ACTIVATOR GUIDE

BOS! GMA – Activator Quick Guide

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MINIMUM QSOS

4 (with 4 different stations)

VERTICAL LIMIT

max. 25 m from summit coordinates

Choose an official GMA reference → Reach the summit on foot → Set up at the correct position → Make 4+ valid QSOs → Record your log.

Quick practical guidance for making a valid GMA summit activation.

1 Choose an Official GMA Reference

Always use an official GMA summit reference. GMA references may be used alongside references from other mountain programmes, where permitted by the GMA rules, and are shown on the BOS! Maps. The GMA reference identifies the summit — a typical reference uses a prefix, a two-character region code and a sequential summit number, for example **DA/TH-003**.

2 Respect the GMA Principles

GMA activators must operate in harmony with the environment, avoid causing nuisance or damage, and put safety first. Operate honestly, considerately and in accordance with the GMA principles. Do not operate from a motor vehicle or connect any part of the station to a motor vehicle — mains electricity and fuel-powered generators are not permitted for GMA scoring.

3 Reach the Summit on Foot / Your Own Locomotion

The final part of the ascent to the summit must be completed using your own locomotion. Choose a safe and legitimate access route and respect local access restrictions.

4 Set Up at the Correct Summit Position

For normal GMA references, the activator's position may be no more than **25 metres vertically** from the summit coordinates. For minimum-height island (IS) references, the activator must be in the immediate vicinity of the highest point — the 25-metre rule does not apply.

5 Make a Valid GMA Activation

Make at least **4 QSOs with 4 different stations** on the summit. QSOs with other activators on the same summit do not count towards the minimum. QSOs via terrestrial repeaters do not count. For chaser credit, at least the callsigns and reports must be exchanged.

6 One Summit Reference per Activation

Where activation zones overlap, only one summit reference can be assigned to each activation.

7 Activation Frequency

A summit may be activated and counted once per day (00:00 UTC to 24:00 UTC). After activating five different references in one day, each further activation must be supported by a unique photo, a GPS photo/screenshot, a smartphone GPS screenshot, an APRS track or a GPX track.

8 Record Your Log Correctly

Keep an accurate log of your QSOs and record the correct GMA reference. Use UTC consistently and make sure the callsigns and reports are correctly recorded.

9 Points and Bonuses

For the GMA Mountain Award, summit points are based on the summit height: each full 100 metres of height gives one point. The chaser receives the same summit points as the activator, but not the bonus points. For QSOs with a GMA reference, the chaser receives double the activator's summit points. Activations in November, December, January and February receive a 3-point winter bonus.

🏆 Golden GMA Rules for BOS! Activators

1. OFFICIAL REFERENCE – Use an official GMA reference. GMA references are available on the BOS! Maps.
2. OWN LOCOMOTION – Complete the final part of the ascent using your own locomotion.
3. 25-METRE VERTICAL LIMIT – Stay within 25 metres vertically of the summit coordinates, except for IS references.
4. 4 VALID QSOs – Make at least 4 QSOs with 4 different stations.
5. NO REPEATERS – Terrestrial repeater QSOs do not count.
6. PORTABLE OPERATION – No operation from or connection to a motor vehicle; no mains or fuel generator for scoring.
7. ACCURATE LOG – Record the correct GMA reference and all QSO details accurately.
8. SAFETY & RESPECT – Protect the environment, respect access restrictions and operate safely and considerately.

This BOS! Quick Guide is a practical summary of the supplied GMA rules. The official GMA rules remain authoritative for participation and scoring.

✅ Quick Activation Checklist

BEFORE DEPARTURE

- ☐ Official GMA reference selected
- ☐ Reference checked on BOS! Maps
- ☐ Access and route checked
- ☐ Equipment and battery ready
- ☐ Safety conditions considered

ON THE SUMMIT

- ☐ Final ascent completed using own locomotion
- ☐ Correct summit position
- ☐ No vehicle connection
- ☐ Portable power only
- ☐ GMA reference entered in log