# FLIGHT OPERATIONS ADVISORY

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## PART I OPERATIONS

**A. GENERAL**

All aircraft operations at Minute Man Airfield (MMAF) should be conducted in accordance with Federal and State aeronautical rules, regulations, and guidelines in particular- Advisory Circular No. 90-66B. entitled "RECOMMENDED STANDARD TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND PRACTICES FOR AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS WITHOUT OPERATING CONTROL TOWERS, dated 3/13/18, and No. 90-42F, entitled TRAFFIC ADVISORY PRACTICES AT AIRPORTS WITHOUT OPERATING CONTROL TOWERS, dated 5/1/90 and attached hereto, or a superseding edition, UNLESS FURTHER SPECIFIED OR RESTRICTED BELOW.

Minute Man Air Field, although located in an INDUSTRIAL zoning district, is surrounded by open space and residential neighborhoods. Pilots are requested, as a matter of courtesy to MMAF's residential neighbors, to use the quietest possible operating techniques for their particular aircraft.

**B. TIME OF OPERATIONS**

In accordance with Federal and State aeronautical rules, regulations, assurances and guidelines, the air field is available for public use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, on a fair and non-discriminatory basis, to all types, kinds, and classes of aeronautical uses, with due regard to safety, climatic and flood conditions, except for OPERATING RESTRICTIONS listed below.

**C. RUNWAY SELECTION**

The runway preferred for use shall be selected according to existing winds, terrain and below restrictions.
Runway 3/21 may be used for Closed Pattern Operations.

**D. TRAFFIC PATTERN DESCRIPTION**

Pattern Altitude is 1,300' MSL (1,032' AGL), except that ROTORCRAFT arriving from or departing to the east may enter or depart the MMAF traffic pattern on the extended centerline of runway 12/30 at 1,100' MSL. 832' AGL.

AIRPLANES & ULTRALIGHTS shall make standard left hand traffic.
ROTORCRAFT shall make standard right hand traffic, unless arriving from or departing to the east on RNWY 12/30.

Go-arounds on RNWY 30 shall be on a heading of 320 degrees and be maintained until reaching pattern altitude.

E. OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

Fixed Wing intersection departures are PROHIBITED.

Take-Offs on RNWY 30 and Fixed Wing Closed Pattern Operations on RNWY 12/30 are PROHIBITED.

Closed Pattern Operations are PROHIBITED from I0 pm to 7am daily, except on Sundays and Federal Holidays when they are PROHIBITED until 9 am.

Those intending to operate between 11 pm and 6 am shall notify Air Field Management of their intention to do so either in person or by leaving voice mail on (978) 897-3933 and explain what steps will be taken to minimize their operation's noise impact on the neighborhood.

F. DEVIATIONS

Requests for deviations from this FLIGHT OPERATIONS ADVISORY may be made to Air Field Management in writing. Such requests shall contain the reason for the request and provisions to ensure an equivalent level of safety and noise abatement.

G. ENFORCEMENT

Federal and State rules, regulations and guidelines pre-empt the air field management's authority when an aircraft is in the air. Hence, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Massachusetts DOT - Aeronautics Division are the appropriate authorities for enforcement of most airborne infractions.

The air field management shall take whatever steps it deems appropriate in order to assure the highest practical level of conformance with paragraphs D. & E. of this FLIGHT OPERATIONS ADVISORY.