We here present the Builders policy for the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) Collaboration.

1. This policy will be periodically reviewed and revised by the MWA Board, according to changes in project conditions.

2. If users of this policy identify issues relevant to this policy, but not explicitly covered by this policy, these issues can be raised in writing to the MWA Board chair, for consideration by the Board.

3. The MWA Board has the authority to establish Builder’s lists of individuals with the right to claim authorship on MWA Collaboration papers. Members of the MWA Builder’s Lists will be individuals who have been deemed to have made a significant contribution to the technical or operational aspects of the telescope, without which, scientific outputs from the MWA would not have been achieved. In recognition of these efforts Builder’s List members will be added to MWA Collaboration Papers as per the MWA Publication Policy.

4. In accepting a position on an MWA Builder’s List, individuals acknowledge that they have the right to claim co-authorship of those papers specified in accordance with the MWA Publication Policy as requiring invitation of Builders. Builders will only be included in author lists after opting in as described in the MWA Publication Policy.

5. By claiming authorship, Builders affirm that they have read and accept the paper. If a Builder deems that any aspect of the paper is incorrect it is their responsibility to inform the Principal Contact or to refrain from opting in to the paper.

6. MWA Builder’s Lists will be enforced for specific periods of time as determined by the Board. In order for individuals to remain on an MWA Builder’s List they are required to supply and maintain a current email address on record with the MWA Project. It is the responsibility of individual members of Builder’s Lists to ensure that their current email address has been provided to the MWA Collaboration via the MWA Principal Scientist. The MWA Principal Scientist will maintain the complete email list. Individuals who are no longer contactable by the MWA Collaboration will be removed from Builder’s Lists. Authority is granted by the Board to the MWA Principal Scientist to take this action as appropriate.
7. In the event that an individual is removed from a Builder’s List for failure to supply a current contact email, they may request a return to the list by supplying the MWA Principal Scientist with a current address. There will be no recourse for retrospective addition to publications for the period they were not contactable by the MWA Collaboration.

8. Individuals who are offered membership on an MWA Builder’s List and who are unable to agree with the conditions of this policy may resign from that list at any time.

9. In addition to Builder’s Lists established by the MWA Board for MWA Collaboration papers, MWA science teams may establish their own Builder’s Lists. The rules for these lists will mirror those of the collaboration as a whole but will be governed by the policies of the applicable science team. Where a conflict arises with respect to a science team policy regarding Builders, the matter should be referred to the MWA Board for resolution.