

Club Station Control Operator Application

North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club callsign, W4AAZ, is granted by the FCC to a Callsign Trustee. Although the callsign belongs to the club, the FCC holds the Callsign Trustee legally and financially responsible for ensuring that any amateur station operating under that callsign is doing so in compliance with all applicable FCC Regulations. The Callsign Trustee is essentially the **Station Licensee** of the Club Callsign.

*§97.103 **Station licensee** responsibilities. (a) The station licensee is responsible for the proper operation of the station in accordance with the FCC Rules. When the control operator is a different amateur operator than the station licensee, both persons are equally responsible for proper operation of the station. (b) The **station licensee** must designate the station control operator. The FCC will presume that the station licensee is also the control operator, unless documentation to the contrary is in the station records. (c) The **station licensee** must make the station and the station records available for inspection upon request by an FCC representative. When deemed necessary by an EIC to assure compliance with FCC Rules, the station licensee must maintain a record of station operations containing such items of information as the EIC may require in accord with §0.314(x) of the FCC Rules.*

This means that the Callsign Trustee is responsible to the FCC to ensure that anyone who operates under the Club Callsign, W4AAZ, whether operating a club owned station or a privately owned station using the club callsign, such as during field day, does so in accordance with FCC Part 97 rules and within that operator's license privileges. The Callsign Trustee may designate other Control Operators to operate the club callsign when he is not present, however the Callsign Trustee must also ensure that the club records include documentation of designated control operators who are responsible for the operation of any station using the club callsign at any given time.

§97.105 Control operator duties. (a) The control operator must ensure the immediate proper operation of the station, regardless of the type of control. (b) A station may only be operated in the manner and to the extent permitted by the privileges authorized for the class of operator license held by the control operator.

Finally, the Designated Control Operator is responsible for the operation of any station which is operated using the Club Callsign, during the time they are present and functioning as the Designated Control Operator, and the operational band and power limits are determined by the callsign privileges of the Designated Control Operator.

I _____, Callsign _____ hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the preceding rules and regulations as well as FCC part 97 rules while I am the Designated Control Operator of amateur radio stations operating under the Club Callsign, W4AAZ.

Signed _____ Date _____