

ISWL Monitor Award - Qualifying Callsigns - From 1987 Onwards (Amended June 2014)

A member's personal callsign can only be claimed once, regardless of the operator, band, mode, or year etc. If a member has more than one personal callsign active, the same rules apply to each callsign held.

Additionally when operating in their "normal country of residence", a station can be claimed once for working /A and /P and /M. If already claimed for /M, they cannot be claimed again for /MM, or /AM etc. e.g. M5DIK, M5DIK/A, M5DIK/P, M5DIK/M (or /MM), all count as a separate point for the Monitor award.

If a member is working in other parts of the United Kingdom, he can be claimed ONCE ONLY FOR EACH COUNTRY, regardless of the /A, or /P or /M suffixes etc.

e.g. MW5DIK/A and MW5DIK/P and MW5DIK/M etc ARE ALL THE SAME POINT.

The only variation to the above rule is if a transmitting station was previously resident in another UK call area or country. e.g. If a person was living in Scotland and at a later date moved house to say England, then /A, and /P and /M etc, are acceptable for both locations. Your claim must clearly show that station's ISWL number, as applicable at that time. (This variation is only for permanent changes of residence and does not apply to holiday homes etc in another country).

If you are a permanent resident in GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, etc., the rules are obviously the same. Replace the "G" with your own country prefix. Then apply the above rules when operating in other UK countries. Non UK Stations - please apply the rules to suit your own callsign and country.

If you travel outside the UK the same pattern applies. e.g. F/M5DIK is ONE POINT regardless of the /A, /M, or /P suffix. EA/M5DIK would be another point and so on, for each DXCC country of operation.

Also Special prefixes and suffixes apply from time to time, (Like the "GQ" prefixes in 2004), so they are a new point for Home station, and for /A and /P and /M etc. (As defined above for a person's personal callsign).

SWL members giving a legal greeting message over the air can be claimed, using their ISWL number plus the callsign of the supervising station. An SWL member CAN BE CLAIMED ONCE ONLY for being heard on the air, regardless of their location, Host's callsign. etc.

The club callsigns GX4BJC /A and /P and MX1SWL /A and /P (and regional variants) are slightly different, in that the member using that callsign for a particular month, must give out his/her own name and callsign whilst operating with the club callsigns. The club callsigns can be claimed for /A and /P operations from every UK Call areaproviding that operator has not been claimed for using that callsign in previous operations. e.g. If M5DIK is operating GC4BJC /A and GC4BJC /P then both points can be claimed.

From the 1st January 2009, members using a club callsign from their home QTH, can operate during official ISWL nets only, as G4BJC /A and M1SWL /A (Or regional variations). This will generate a new Monitor Award point, when heard or worked for the first time.

Note: "GX4BJC /M" and "MX1SWL /M" (plus regional variants), cannot be claimed after the 1st December 2003. No future authority to operate either of the club callsigns as /Mobile will be given after this date. However, the legal / registered call holder IS permitted, to use "G4BJC /M" and "M1SWL /M" if he so wishes and points for hearing / working those calls are acceptable.

If you hear or work ANY callsign that is being operated by a club affiliated to the ISWL, You can score 1 point for that club's ISWL number, REGARDLESS of the operator. However, if the operator is also an ISWL member, you can claim a second point, for their own ISWL number. i.e. 1 point for the ISWL number of the affiliated club, plus 1 point for the operator's own ISWL number. (As long as you have NOT heard or worked them using that callsign in the past).

If a licensed member has received an SWL card from say G-13038, that card is one point within the scope of the above passages. Further cards received for hearing your personal callsign /A, or /P, or /M, etc. are of course additional points.

If at a later date that licensed member then works G-13038 – WHO NOW HOLDS A CALLSIGN, a new point can be claimed, because the Callsign has not been worked before and the status of member G-13038, has changed from SWL to licensed member.

However, an SWL member cannot use say G-13038 /A, or /P, or /M, in order to claim extra points for himself. As an SWL's status is the same, regardless of their operating location anywhere in the world.

If a licensed member claims a point as an SWL for hearing another member on air, a further point cannot be claimed, for any subsequent QSO with the same person using that callsign.

Member's who transmit using their own, or any other callsign, DO NOT gain any points for themselves. As points are only gained for hearing, or working other qualifying stations.

Special event and other ISWL club callsigns etc., can be claimed once only for each member operating the callsign. Regardless of the year, band, mode etc. (Unless the suffix or prefix changes).

The member has to be actually operating the station Microphone, or key etc when it is worked or heard. Not just sat alongside the other people who are operating the station.

If several members are operating a special event or club callsign on the same day, they must ALL be worked or heard, in order to claim their individual points and the claim sheet must clearly show, which member was operating when heard or worked.

Whenever the ISWL club stations are claimed, the callsign of the station operating it, must also be entered on the claim form, otherwise the claim will not be granted.

QSL Cards are no longer required for the Monitor award. (Except for cards received from Listeners).

Contacts made via computer modes such as Echo-Link and CQ-100 ARE NOT valid for the Monitor award.

The Awards Manager reserves the right, to inspect any listener's cards and to contact any stations contained in an award claim, in order to confirm a claim's validity.

The ISWL Awards Manager will always have the final say on what is acceptable.His word is Final!

If you have any query regarding the Interpretation of the above,
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