



Northam Airfield Rules of Operation

The Shire of Northam has appointed The Northam Aero Club Inc. Managing Body for The Northam AIRFIELD

EVERY PERSON WHO ENTERS THE AIRFIELD MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES

1. Any person using or entering the Northam Airfield site must at all times comply with any lawful request or direction of the Airfield Manager.
2. All aircraft using/operating from the Northam Airfield shall do so in accordance with Civil Aviation Safety Regulations.
3. Night circuits by any aircraft are not permitted after 2100 hrs Western Standard time (1300 UTC). This rule does not apply to aircraft terminating or originating a night flight in Northam.
4. In order that aircraft noise levels over town are minimised, left hand circuits are applied to Runway 14. Right hand circuits are applied to Runway 32.
5. The following types of aircraft are not permitted to operate from the Northam Airfield unless the express permission of the Northam Shire Council has been granted:
 - a) Gyroplanes CA095.12 and CAO 95.12.1
 - b) Weight shift Control aircraft and Powered Parachutes. CAO 95.32
6. All aircraft not contained within an approved hangar must be parked in the designated aircraft parking area.
7. Security of any aircraft is at all times the responsibility of the individual owner or operator or Pilot in Command (PIC).
8. Motor vehicle entry to the Airfield site must be through the approved entry gate off Withers Street.
9. Motor vehicles (including tags) entering the Northam Airfield site must not proceed beyond the nominated general vehicle parking area unless specific approval has been granted by the Airfield Manager.
10. Application for vehicle access to the Airfield beyond the General Parking area should in the first instance be made to the Airfield Manager and may be granted subject to conditions. Any Vehicle access approval granted is subject to the approved vehicle meeting the safety and licensing regulations applicable to all general road usage. Where the vehicle is an aircraft tug it shall be certified as safe to use for that purpose by a person competent to do so.
11. Notwithstanding any vehicle access approval granted under Rule 10, vehicles shall not be permitted on the airfield runway unless specifically approved to do so by the Airfield Manager. Such vehicles must be equipped with suitable flashing warning lights, preferably a working air-band radio, and driven by a driver who is trained in or aware of airfield safety requirements or be accompanied by a person approved by the Airfield Manager.
12. The maximum speed for any motor vehicle on the Northam Airfield site is 20km per hour.
13. Access to the Airfield especially airside by persons requires that:

- 13.1 No person may enter the Northam Airfield site other than through the approved entry gate off Withers Street and may not move beyond the General Vehicle Parking area unless accompanied by:
- a) A representative of the Shire of Northam; or
 - b) A representative of the Airfield Manager; or
 - c) A Lessee or the appointed representative of a Lessee of any hangar site at the Airfield; or
 - d) Has been specifically authorised to do so by virtue of being an employee of any Lessee operating a business from a hangar site.
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- a) Notwithstanding sub clause 13.1 where an aircraft lands at the Northam Airfield to either pick up or drop off passengers then the Pilot in Command (PIC) of that aircraft will be responsible for the safety of his passengers.
 - b) The PIC will escort incoming passengers from his aircraft to the general vehicle parking area or into the care of one of those persons authorised in sub clause 13.1(a) to (c) inclusive.
 - c) The PIC will escort outgoing passengers either from the general vehicle parking area to his aircraft or where these passengers are already in the care of a person authorised by sub clause 13.1(a) to (c) inclusive from the care of those persons to his aircraft.
14. Only persons authorised by the Airfield Manager may enter on to the Northam Airfield runway.
15. With authority from the Airfield Manager access to the Northam Airfield site is permitted at any time by Emergency Service vehicles or personnel attending to any emergency. Care must be taken not to conflict with aircraft that may be using the Airfield.
16. Carriage and use of radio is required by Aerodrome Operator (AD OPR).
17. Aircraft can be parked on the apron for a maximum of three (3) months before alternate storage arrangement must be made.