

Reserved Callsign List – Policy and Process

Policy

The WIA in conjunction with the ACMA will take all reasonable steps to ensure that call signs issued are in no way offensive, defamatory, inflammatory, cause distress or vilify any person or organisation.

To achieve this the WIA ~~have~~ has established a policy, approved by ACMA, called “The Reserved Call Sign List”.

The Reserved Call Sign List shall be a list of call signs that will be maintained by the WIA Office and approved by the WIA Board of Directors ~~jointly with ACMA~~. This list will contain any call signs that could be considered offensive such as expletives, sexually or racially explicit call signs etc. The list will also contain call signs of deceased amateurs. The current Reserved Call Sign List will become the basis for ongoing maintenance and development of the future Reserved Call Sign List.

A written Reserved Call Sign List can be provided by the WIA upon request. This policy will be located on the WIA website.

Process

Adding call signs to the Reserved Call Sign List

Call signs can be added to the list by an individual or group making application to the WIA Office including a statement as to the reasons that a call sign should be added to the list. This application will be considered by the WIA Office and a recommendation made to the WIA Board for their consideration. The WIA Board will consider the application applying “the reasonable person test” and make a decision at the next scheduled Board meeting. The ACMA will be provided with any inclusions to the list including the application and the WIA Board’s decision.

Removing a call sign from the Reserved Call Sign List

A person can make application to have a call sign removed from the Reserved Call Sign List by making application in writing to the WIA Office including a statement as to the reason a call sign should be removed from the list. This application will be considered by the WIA Office and a recommendation made to the WIA Board for their consideration. The WIA Board will consider the application applying “the reasonable person test” and make a decision at the next scheduled Board meeting. The ACMA will be provided with any ~~inclusions-exclusions to~~ from the list including the application and the WIA Board’s decision.

An example of where a call sign may be removed from the list would be where the call sign might represent the initials of the applicant.

Commented [MW1]: Given last week’s discussion regarding what the word ‘reserved’ means to some people is it worthwhile considering changing the name of the list to ‘prohibited’

Commented [KR2]: I agree. How about “Not for Release” although I know it is a mouthful. We could provide WIA with a couple of suggestions and ask them for ideas as well.

Commented [MW3]: Do you think we can get agreement from the WIA that they are wholly responsible for maintaining/managing the call sign list. Change the business rules to reflect this in 7.1.3. It’s not clear at this stage whether the new system will have the capacity to maintain such a list as it currently does in RADCOM. The process now is that the ACMA only allocates a call sign based on the recommendation of the WIA anyway.

7.2.1 would also need to be updated to remove the rule that the ACMA would provide the updated data.

Commented [MW4]: These two paragraphs could probably be consolidated

Commented [MW5]: This could be removed if the WIA agree that they maintain the list and we only allocate call signs based on their recommendation

Commented [MW6]: Same as above

Commented [KR7]: Suggest delete this. I don’t think it is necessary each request should be considered on its merits and if something is offensive, perhaps it should not be released even if it is someone’s initials.

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