

Bois Blanc Island Airport (6Y1)

RULES and REGULATIONS

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Chapter 1: GENERAL

Section 1.1: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to these Rules and Regulations:

Aircraft Accident refers to an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time a person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage.

Aircraft Operating Area (AOA) refers to that portion of the airport designated for use by aircraft and includes all runways, taxiways, ramps, aprons, and any other area so delineated.

Airport refers only to the Bois Blanc Island Airport and its related land, facilities, appurtenances, and improvements.

Airport Traffic Pattern refers to that airspace in the immediate vicinity of the airport where certain procedures and altitudes shall apply.

Airport Manager refers to the manager of the airport appointed by the Bois Blanc Island Township Board.

Bureau refers to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Bureau of Aeronautics.

Commercial Operation or Activity refers to any revenue producing activity on the airport including exchange, trading, buying, hiring, or selling of commodities, goods, services, or property of any kind.

Commission refers to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

Emergency Vehicle(s) refers to police and fire vehicles, ambulances, and any vehicle conveying an airport official or

employee in response to an emergency call.

Person(s) refers to any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, or association that includes any director, trustee, receiver, agent, or similar representative.

Pilot refers to any person who is responsible for the control of an aircraft.

Restricted Area(s) refers to any area(s) so designated by MAC, the FAA, or the Airport Manager for reasons of safety or security.

Taxiway(s) refers to an improved surface area primarily used by aircraft to proceed to and from the ramp and runway areas

Vehicle(s) refers to any mobile unit other than an aircraft in which persons or property may be transported.

Section 1.2: Abbreviations

AOA – Airport Operation Area
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration
MAC – Michigan Aeronautics Commission
NOTAM – Notice to Airmen

Section 1.3: Scope

All persons on any part of the airport shall be governed by these rules and regulations, as well as any rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission (MAC). No part of these rules and regulations shall take precedence over safe operating procedures required or suggested by the manufacturers of aircraft and aviation related equipment, including but not limited to procedures and practices described in an aircraft's Pilot's Operating Handbook and supplements.

Section 1.4: Violations of Rules and Regulations

The Airport Manager may cause to be removed or evicted from the airport any person who knowingly and/or willingly violates any rules

or regulation prescribed herein, or any rule or regulation in effect by the FAA or the MAC and may deny use of the airport and its facilities to any such person.

Section 1.5: Hearings for Alleged Violations

Where a violation of these rules and regulations may cause revocation of permits and/or privileges exercised by a person at the airport, such person shall receive written notification of time and place and such details and shall adequately appraise such person of alleged violation, and the action of the Airport Manager. A copy of this notification shall be sent to the Bureau of Aeronautics. In the event the person receiving such notification desires to contest the alleged violation or the proposed action, they shall submit a written appeal within ten (10) days of receipt of such notification to the Airport Manager.

Section 1.6: Lost Articles

All lost articles shall be turned into the Airport Manager by the finder. Any article not claimed within sixty (60) days will be either destroyed or given to the appropriate agency.

Section 1.7: Liability

The Bois Blanc Island Township assumes no responsibility for the loss, injury, or damage to persons or property by reasons of theft, fire, vandalism, faulty construction practice, design errors, jet blast or turbulence, wind, flood, earthquake, or other natural causes.

Section 1.8: Accident Reports

Any person involved in any accident or incident occurring on the premises of the airport which results in injury to any person or damage to property shall immediately notify the Airport Manager and the Township Supervisor of Bois Blanc Island Township. Any operator should notify the State of Michigan Department of Aeronautics. This does not eliminate any obligation a person may have to report accidents or incidents to any other agency.

Chapter 2: AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

Section 2.1: Aeronautical Activities

All aeronautical activities at the airport and all flying of aircraft departing from or arriving in the airspace above the airport shall be conducted in conformity with the current pertinent rules and regulations of the FAA, the MAC, and the airport.

Section 2.2: Aircraft Registration

1. All person(s) landing at the airport are required to complete the flight log located in the terminal breezeway.
2. All person(s) basing an aircraft in a privately owned hanger shall provide the Airport Manager with the following information: year, make, and model of aircraft; aircraft registration number; aircraft registration location; aircraft owner's permanent address and phone number. Any changes to this information must immediately be provided.
3. No person shall operate from the airport any uncertified or unregistered aircraft that does not fully meet the requirements of the FAA or MAC.

Section 2.3: Closing the Field

In the event the Airport Manager believes the conditions of the airport or any part of the airport to be unsafe for landing or takeoff, it shall be within the authority of said manager to initiate a NOTAM closing of the entire airport or any part thereof.

