

COLUMBUS AIRPORT
Columbus, Georgia
AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 400: Aircraft Operations

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A. Aeronautical Activities

All aeronautical activities at the Airport and all flying of aircraft in the airspace about the Airport shall be conducted in conformity with the federal, state and local laws and regulations.

B. Sample of Aeronautical Activities Regulated by the Commission

1. Closure of Airport.
2. Restricting or prohibiting flight activities.
3. Fees charged for landing, parking and storage of aircraft.
4. Fees and regulation of commercial aeronautical activities on the Airport.
5. Written approval for air shows or other special events.
6. Designating aircraft parking areas.
7. Other activities as deemed necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the facility.

C. General

1. The Air Traffic Rules as established by the FAA and currently in effect or as subsequently revised or amended, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of these rules. All persons conducting any aircraft operation on or from the Airport shall comply with said rules.
2. No aircraft shall land on or take off from the Airport unless it is equipped with properly functioning brakes that are consistent with the safe operation of the aircraft.
3. Aircraft equipped with tailskids may not operate on any portion of the Airport.
4. Operations involving non-powered aerial vehicles are prohibited except in emergencies or with the express written permission of the Commission.
5. Following a landing or prior to take-off and at all times while taxiing the aircraft operator shall maintain control of the aircraft. All aircraft shall be taxied at reasonable speeds.
6. No person shall take or use any aircraft, aircraft parts, instruments, or tools owned, controlled or operated by any other person while such items are stored, housed, or otherwise left on the Airport without the written consent of the owner or operator thereof, or satisfactory evidence of the right to do so duly presented to the Commission upon request.
7. Any person who damages or destroys Airport property accidentally or otherwise shall be responsible for paying for the repair or replacement (as determined by the Commission) of the property.

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D. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

No person shall operate or release any UAS, or other similar contrivance at or upon Airport property without the prior written approval of the Commission. Such approval shall consider but not rely on the UAS operator meeting all criteria established by FAA for such operations.

E. Aircraft Accidents/Incidents on or Adjacent to the Airport

1. Aircraft accidents/incidents must be reported immediately to the Commission.
2. The disposition of a disabled aircraft is the responsibility of the aircraft owner or operator. However, the Commission has the power, authority and option to direct removal or relocation of a disabled aircraft from any location on the Airport at their discretion considering the best interests of the facility.
3. Subject to appropriate laws and regulations, the Commission controls access to aircraft accident/incident scenes.
4. No person may move or otherwise disturb an aircraft accident/incident scene until said scene is released to the Commission by proper authority, generally being the FAA or NTSB.
5. Witnesses of and participants in any aircraft incident/accident on the Airport shall make a full report thereof to the Public Safety Department as soon as possible after the incident/accident.

F. Abandoned, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft

1. An aircraft owner, operator, or authorized agent is responsible for the prompt disposal of a disabled aircraft and its parts to avoid interference with airport operations unless specifically directed by the Commission, appropriate law enforcement officer, or federal authority to delay removal pending investigation.
2. The owner or operator shall remove all damaged or disabled aircraft and parts on the AOA within 24 hours of completion of investigation and subsequent release by appropriate authorities, except for commercial repair operations.
3. If any owner or operator abandons or otherwise neglects or refuses to move an aircraft or parts as directed by the Commission, such aircraft or parts may be removed by the Commission at the owner's or operator's expense without liability for damage which may result in the course of or after such removal.

G. Taxiing or Towing of Aircraft

1. The Commission is authorized to tow or otherwise direct the relocation of aircraft parked or stored in unauthorized areas, that create a hazard or impact the normal operation of the Airport.
2. Aircraft shall not be taxied into or out of any hangar or other building.
3. Aircraft may only taxi onto movement areas with the approval of the ATCT as required.

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4. Aircraft may not be towed on the movement areas without approval from ATCT, as required.

H. Engine Operations

1. Operating aircraft engines inside a hangar is prohibited.
2. No aircraft engine shall be started or run unless a competent operator shall be attending the controls.
3. Chocks shall always be placed in front of the main landing wheels before starting an engine unless the aircraft is equipped with adequate locking brakes.
4. Under no circumstances is any aircraft engine or engines to be started or run at a distance less than 50 feet from any Airport building or inside any hangar or other building. Aircraft shall be started and warmed up only in areas designated for such purpose. Engines shall not be operated in such a position that hangars, shops, buildings, spectators, automobiles, or other aircraft shall be in the path of jet blast or propeller wash.

I. Aircraft Storage and Repair

1. Aircraft shall be parked, serviced, loaded and unloaded at designated parking locations or passenger terminal gates.
2. No aircraft shall be left unattended on the Airport unless properly secured or within a hangar. Owners of aircraft shall be held responsible for any damage resulting from failure to comply with this rule.
3. No aircraft shall be parked or left unattended within 100 feet of neither the edge of any taxiway nor 250 feet of any runway.
4. No aircraft shall be parked or left unattended within 50 feet of any refueling vehicle.
5. No aircraft shall be parked within 10 feet of an airport perimeter fence.
6. General aviation aircraft are normally prohibited from using the air carrier parking apron. Exceptions to this rule must be coordinated with the Commission.
7. Aircraft repair and maintenance may only take place in areas designated by the Commission for such activity.
8. Aircraft repair and maintenance in any Commission-owned hangar is limited to that which the named hangar lessee may personally execute provided in the FAA Compliance Manual. In no case will any Commission-owned hangar be utilized for major engine overhauls.
9. Commission hangars may not be utilized for aircraft construction without the express consent of the Commission
10. Aircraft owner/operators are solely responsible for notifying the Commission within one hour of the occurrence of a spill of hazardous materials. Owners/operators are solely responsible for clean-up and disposal of any hazardous material spills.