral can be activated **in one go or in several times**, if the 15 LTIs were **established before the 6 months**.

**Note** : In this case, the activation and reference **will not be validated** on the above band(s). Therefore, the reference will be reassigned to another team and/or activator.

## 8 The Hunters:

Registration is not required to be included in the hunter category.

The objective of the hunters **is to contact as many TOTA** (Towns On The Air) as possible during the year, they must imperatively **check in and check that the online database is valid**, as it is updated. **In case of any problem** (input error, QRZ or other), please **contact**: [comitevota@gmail.com](mailto:comitevota@gmail.com) who will check and correct the database if necessary.



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## 8.1 Traffic logbook, log sheets (suggested):

For different reasons, and *for security reasons*, scores, rankings,... **It is recommended** to establish **an annual log sheet of all your contacts made on the activations of the TOTA Tour** and to **send them back to the 11M & PMR TOTA Tour committee** in [comitevota@gmail.com](mailto:comitevota@gmail.com)

## 8.2 Confirmations of contacts made by Qsl and/or via EQsl:

**Any Hunter** (participant) **who has made an ITL** (In The Logs) contact on the activations of the VOTA Tour, **undertakes** and **must confirm** and **send** his/her **QSl cards** (paper) and/or **EQsl cards** (digital) **to the activators** according to article N°6.8 & N°6.9 of these rules.

## 9 Activating point counting:

The counting of points **is proportional** and different **depending on the types of cities activated**.

The less populated the cities are in terms **of inhabitants**, the rarer the denomination is the more they have a particular name, or labelled, etc.

**the more points will be awarded to Activators.**

### 9.1 Activator points scale on 27 Mhz & 446 Mhz:

For **each new activation** and **reference activated on the air**, the activator will total **the points** as follows for **normal Cities** (without labels and/or designations), **with** :

Nombres HABITANTS		POINTS
2.000	à 2.500 habitants :	100 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
2.500	à 3.000 habitants :	060 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
3.000	à 5.000 habitants :	040 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
5.000	à 10.000 habitants :	030 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
10.000	à 15.000 habitants :	020 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
15.000	à 20.000 habitants :	017 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
20.000	à 30.000 habitants :	015 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
30.000	à 50.000 habitants :	012 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
50.000	à 100.000 habitants :	010 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
100.000	à 200.000 habitants :	006 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
200.000	à 300.000 habitants :	004 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
300.000	à 500.000 habitants :	003 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
500.000	à 1.000.000 habitants :	002 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
1.000.000	à 2.000.000 habitants :	001 point pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.

### 9.2 Bonus points for ranked, labelled cities,...

For each **new activation** and **air-activated referral**, the activator will earn **bonuses** (points), as follows:

- **An additional 250 bonus points** for each new **city labeled** and activated on the air.

### 9.3 Other points bonuses granted (on other sites and references other than VOTA):

For each **new activation of a VOTA** on a site that is **also classified as: IOTA, SOTA, COTA, LOTA,...** The activator will earn **bonuses** (of points), as follows:

- A bonus of **300 additional points** for each new Village VOTA on a **SOTA** ;
- A bonus of **200 additional points** for each new Villages VOTA on an **IOTA** ;
- A bonus of **200 additional points** for each new Villages voted on a **LOTA** ;
- A bonus of **150 additional points** for each new Villages voted on a **COTA** ;



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## 9.4 Specific conditions for the scoring of activating bonuses:

For various reasons and *with the aim* of better *management, evolution, ...* the VOTA committee may be required to change *the bonus quotas, remove and/or add bonuses in these rules.*

## 10 Counting of Hunters' points:

*The counting* of points *is proportional* and different *depending on the types of villages* activated.

The more *the villages* are *less populated in inhabitants*, rare, ... a particular denomination, labelled,... the more points will be awarded to hunters.

### 10.1 Hunters points scale on 27 Mhz & 446 Mhz:

For *each new* activation and *reference contacted on the air*, the hunter will total the points in the seep way **for normal villages** (without labels and/or designations), **having :**

Nombres HABITANTS		POINTS
2.000	à	2.500 habitants : 100 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
2.500	à	3.000 habitants : 060 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
3.000	à	5.000 habitants : 040 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
5.000	à	10.000 habitants : 030 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
10.000	à	15.000 habitants : 030 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
15.000	à	20.000 habitants : 017 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
20.000	à	30.000 habitants : 015 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
30.000	à	50.000 habitants : 012 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
50.000	à	100.000 habitants : 010 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
100.000	à	200.000 habitants : 006 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
200.000	à	300.000 habitants : 004 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
300.000		500.000 habitants : 003 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
500.000	à	1.000.000 habitants : 002 points pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.
1.000.000	à	2.000.000 habitants : 001 point pour chaque nouvelle référence activée.

