

COLUMBUS AIRPORT
Columbus, Georgia
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A. Scope

The Commission is granted the authority to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the amendment to the State of Georgia Constitution creating the Commission. These Airport Rules and Regulations (ARR) have been adopted by the Commission to establish and promulgate the standards deemed necessary to the maintenance and promotion of the peace, health, good government and welfare of the Columbus Airport; to provide for the best performance of the functions thereof; to promote the safety and security of persons using the airport facilities; and, by such rules and regulations provide suitable penalties for the violations thereof.

1. ARR shall govern all persons and activities using the Airport. Administration of the terms of these ARR shall be the responsibility of the Airport Director. Policymaking activities of these ARR reside solely with the Commission.
2. Regardless of these ARR or federal regulations, when an emergency exists at the Airport, the Director is empowered to issue such directives and take such action as necessary to protect all people, property, assets, and promote the safe operation of the Airport. Such directives and actions of the Director have the power of regulation as long as the emergency exists.
3. Other than in the case of an emergency described above, should any of these ARR conflict with federal, state, or local government law or ordinance, then such federal, state, or local government authority takes precedence.
4. These ARR shall in no way supercede or abrogate regulations set forth in FAR Part 139, *Certification of Airports*, nor TSR Part 1542, *Airport Security*.
5. If any provision of these ARR is held invalid, the remainder of the ARR shall continue to be valid. Future amendments, additions, deletions, or corrections to these ARR will be incorporated into the document as required or directed by the Commission.

B. Ownership and Operation

The Columbus Airport is publicly owned and operated by the Columbus Airport Commission under an amendment to the Constitution for the State of Georgia. The Commission appoints an Airport Director to act as its chief executive to manage and oversee the daily operations at the Airport.

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The Columbus Airport is a non-hub, commercial service airport serving the cities of Columbus, GA and Phenix City, AL with a service area of approximately nine counties in western Georgia and eastern Alabama. The Airport is a 24 hour-per-day facility offering services to all commercial, general aviation, and military aircraft.

C. Compliance and Enforcement

All persons utilizing the Airport for any reason are expected to comply with the provisions of these ARR. The Commission hereby tasks the Director to enforce these ARR and utilizing the Columbus Airport Public Safety Department as well as other Airport staff members as necessary. Support from the Columbus Consolidated Government will be requested if necessary and appropriate.

The Columbus Airport is a public access facility subject to all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to a publicly held airport facility. Violators of said laws and ordinances are subject to enforcement provisions as provided in Appendix 1.

D. Authority of the Director and Designees

The Commission will exercise its authority through its appointed Airport Director or designee. Decisions of the Airport Director may be appealed to the Commission at any regularly scheduled Commission meeting where a quorum is present.

E. Law Enforcement

Powers: Public Safety Officers (PSO) in the employ of the Commission are required to meet the standards of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST). As provided by State of Georgia Constitutional Amendment adopted February 1994, Commission PSO have the powers of arrest and to execute and return criminal warrants and process on Commission property. PSO have all powers of sheriffs as peace officers so long as such powers are exercised on the property owned by the Columbus Airport Commission.

Jurisdiction: PSO shall only exercise powers on property owned or controlled by the Commission.

F. Conditions

The permission granted by the Commission to use Airport facilities shall be at all times conditioned upon the assumption of full responsibility thereof by every person exercising or taking advantage of such permission. It shall be further conditioned thereof that each person as a consideration for the use of said Airport and its facilities shall at all times, release, hold harmless, and indemnify the Columbus Airport Commission and/or its appointed officials, employees, and agents from any and all responsibility, liability, loss or damage resulting to

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any such person or caused by or on his behalf and incident to the manner in which the Airport is operated, constructed, maintained, or serviced from within or without. The use of the Airport by any person for any purpose or the paying of any fees therefore or the operations of aircraft thereon shall be in itself an acknowledgement that such persons accept such privileges on the conditions herein set forth. All airline operators, pilots, commercial operators or other persons shall use the Airport at their own risk; and in case of failure of any Commission owned equipment; the Commission will not assume responsibility.