



## **GENERAL RULES OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS**

### **1. TRAFFIC PATTERN**

- a. 1,000 feet AGL (1,020 feet MSL). Also maintain a minimum of 1,000 feet AGL over all property in the immediate neighborhood of the airport.
- b. Runway 26 left traffic.
  - i. Preferred runway in calm wind.
  - ii. Downwind or crosswind pattern entry okay. Avoid 45 degree entry which conflicts with Sonoma Valley (Schellville) traffic to the south.
  - iii. No stop-and-go allowed.
  - iv. Touch-and-go okay.
  - v. On take-off, regardless of altitude, no turns until past Broadway.
- c. Runway 08 right traffic.
  - i. 45 degree entry okay on 08.
  - ii. No stop-and-go or touch-and-go allowed.
  - iii. Back taxi and use full length of pavement for take-off on 08.
  - iv. On take-off, regardless of altitude, no turns until past Burndale Road.
  - v. No repeated take-offs or landings on 08.
- d. Straight-in approaches are unacceptable.
- e. Pattern users are encouraged to not stray north of the runway's center line at any point in the pattern, specifically on approach and departure, below 700 feet AGL.
- f. After take-off, if staying in the pattern, climb to 800 feet AGL before turning. Otherwise, climb to 1000 feet AGL before turning.

### **2. NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES**

- a. Daytime VFR operations only. Night operation is prohibited between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Prudent practices with respect to sufficient visibility shall prevail, and airport users shall not stretch the legal definition of "daytime VFR" to operate an aircraft in unsafe visibility conditions.
- b. "Stop and go" runway traffic prohibited.

- c. Control of noise shall be consistent with safety (i.e. variable pitch propellers).
- d. Avoid low overflight of neighborhood homes consistent with safety.
- e. Run-up at east holding apron prohibited. Run-up in designated area southwest of fuel island only.
- f. Rotor wing, turbojet and ultralight aircraft prohibited.
- g. Aircraft in excess of 8,500 lbs. gross weight prohibited.
- h. Sonoma Skypark may restrict airport access to any aircraft, motor or other vehicle, which exceeds noise level limits as outlined in the airport's County Use Permit, or for any reason.
- i. Airport Manager may limit practice activity at anytime in the interest of noise abatement, safety or other concerns.

### **3. UNICOM**

Sonoma Skypark operates an airport advisory "Unicom" radio station, in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations, and maintains a current FCC radio station license.

- a. Assigned frequency is currently 122.8 MHZ.
- b. Hours of operation are at least the same as office and/or fuel hours: daily from 9:00 a.m. to sunset or 5:00 p.m., whichever is least.
- c. Airport users (aircraft so equipped) should broadcast pattern positions, as appropriate for safety if aircraft is radio equipped.

### **4. AIRPORT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Sonoma Skypark, its agents or employees operating the airport, assume no responsibility or liability for danger to or loss of property stored on the airport or to the property thereon of persons using the airport facilities, by reason of fire, theft, vandalism, windstorm, flood, earthquake, collision or other cause, nor does it assume any liability by reason of injury to persons while on the airport or while using the airport facilities.

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