

WHITE LIST, BLACKLIST AND SPAM CONTROL WITH WINLINK

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Winlink SPAM control

- Winlink uses a mail filter to prevent SPAM
- Internet messages coming from outside of Winlink, into the Winlink system can happen one of two ways
- The "Subject" line of the message must include the character string "WL2K"



Subject line example

- Subject://WL2K (then normal subject information)
- If this is done by an internet user who wishes to send to a Winlink account, the mail filter will let the message pass to the CMS, to be held for delivery to the Winlink user

Exceptions to the "WL2K" Subject line method

 Any message sent from saildocs.com, sailmail.com and certain other domains will be accepted unconditionally

Each Winlink account has a Whitelist

- How does an address get added to my Whitelist? (Ok to send me a Winlink message, not stopped by the spam filter)
- Each message you send from your Winlink account to an internet address recipient, their address will be added to your Whitelist
- Addresses added to your Whitelist stay until purged after a certain time of no use, currently addresses stay in your Whitelist for 6 months

Whitelist account management

- You can manage your Whitelist from your account accessed online at the Winlink Website
- Go to the Winlink website, you will find "My Account" in the upper left of the page...click on this and log in
- Then click on "My ACCEPTLIST" found on the left side

The ACCEPTLIST will look like this...you will see your accepted internet email addresses here



ACCEPTLIST Manager

This form permits you to add or change internet-based addresses (name@domain.com) or entire domains (@domain.com) to your anti-spam accept/deny list (your "ACCEPTLIST"). You can also manage your list using your radio client with command messages as described <u>in this article</u>. This information is also found in the Winlink Catalog (available on-air as item SPAM.CONTROL in the WL2K_HELP category).

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You can address messages from your Winlink account with special instructions

Email to the Winlink system

To: <u>SYSTEM@winlink.org</u> Subject: ACCEPTLIST In the **body of the message** you can send the following commands

Winlink ACCEPTLIST Commands

- * LIST: [will return a list of all entries]
- ACCEPT: <u>name@somewhere.com</u> [will allow messages from this internet email address]
- REJECT: <u>name@somewhere.com</u> [will reject any messages from this email account]
- DELETE: <u>name@somewhere.com</u> [will remove this email address from your ACCEPTLIST]



For further information on this topic

- Go to the Winlink.org website
- * Then select "Book Of Knowledge"
- Scroll down to "HOW-TO Recipes"
- Scroll down alphabetically to "How to Manage your ACCEPTLIST..."