



PO Box 1308, Middlefield, OH 44062 440-632-1884
geaugacountyairport@windsteam.net

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective August 1, 2016

DEFINITIONS:

- A. “Airport Management” means the Geauga County Airport Authority Board and/or Airport Manager
- B. “Airport Property” means the Geauga County Airport premises located at 15421 Old State Road, in Middlefield, OH, Geauga County and all buildings, facilities, equipment and anything else of any nature located on the premises or otherwise associated with same.
- C. “Current Regulations” means the regulations set forth herein and these regulations supersede all previous regulations covering the use of the Airport Property.
- D. “FARs” means Federal Aviation Regulations promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration Department of Transportation.
- E. “Public Areas” means public entrance, parking, pilot lounge and public restrooms.

CURRENT REGULATIONS:

1.0 FEDERAL AVIATION RULES (FARs)

If a conflict exists between the FARs, the Current Regulations and/or any decisions made by Airport Management, the FARs shall take precedence.

2.0 VIOLATIONS

Anyone refusing to comply with the Current Regulations or the FARs may be deprived of further use of the Airport Property. Any Airport Management decision can be appealed in writing within thirty (30) days of the date the decision is made.

3.0 DAMAGES AND LIABILITY

3.1 The Airport Management will not be responsible for the damage or destruction of property stored on Airport Property. The Airport Management strongly recommends that any other parties who utilize the Airport Property carry appropriate liability or property loss coverage. .

3.2 The Airport Management assumes no liability for injury to persons or loss of property while anyone is utilizing Airport Property.

- 3.3 Tenants at the airport are required to carry liability and property loss insurance as a condition of rental. Proof of insurance is required within sixty (60) days for new policies.
- 3.4 Tenants must notify Airport Management of any changes in insurance or ownership of aircraft within thirty (30) days of such change.
- 3.5 The party or parties responsible shall be liable and pay the Airport Management for any damage or destruction to Airport Property.

4.0 VISITORS

- 4.1 Pedestrian traffic shall yield to all aircraft traffic.
- 4.2 Visitors are restricted to public areas unless accompanied by representatives of the airport management or current tenant.
- 4.3 Pets are not permitted unless under control at all times.
- 4.4 Children under 12 shall be under the control and supervision of an adult at all times.

5.0 BUSINESS ACTIVITY

- 5.1 No tenant or other person shall be allowed to engage in any business, commerce or trade on the Airport Property, without the prior written approval of Airport Management.
- 5.2 Only aviation-related businesses will be permitted to operate on Airport Property.
- 5.3 Any individual, company or tenant operating a business on Airport Property will be required to provide the Airport Management with proof of liability insurance with limits of at least three million dollars in the aggregate.

6.0 POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS

- 6.1 No person shall store material, liquids, or equipment in the hangers or adjacent rooms, which may constitute a fire hazard.
- 6.2 Any unattended electrical devices must be pre-approved by Airport Management.
- 6.3 Any aircraft shall not be fueled inside hangers.
- 6.4 Aircraft engines shall not be run inside hangers.
- 6.5 No smoking is permitted in any hanger, in any public areas, or within fifty (50) feet of a fueling apparatus.
- 6.6 No open flames are permitted in hangers. Any outdoor open fires must be pre-approved by Airport Management.

7.0 MOTOR VEHICLES (Cars, Trucks, etc.)

- 7.1 All aircraft operating on Airport Property has the right-of-way over all motor vehicles.
- 7.2 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on Airport Property while under the influence of any intoxicating substance. **Distracted driving is dangerous!**
- 7.3 Drivers must have a valid driver's license.
- 7.4 Any aircraft or other motor vehicle accidents that occur on Airport Property must be reported to the Airport Management and any other officials required by law.
- 7.5 Aircraft and motor vehicle drivers shall not exceed 15 mph on Airport Property except for take-off and landing.
- 7.6 No person shall drive motor vehicles on the runway or adjacent taxiway without Airport Management approval.

