

WHAM

West Pit Procedures-June 2013

General Information

Following discussion amongst the WHAM Executive, it was agreed that we would trial west-pit operations as some of our members enjoy flying in the evenings. Accordingly, we have developed the following guidelines /procedures to be followed when using the west pit.

Procedures

1. The field must be **completely dry** before attempting to access the west pit. From experience, if the field is the least bit wet, vehicles leave deep ruts and will ultimately become 'stuck'.
2. Hours of operation of the west pit are from 4 PM to field closing 9 PM.
3. Only the route that has been used to date is to be used to travel to and from the west pit. That is, south along the east edge of the field from the parking lot to the south end of the field, then west across the field to the west side, and then north to approximately the mid-point of the runway. The path is well-worn and obvious, and there is a starting stand at the approximate position of the west pit.
4. MAAC distances/regulations will be adhered to in the west pit in that the parking of vehicles will be close to the west ditch, and the flying stations shall be at least 7 metres west of the west edge of the runway. The pits can be established between the vehicles and well before the flying stations.
5. If the sky is overcast, and the sun is **not** a factor, then rather than operating from the west pit, just operate from the east pit as per normal.
6. Be cognizant and aware of vehicular traffic on both PR 334, and incoming to the field. Use common sense to ensure no conflicts arise.
7. Finally, be very cautious with flight patterns and spend minimal time over and east of PR 334. Please remember that this is a trial, and will hopefully be successful (that is no incidents or complaints) so that we can continue to enjoy flying in the evenings.

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