

NEBRASKA AIRPORT REMINDERS

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While a public-use airport is accessible to the general public, it's crucial to emphasize that this access serves aviation-related activities and is not for non-aeronautical pursuits. These airports accommodate various aeronautical users, including commercial flights, private pilots, flight schools, emergency services, air cargo operators, agricultural spray operators, aircraft maintenance facilities, and other entities involved in aviation.

An airport's Aircraft Operations Area (AOA) refers to the specific zones where aircraft taxi, take off, and land. It includes runways, taxiways, aprons, and other designated areas directly associated with aircraft movement. The primary purpose of the AOA is to facilitate safe and efficient aviation operations. **Non-aeronautical activities, such as recreational activities/gatherings, picnics, model aircraft, sports events, and similar pursuits, are prohibited within the AOA.**

ITEM 1: Accessibility: Public-use airports are open to anyone who wants to use their facilities **for lawful aviation purposes only**. Some situations are acceptable on a case-by-case basis and must be coordinated with the FAA.

ITEM 2: Regulation: Public-use airports in Nebraska are subject to Federal Aviation Administration regulations, Nebraska Statutes: Chapter 3 – Aeronautics, and other federal and state grant assurance. These regulations cover various aspects, such as safety, security, and operational procedures.

ITEM 3: Safety Concerns: The AOA is specifically designed and maintained for aircraft movement and operations. Engaging in non-aeronautical activities within this area poses significant safety risks to personnel, property, and aircraft, including impeding aircraft movement, creating hazards on runways and taxiways, and increasing the likelihood of accidents or incidents.

ITEM 4: Consequences: Violations of unauthorized entry and engagement in non-aeronautical activities within the AOA constitute trespassing violations. Immediate action may be taken by local law enforcement authorities to address the violation.

Your compliance is essential in ensuring a secure environment for all aviation-related activities.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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