

HOTMAC Airspace Safety

1. According to the ACT/HOTMAC Letter of Agreement dated May 15, 2022 the following procedures apply:
 - a. If operating from surface to 400 feet AGL, a **“Spotter”** is **recommended** but not required.
 - b. If operating from 400 feet AGL and above, a **“Spotter” IS required**.
 - c. If operating above 800 feet AGL up to 1500 feet AGL, **the pilot must call ACT (Waco) Tower (254) 752-7746 no more than 2 hours before operations will exceed 800 feet AGL**. This call should include the estimated times the UAS is anticipated to exceed 800 feet AGL as well as the cellphone contact number for the spotter. A logbook located in the clubhouse is to be filled out when the ACT Tower is notified to record the required information.
 - i. If the original caller departs the field, a replacement contact needs to call the tower and provide a replacement cellphone number. The objective is for the Waco Tower to always have a contact cellphone on site in case of an emergency while operations are exceeding 800 feet AGL and above.
 - ii. The Waco Tower will broadcast on the ATIS. (Automatic Terminal Information System) Pilots will monitor with the provided scanner 123.85 Mhz and confirm the ATIS broadcast before exceeding 800 feet AGL.
 - iii. Only authorized when weather conditions at ACT are Visual Flight Rules.
2. **All pilots of turbines and high performance** aircraft **MUST** notify the ACT Tower according to provision (c.) above.
3. All pilots at HOTMAC will practice **“See and Avoid”** safety procedures. This means that when full scale aircraft are detected (seen or heard) the RC pilot will descend his aircraft to 200’ or below and stay in holding pattern or land until full scale aircraft have cleared the HOTMAC overfly area. Use of the Flightradar24 phone app before and during flying is considered “best practice”.
4. A pilot must immediately notify ACT Tower at (254) 752-7746 in the event of a fly-away that may affect manned aircraft operations. Information to be reported in case of a fly-away:
 - a. Location of aircraft
 - b. Size of aircraft (weight, length, width)
 - c. Direction of Flight
 - d. Estimated Altitude
5. All R/C flight operations will be between civil sunrise and civil sunset local time. There are no night flying operations permitted.