Section 2.4: Abandoned, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft

1. An aircraft owner, his pilot, or authorized agent, is responsible for the prompt disposal of a wrecked aircraft and its parts, to avoid interference with airport operations, unless specifically directed by the Airport Manager, MAC, Mackinac County Sheriff, Michigan State Police, the FAA, or any other appropriate federal agency to

- delay removal pending an investigation.
2. All damaged or disabled aircraft and parts on the airport shall be removed from public view by the owner or operator within 24 hours of completion of investigation and subsequent release by the 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 Airport Manager, the aircraft or parts may be removed by the Airport Manager at the owner's or operators' expense, and without liability for damage which may result in the course of or after such removal.

Section 2.5: Aircraft Operations

1. Aircraft run-up or other engine test operations at the airport shall not be performed in any area that would result in a hazard to other aircraft, persons, or property.
2. No person shall start or run any engine of an aircraft unless a competent person is in the aircraft attending the controls. Chocks or tiedown procedures shall always be used before starting the engine or engines unless the aircraft is equipped with adequate brakes.

Section 2.6: Aircraft Parking

1. Aircraft are to be parked on the grass to the South, East, and West of the airport terminal apron. If needed, tiedown kits are available in the pilot's lounge located in the terminal building.
2. No aircraft shall be parked such that it blocks or impedes emergency access to the apron as this space is used by emergency response personnel, vehicles, and aircraft when transporting patients off island by air.
3. The airport shall not be responsible for any damage to, or theft from, any aircraft parked or tied down at the airport.

Section 2.7: Terminal Building

1. The airport terminal building is for the self-service use of pilots and their passengers.
2. Do not prop open exterior doors.
3. Overnight stays in the facility are not permitted, except in the event of a weather or other emergency which prevents a pilot from departing the island.
4. Please turn off all lights and close any open windows upon departure.

Section 2.8: Campground

Camping is permitted on the grassy area near the privy, fire pit, and picnic tables, so long as the following regulations are adhered to:

1. Contact the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department to obtain a burn permit prior to having a campfire.
2. Take trash with you upon departure, or to the Township Transfer Station during operating hours.

A hand pump well is near the site, but for potable water, please use the well near the terminal building.

Section 2.9: Aircraft Facility Damage

Any person who damages any light, fixture, or other airport facility shall report such damage to the Airport Manager immediately and shall be fully responsible for any costs required to repair or replace the damaged property.

Section 2.10: Runway Approach Obstructions

When the Township is notified by the State of Michigan that certain trees on parcels of private property within the runway “approach

protection area” exceed height restrictions and must be cut or removed pursuant to MCL 259.156 *et seq.* (the “Act”), it is the property owner’s obligation to cut or remove those trees in order to comply with the Act. Following written notification from the Township of the obstruction(s), the property owner must cut or remove the identified trees within 30 days of the date of the letter. If that does not occur, the Township will commence legal action against the property owner. Alternately, if the property owner prefers, the Township will remove the trees at issue without any cost to the property owner, but the property owner (and all of the current owners of the Parcel) must sign and execute the appropriate consent/release document available from the Township. That must occur within 14 days from the date of the original notification letter from the Township of the obstruction.

Chapter 3: VEHICLES

Section 3.1: Vehicle Operations on Airport Property

1. No person shall operate a vehicle of any kind in the Aircraft Operating Area (AOA) unless authorized to do so by the Airport Manager.
2. No person shall operate a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner.
3. No person shall operate a vehicle in such a manner or condition as to endanger persons or property.
4. No person shall operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or narcotic drugs.
5. All vehicles operating on the Aircraft Operating Area shall have an operating beacon and must monitor air radio traffic.
6. During times of emergency due to aircraft accidents, other mishaps, or natural disasters, no private vehicles other than those operated by emergency personnel, unless specifically

authorized by the Airport Manager, shall be allowed in the AOA. The Airport Manager shall determine when normal operations may be resumed.

7. Any person who operates a vehicle and damages any light, fixture, or other airport facility shall report such damage to the Airport Manager immediately and shall be fully responsible for any costs required to repair or replace the damaged light fixture, or facility.

Section 3.2: Vehicle Parking

1. No person shall park a vehicle for loading, unloading, or any other purpose on the areas specifically established for parking in the manner prescribed by signs, lines, or other means, unless prior permission has been obtained by the Airport Manager.
2. The Airport Manager shall have the authority to cause parked motor vehicles in violation of this section to be towed or moved at the owners or operators' expense and without liability for damage which may result during such towing.
3. Airport users may park their vehicles or those of their passengers in the terminal parking area. Areas are designated for short-term (free for up to 72 hours) and long-term parking (permit required).
4. Only regularly used, operational vehicles which are property registered and insured, are permitted to use long-term parking with a valid permit from the Township Office.