

Operating procedures at Franconia for visiting clubs

A brief Safety Meeting is held at 10:00 AM each morning, all pilots present on the field are required to attend. Any pilots not on the field at the time of the meeting must seek out an instructor that was present at the meeting to get an individual briefing.

Ground operations.

1. No trailers are to park south of the 1-35 (N135SA). This area must remain clear so that gliders can be taxied on the west side of the wind sock.
2. Be sure golf carts do not impede the conga line of gliders being towed into the launch area. When not in use they should be returned to the club house area so that they are available for the next retrieve.
3. While using runway 36, taxi and park gliders on the west side of the wind sock. Stage gliders a maximum of two gliders abreast, fuselages aligned with the orange cones along the fence. **Note that this will require wings to overlap, just be sure that one wing is ahead of the other glider.** The tight spacing is necessary to keep an open space for landing aircraft and trailing tow ropes.
4. While using runway 18, gliders must be parked on the west side of the runway and only one glider at a time can be staged for takeoff.
5. The east side of the runway must remain clear for landing aircraft and tow planes dragging ropes. No gliders should be staged beyond the center line of either runway (see note 3 above).
6. Tow planes that are awaiting tows that need to shut down should park on the southeast side of runway 36, very close to the trees. On runway 18 they should park on the west side of the runway, in the pull off area just north of the cemetery.

Flight operations.

1. Radios are strongly encouraged, Unicom is 122.8 Gliders are to remain on Unicom throughout the tow.
2. Follow the pattern as shown and no down wind landings. Exceptions are the tow planes, at the tow pilots discretion. Any tow planes performing a go-around should drop the rope so as not to risk dragging it over any other a/c.
3. When landing on 36, clear the fence by a minimum of 30 feet.
4. Maintain at least 500 feet above or 1000 feet horizontally from the tramway. We have an agreement with Cannon Mountain operators to do so.
5. All pilots (licensed and students) without ridge experience are required to get a ridge checkout before flying the ridge.



RWY 36 IP
≈ 1200' AGL

RWY 18 IP
≈ 1200' AGL

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Imagery Date: 11/8/2011 44°11'41.80" N 71°45'48.16" W elev. 1072 ft eye alt 1125