

Briefing Notes for all Pilots

Airfield Special Procedures – Arrivals and Departures

1) Airfield opening Hours 08:00 – 20:30

The airfield will be open normally during these hours. You should anticipate a large number of movements taking place throughout the period therefore prepare for your arrival in the overhead and joining the circuit pattern accordingly. Be prepared to give way and go around as necessary.

2) Radio (129.800) – Listen out well ahead for joining instructions which will include parking information.

3) ARRIVALS

- a. ALL Aircraft must use the following for initial contact with Popham Radio and this should be in the precise format of: Call sign - Aircraft Type – Location. e.g “Popham Radio – G-CCYR – C42 microlight – 4 miles to the north for joining instructions”
- b. You will be given the latest airfield information.
- c. You will be requested to make an overhead join at 2000ft AAL if the cloud base allows and then descend to 800ft into the circuit pattern in use. Keep a good look-out and choose a speed in the circuit complimentary to all traffic.
- d. A runway crossing point for vehicles is established on the 03 threshold keep a good lookout.
- e. On final approach
 - i. ...be prepared to go-around if you are baulked. (..do not argue on the radio)
 - ii. ...be prepared to go around if the runway is occupied. (..illegal)
 - iii. ... on no account fly orbits on finals.
- f. After landing
 - i. ...expedite the runway as soon as possible, there could be numerous aircraft behind you and listen out for parking instructions.
 - ii. ...Proceed to parking as instructed and as guided by ground marshals.

4) Demonstration aircraft

- a. Where possible all demonstration aircraft will be parked west of Runway 21/03 and close to the airside static line exhibitors on the airfield.
- b. All demonstration aircraft must be equipped with a radio. This will minimise delays at the hold.
- c. Demonstrators are asked to book out with the duty radio operator and state your intentions..
- d. Aircraft on the static line west of the runway 21/03 should not be moved without the presence of ground crew and a marshal.

5) DEPARTURES

- a. All Aircraft must use the following initial contact with Popham Radio before moving in the following format: Popham Radio – Callsign – Radio check for departure.
- b. You will be given the latest airfield information
- c. You may taxi to the hold of the active runway (expect a queue !) please complete power checks before reaching the hold.
- d. Before lining up for departure keep a good look out, remember it is your decision to line up and depart. Marshals maybe available at the hold to provide assistance but the decision is yours to line up.
- e. After lining up please be ready to roll do not delay departure unnecessarily
- f. Climb in the circuit pattern and depart in the overhead.

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AIRFIELD FACILITIES

6) FUEL

- a. We have UL91 and 100LL available at the fuel pumps which are adjacent to runway26/08.
- b. Payment is by debit or credit card and self-service pay at pump. **Please read and follow the pump instructions.** Failure to do so will prevent you from taking fuel.

7) Camping

- a. Whilst we allow pilots to camp beside their aircraft we ask that there are no arrivals AFTER 19:30pm on the Friday night. The event does not start until the Saturday and there will be no formal provision for catering on the Friday evening. All aviation campers will be required to pay entrance fees for each day they are here. If this is not collected as you arrive then please be honest and book in and pay at the Clubhouse.
- b. Credit and Debit cards can only be accepted in the club room.

Enjoy our airfield and keep Popham safe

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