

Air Boss Briefing Checklist For Waivered Airspace Operations

Frequencies: Primary _____ Backup _____ Discrete/ Announcer _____

- ❑ Purpose: The purpose of this brief is to de-conflict the show. Please be sure by the time you leave the brief, that any concerns you have as a performer or support participant is satisfied.
- ❑ Time hack: Sync watches - the time is now . . .
- ❑ Introductions: Air Show Chairman, Guests, FAA, etc. Opening comments from anyone?
- ❑ Roll Call: All performers, parachutist, CFR, Pyro, (anyone subject to the waiver)
- ❑ Weather Brief: Surface winds, winds aloft, density altitude, forecast for show time, & departure brief for performers leaving after the show.
- ❑ Reminder to set altimeters to zero. **Caution** Performers if **on-crowd wind** exists.
- ❑ Alternate airports: If you can't land back here for any reason, the alternate airports are located, (bearing and distance, runway description and services).
- ❑ Waiver: Times, airspace, read the list of waived FAR's, crowd line, obstacles, Remind Performers to read and sign waiver. (*provide copy of waiver to performers if not already done so*), times when airboss will take control of field, etc.
- ❑ Field layout, runway layout, crowd line, 500 & 1000 foot lines (& how identified), CFR crew station (**outside crowd line!**), Pyro locations, ground hazards to low flying aircraft, noise sensitive areas, road closures, etc. Remind Performers to give CFR crew their hand-outs.
- ❑ Interlopers – who & how will they be identified? Have a plan for handling no-radio landings. Caution if there will there be an X on the runway? Knock it off signal?
- ❑ Minimum altitude: (*if applicable*), under certain circumstances the crowd line may require higher floor so everyone can see performances.
- ❑ Logistics: Identify individuals responsible for Fuel and Smoke oil and how to get a hold of them. Ensure a good contact path so performers are not required to chase them down. Ask for additional needs or unusual logistics requests. Brief Hot-Pit location or other refueling areas.
- ❑ Emergency Planning: Normally AB will direct a vehicle onto runway with flashing lights to alert break-off performance and land. What-ifs to think about.
- ❑ Safety: Beware of props, jet blast, etc. Brief ground handlers as to ramp etiquette when moving airplanes in and around spectators. No props turning within 50 ft. of crowd.
- ❑ **Show line-up.** Brief. (*provide handout*) Know who you follow and when to be at your aircraft.
- ❑ Identify anyone wishing to depart during the show (waiver period). Brief as required.
- ❑ Post show briefing or social gathering announcements:
- ❑ Performers - Please see the FAA to show them your credentials. You can't fly if you haven't signed the waiver. (*2nd reminder*)
- ❑ Reminder: Don't do nothing dumb. If you haven't done it before, don't do it here.