

Q – Our squadron would like to change its name to include the word “sail”. How do we do that?

A – The title of each squadron must be its geographic name followed by the words “Power Squadron [Inc.]”, or “Sail and Power Squadron [Inc.]” (USPS Bylaws Section 7.1). As far as USPS is concerned, squadrons wishing to change their name to include the words “Sail and” need only effect an amendment to their bylaws. However, there may be state requirements if the squadron is incorporated. It is the responsibility of a squadron wishing to change its name to insure it complies with the requirements of the state in which it is incorporated.

The ComRules member assigned oversight responsibility for the squadron can approve the change, just as any other bylaws revision, but every other aspect of the modified bylaws must conform to current USPS policy as well. Changing the geographic component of a squadron’s name requires approval of the Governing Board.