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# Spring GAA Meeting

## Fairbanks Air Traffic Control (FAI ATCT)



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# Discussion Points

- Introduction
- Opposite Direction
- Traffic Pattern Operations
- Pattern Awareness
- Float Pond Operations
- Float Pond Pattern
- GPS position reports



# Opposite Direction Operations (ODO)

- Minimum separation Dept v. Arrival and Arrival v. Arrival is 10 NM.
  - Minimum may be reduced to 5NM if:
    - Flight paths do not cross, and
    - at least one of the aircraft is VFR.
- Parallel runway ODO may be simultaneous if:
  - Tower is providing visual separation
- No ODO on the float pond, too close to other runways.



# Traffic Pattern Operations

- FAI Pattern Altitude
  - 1,500' MSL (Single Engine Reciprocating Aircraft)
  - 2,000' MSL (All other Aircraft)
- Remain within 1NM of the airport (or as operationally feasible) unless instructed otherwise
  - Advise if you require an extended pattern. For sequencing purposes, tower may switch you to approach control.
- Advise tower if you plan to execute stop & go's or full stop (for spacing and sequencing purposes)



# Traffic Pattern Awareness

- If informed you will be following traffic, Don't turn base w/o traffic to follow in sight.
- Don't crowd another aircraft.
- Please be prompt on the runway.
- Avoid flying thru final on your base turn



# Float Pond

- Float pond channel extends to each N/S shore line
- Remain east of the channel at all times unless given a clearance to enter the channel
- No step taxiing/landing/departing outside the channel
- Aircraft are expected to exit the channel as soon as practical after landing unless otherwise approved
- Simultaneous opposite direction operations with the float pond and any other surface are not allowed (expect delays)



# Float Pond Pattern

- Expect frequent changes to pattern.
- Fly a pattern as if using the pavement.
- Avoid flying thru final on your base turn.
- Don't crowd





# GPS Settings



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CAUTION: SALLY VFR Checkpoint for Fighter traffic entering VFR pattern at SALLY

Position reports should be in Nautical, not Statute miles.



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# Questions?

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Thank you for your time.

