



Conditions for use of the airfield outside of licensed operating hours during daylight only

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Out-of-hours permits may be issued by Herefordshire Aero Club Ltd at the discretion of the Aerodrome Operations Manager and Accountable Manager, for use of the airfield by aircraft outside of published licensed hours during daylight only. Such permits will be issued to a named pilot in specified aircraft, and will expire after a maximum of one year, but may be renewed on or near that expiry date.

Applications for either an initial or renewal permit must be made using the on-line form on the HAC website.

Please note that issue of a permit for the first time to a named pilot will require a short briefing from the ATSU Manager or Duty AFISO. Renewals will usually not require such a briefing.

An issued permit will be emailed to the named pilot, who by its use will be deemed to have accepted the Conditions and Disclaimers below.

Conditions of Use

Use of an out-of-hours permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. The out-of-hours permit is valid for flight in daylight VMC only between official daylight and official night-time as determined at the airfield. Sunset and sunrise times are available from ATSU or from www.sun-up.co.uk/herefordshire/leominster
2. **Use of the airfield during official night time, other than by Emergency Services aircraft, is strictly by PPR and is subject to the availability of suitably qualified personnel.**
3. Out of hours permission for non-based aircraft will only be granted to pilots in possession of an authorised out of hours permit.
4. **Pilots of aircraft not based on the airfield and without a pre-paid movements package must telephone HAC in advance during airfield opening hours to give notice of their out-of-hours flight and pay the landing fee by credit-card.**
5. Pilots must be fully (self) briefed before operating out of hours at Shobdon on the use and restrictions of using the runways including integration with other users, such as Gliders, Microlights, Gyrocopters, Helicopters, non-radio aircraft and airfield Hot-spots.
6. The aircraft must carry a serviceable radio. Blind transmissions should be made to Shobdon Traffic on 118.155 whilst on the ground and flying in the vicinity of the airfield.

Positions and intentions should be broadcast including, on each transmission in the circuit, the runway the pilot intends to use.

7. At all times, including out of hours operations, all pilots are required have given notice of flight details, to include call sign, persons on board, departure airfield and destination, as applicable. This should be done by transmission on 118.155 and may also be notified in advance by email to atc@shobdonairfield.co.uk
8. Overhead joins are recommended outside of normal operating hours. The procedure is an overhead join not below 2000ft, descending on the dead side to not below 1,500 feet until south of the centreline. Whichever joining procedure is followed, broadcast your position and intentions clearly.
9. The published noise abatement circuit applies at all times. Circuit exercises are not permitted after 19.30 local on weekdays and 18.30 on Saturdays and Sundays.
10. Pilots should be aware that Emergency Services or military helicopters may operate at any time and may not follow normal circuit procedures.
11. Overdue action will not be initiated by ATS so pilots must make their own arrangements for the closure of flight plans inbound to Shobdon. It is the pilot's own responsibility to arrange for nominating a responsible person who can make enquiries or be contacted regarding the safe arrival for flights.
12. The Airfield Manager or Accountable Manager at Shobdon may withdraw an out of hours permit for any aircraft, operator or pilot that fails, without good reason, to comply with these conditions.
13. These conditions may be varied or updated at any time by the Airfield Operations Manager; following notice of any such changes a permit holder will deemed to have read and accepted the amended conditions, or may request that a permit be cancelled.

Disclaimers

A pilot using an out-of-hours permit is deemed to have accepted the following disclaimers:

I/We understand and accept that:

1. In the event of my aircraft using Shobdon Airfield outside the published licensed operating hours of the airfield I understand that Air Traffic Services and Rescue and Fire Fighting Services will not be available and that the airfield will not be operated within the provision of Article 211 of the Air Navigation Order (Licensing of Aerodromes).
2. No claim will be made against Herefordshire Aero Club Ltd (the airfield operator) or any of their servants or agents in respect of any loss or damage to property which may be suffered during such use.
3. A permit may be withdrawn if I fail to follow the published Conditions of Out of Hours use.
4. No waiver of claim or indemnity is sought in respect of personal injury or death, but Herefordshire Aero Club Ltd will seek to defend itself against any claim for personal injury or death arising from use of the airfield outside published operating hours where it is advised that defence is appropriate.