- 7.7 No motor vehicle shall be parked in any area that may obstruct aircraft.
- 7.8 The Airport Management shall tow away those vehicles, which are determined to be a nuisance or hazard to individuals utilizing Airport Property. The vehicle owner and/or operator will be responsible for paying all towing, storage and other expenses incurred by Airport Management.
- 7.9 All mobile vehicles operated on the airport between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with two headlights (one headlight if a motorcycle) and at least one tail light that shall be on at all times.

8.0 AIRCRAFT (Fixed Wing and Rotorcraft)

- 8.1 All aircraft must be operated in a manner that conforms to current FARs, State of Ohio Aviation Laws and Airport Management Current Regulations.
- 8.2 All pilots are required to know and fly in accordance with the Airport Traffic Pattern.
Fixed Wing – Left Hand – 1000 ft. above ground.
Rotorcraft – 500 ft. above ground. Each pilot of a helicopter or a powered parachute must avoid the flow of fixed-wing aircraft.
- 8.3 No person shall operate aircraft on or above Airport Property unless that individual has an appropriate license, where required.
- 8.4 There shall be no “propping”, nor running aircraft engine unless there is a competent operator at the controls.
- 8.5 No persons shall run the engine or engines of any aircraft at any location on Airport Property in such a manner as to cause damage to the person or property of another.
- 8.6 No aircraft shall be parked in such a manner as to obstruct other aircraft or prevent passage of emergency equipment.
- 8.7 Transient aircraft pilots are responsible for securing their aircraft at all times.
- 8.8 Tenants and Transient pilots are required to set brake and chock any aircraft when refueling, washing or left unattended unless the aircraft is tied down when on the ramp.
- 8.9 Persons involved in an aircraft accident occurring on Airport Property must immediately notify the Airport Management. When required, removal of the aircraft and debris will be at the expense of the aircraft owner and/or operator.

9.0 HANGAR USE

- 9.1 Hangars must be kept clean and free of debris, trash, and flammable liquids at all times. Aircraft parts and tools shall be maintained in an orderly fashion and not impede walking paths around the aircraft, adjacent aircraft or hangar common areas. Tenants will be given notice by Airport Management when these requirements are not met. If tenant or other persons do not remedy a violation of this section promptly upon notification, all cost or expense incurred by the Airport Management for clean-up or removal of debris, parts, tools or anything else will be billed to the tenant.
- 9.2 Airport Management reserves the right to enter any hangar at any time.
- 9.3 Any alterations of hangar space must be pre-approved by Airport Management.
- 9.4 Modifications made to the leased hangar space must remain in place when the lessee terminates their lease unless approved or requested by Airport Management.

- 9.5 For emergency egress purposes, aircraft must not be parked with the brakes on while in any hangar or leased space. Aircraft shall be chocked and tow bar present.
- 9.6 Parking of road vehicles is prohibited in all community hangars.
- 9.7 Airport Management reserves the right to move any aircraft as deemed necessary. Airport Management will make every effort to notify tenants, when possible.
- 9.8 No tenant shall move the aircraft of another tenant without permission of the aircraft owner or Airport Management.
- 9.9 Tenant owner-assisted annuals may be conducted in leased hangar space with permission of Airport Management and in keeping with all other airport rules.
- 9.10 Only aircraft owners, lessees and their guests are allowed in hangers.



I _____ have received, read, understand and will abide by the Geauga County Airport Rules and Regulations revised as of August 1, 2016. I have been made aware that after notification and a reasonable period of time to remedy any violation of the airport rules: the reasonable and justified expense incurred for towing, clean-up, or any other costs due to violation by me, my representatives or guests of the Rules and Regulations will be reimbursed to the Geauga County Airport Authority within 30 days of the invoice date. Failure to abide and failure to reimburse as billed will be considered a breach and grounds for immediate eviction. Any decision of the Geauga County Airport Authority may be appealed within 30 days of notification of the violation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail to Geauga County Airport 15421 Old State Rd, Hangar 3, Middlefield, OH 44062