### 10.2 Bonus points for Ranked Cities, labelled,...

For each new activation and referral contacted on the air, the hunter will earn bonuses (points), as follows:

- **250 additional bonus points** for each new *labeled city contacted on the air.*

### 10.3 Other points bonuses granted (on other sites and references than VOTA):

For each new activation of a TOTA contacted on a site that is also classified as: IOTA, SOTA, COTA, LOTA,...

The activator will earn bonuses (of points), as follows:

- A bonus of **300 additional points** for each new TOTA City on a SOTA;
- A bonus of **200 additional points** for each new TOTA City on an IOTA;
- A bonus of **200 additional points** for each new TOTA City on a LOTA;
- A bonus of **150 additional points** for each new TOTA City on a COTA;
- Other references (such as sota, iota, lota, cota,..) **100 points**

### 10.4 Special conditions for the scoring of hunter bonuses:

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## 11 Grounds for disqualification for activators:

### 11.1 Absence of traffic logs:

*In order to be able to count the points of the TOTA hunters, the administrators of the 11m & PMR TOTA need the traffic logs of the activators, in the absence of the latter, the activated TOTA cannot be indexed in the competition database and will therefore not be retained.*

### 11.2 Lack of proof of activation:

In order to be recognized as a "TOTA", *Activators must comply with the rules* indicated in this *by-law* and in this case paragraphs 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 of the same documents, *without which the Cities cannot be validated.*

### 11.3 Use of any relay and/or Internet relay, ...:

In order to stay in the radio spirit, *it is forbidden to use a PMR* or 11m VOIP relay (via the Internet) to carry out a QSO and to report it in the traffic logbook.

### 11.4 Non-confirmations of Qsl cards and or EQsl cards:

According to the radio's code of ethics, the exchange of a Qsl card is the last courtesy and purpose of a Qso, of an activation,... Therefore, according to paragraphs 6.8 and 6.9 *of these Regulations, activators must confirm the contacts made to hunters.* If there were too many complaints from different fighters, radio operators, ... due to *a breach of its rules*, activators could be *downgraded* and/or *even disqualified* from the TOTA Tour competition.

## 12 Grounds for disqualification for Hunters:

### 12.1 Non-Confirmation of Qsl cards and or cards:

According to the radio's code of ethics, the exchange of a Qsl card is the last courtesy and purpose of a Qso, of an activation,... Therefore, according to paragraphs 6.8 and 6.9 *of these regulations, hunters must confirm the contacts established to activators.* If there were too many complaints from different activators, radio operators, ... due to *a breach of its rules*, hunters could be *downgraded* and/or *even disqualified* from the TOTA Tour competition.

## 13 Rankings:

The leaderboard *of the top* TOTA hunters and activators is updated throughout the year.

This ranking takes into consideration *the number of points accumulated*, (the cumulative points of all TOTAs contacted by hunters and activated by activators).

*Participants will need to verify* that \*the online database is valid, as it is updated. In case of a problem (input error, QRZ or other), please **contact: [comitevota@gmail.com](mailto:comitevota@gmail.com)** who will check and correct the database if necessary.

*\* It is possible* that for technical and organizational reasons, the database *will not be operational in the first year!*

### 13.1 Classification of the different categories:

There will be a ranking for *each category*, i.e.:

- A general ranking *for activators*;
- A general ranking *for hunters*;
- A ranking for **multi-**(Calls and/or Multi-Group) Activators;
- A classification for **Mono-operators** as Activators;
- A ranking for **independent operators** (so many to participate).

**Note:** Due to a lack of participants in certain categories, the committee may have to delete certain categories.



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### 14 Prize:

The TOTA Tour represents *an independent movement*, without labels, *without cash*, ... nice but with *limited financial means*! To start *the first years* of the TOTA Tour and *thank the five best* hunters and/or activators of the TOTA Tour. The lucky winners will receive 1 diploma in A5 format / sent by email.

**Note:** *Subsequently, if the 11 M & PMR TOTA committee obtains subsidies, aids, sponsors, etc., then the prices may change* and, in this case, become *bigger and more attractive*.

### 15 Special conditions of the rules:

Participants *agree to approve and comply with these rules*. For various reasons and for the good maintenance of the TOTA, *some* articles, chapters,...*conditions of the regulations may change* without the committee having to justify itself.

### 16 Communication – media:

Website: <https://www.vota11m.fr>

Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/vota11m>

Facebook Group : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vota11m>

Committee Email: [info@vota11m.fr](mailto:info@vota11m.fr)

The success of TOTA *will depend only on you* and *your participations*, involvement, activities on the air,... !

**Make the TOTA Tour grow , join us, it will depend only on YOU!**

