

Reserved Callsign List – Policy and Process

Policy

The WIA ~~in-conjunction-with 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 the ACMA, called “The Reserved Call Sign List”.

The Reserved Call Sign List shall be a list of call signs that will be managed and 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 e.g ‘prohibited’ or ‘not for release’

Commented [MO2]: Changing the name “Reserved” would have implications for both the Deed and the Business Rules. Perhaps a way around the confusion would be for a definition of Reserved Call Sign List to be added up front here. The Business Rules has a definition, of sorts, which would be a good starting point.

Commented [AB3]: I would like to see some more detail in this paper about the process of reserving call signs in relation to deceased amateurs. Or at least cross reference with Section 7.6 of the Business Rules. We do also need to have the Business Rules amended to show that the WIA now manage the Reserve List.

Commented [MW4]: This could be removed if the WIA agree that they manage and maintain the list and the ACMA will only allocate call signs based on the WIA’s recommendation

Commented [MO5]: However, ACMA must reserve the right to allocate a call sign as it sees fit. It would ordinarily go with the WIA recommendation but can’t be bound by it.

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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