

Aerobatic Contest Box (ACB) Special Provisions

1. The ACB that these special provisions pertain to is depicted and described on Attachment A to this CoW.
2. This CoW is not valid if the in-flight visibility is less than 3 SM or the ceiling, if a ceiling exists, is less than 3,000 feet AGL.
3. The contest director is responsible for ensuring that Atlanta Center is notified by telephone at least 30 minutes before operations begin and again when the flight activity has been terminated.
4. Before commencing aerobatic flight operations the contest director is responsible for advising the Leidos Flight Service (LFS) of the activity and for requesting that a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM D) including the following information, appropriate to the operation, be issued.
 - a. The location, dates, and times the aerobatic activity will be in effect.
 - b. When appropriate, runway that will be closed during the aerobatic activities. (This information must also be included in the traffic advisory to non-participating aircraft.)
5. Allowing touch and go landings during the times the NOTAM D is in effect must be coordinated and agreed upon by the CoW holder and the airport manager. (This information must also be included in the traffic advisory to non-participating aircraft.)
6. All traffic at Rome will use traffic pattern on the west side of the airport while the NOTAM D is in effect. (This information must also be included in the traffic advisory to non-participating aircraft.)
7. All CoW's granting relief from appropriate sections of Part 91 must also contain guidance stipulating that the person responsible for activation of the ACB provides the Leidos Flight Services with a copy of the CoW at least 48 hours before activation of the NOTAM.
8. Aerobatics shall only be conducted between the hours of official sunrise and sunset.
9. Each aircraft operating within the ACB must be appropriately equipped to maintain continuous radio reception with the chief judge.
10. Though permission of the airport management is specifically not required for the CoW, the holder of the CoW should coordinate with the Rome airport manager for the conduct of aerobatic activities and, in addition, ensure that the airport management fully understands and will abide by the terms and conditions of the CoW. Aerobatics are limited to those aircraft and pilots who are approved by the holder of the CoW or a designated representative. The contest director is responsible for ensuring that:
 - a. Each aircraft competing in the aerobatic competition has the appropriate documents necessary to show current registration and airworthiness.
 - b. Each pilot participating in the aerobatic competition is properly certificated and possesses the currency and/or endorsements appropriate to the flight operation being conducted.

- c. Before any waived aerobatic operation, each pilot participating in the aerobatic competition receives a briefing from the waiver holder or designated representative. This briefing must include the terms of the CoW, the confines of waived airspace and any special limitations or procedural considerations contained therein.
11. A crowd line consisting of a physical barrier and/or adequate policing shall be established at least 500 feet from the ACB to confine all spectators within a designated area.
12. When operating within the ACB, 91.119(c) is waived only if unoccupied structures are involved or to allow participating aircraft to operate lower than 500 feet to essential personnel, vehicles, or vessels on the ground. All participating aircraft must maintain at least 500 feet from nonessential personnel.
13. Before performing any aerobatic sequence, the area must be scanned thoroughly by both the competitor and the chief judge. The competitor must not enter and/or initiate any aerobatic maneuvers unless the chief judge has ensured that the area is free of any conflicting traffic and has advised the pilot that the ACB is clear.
14. The FAA has the authority to cancel the CoW or delay any events if the safety of persons or property on the ground or in the air is in jeopardy, or if there is a violation of the terms of the CoW.
15. Rome Airport will be closed to all non-participant aircraft when the competitive activity of Advanced and Unlimited Category pilots may create a conflict with continuing non-participant flight operations. (Also include this information in the NOTAM and traffic advisory.)
16. No touch-and-go landings are permitted while the ACB is in use if the participant in the ACB poses a hazard to touch and go traffic. (Also include this information in the NOTAM and traffic advisory)
17. Aerobatic operations must not be conducted at altitudes lower than 1,200 feet AGL when the ACB is located over a runway that is open and that activity may create a conflict with continuing non-participant flight operations.
18. The contest director or a person specifically designated by the contest director will continuously monitor the UNICOM frequency while the ACB is active. That person will advise an aircraft operating at or near Rome Airport of potential traffic conflicts that may occur while operating in close proximity to the ACB. The person assigned to monitor the UNICOM frequency will have direct access to the chief judge by radio, telephone, or direct contact. Should there be an actual or potential conflict, the chief judge has the final authority to call for a cessation of aerobatics.
19. The UNICOM shall be manned by a person who has been briefed on the aerobatics activity, special pattern rules, and restrictions. If needed, a scripted version of the advisory will be furnished by the CoW holder in order to provide a standardized advisory to all pilots.