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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Major General David Wheeler  
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Dear Major General Wheeler:

Based on the approval of the Snowbirds' maneuver package by the Commander of the 1st Canadian Air Division and the successful completion of the acceptance flight, the Snowbirds maneuvers package is accepted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for aerial demonstrations within the United States of America during the 2015 season.

The FAA acceptance of the Snowbirds maneuver package should not be construed as a special waiver, exemption or exception to the guidelines and provisions of any aviation event Certificate of Waiver (CoW), or from general operating and flight rules outside of waived airspace. It does advise FAA field personnel that each maneuver contained in the maneuvers package is acceptable to the FAA when conducted within waived airspace in accordance with the terms and provisions of a valid Certificate of Waiver issued by the FAA. It is expected that these maneuvers will be performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of a valid FAA CoW for each aviation event, such as, but not limited to:

1. Appropriate participation at pre-show briefings.
2. Adherence to appropriate show line restrictions;
3. Adherence to restrictions regarding maneuvers that direct energy toward spectators;
4. Adherence to appropriate minimum safe altitude restrictions; specifically the following authorized through CAD 1Command approval:
  - 500 foot restriction over the spectator area; and
  - ingress and egress altitudes shall be a minimum of 500 feet AGL above the highest obstacle.

The following two maneuvers require an extension of the aerobatic box to accommodate aerobatic maneuvering between 500 feet AGL and 1500 feet AGL. This must be approved by the Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Inspector-In-Charge (IIC) of the aviation event and be requested in writing directly to that FAA inspector by you or your team representative. The CoW must depict the extension to the aerobatic box for the maneuvers to be authorized:

- Lagback Cross
- Battle-of-Britain

We will make the 2015 Snowbirds maneuver package available to our Flight Standards Regional and District Offices. This will inform FAA personnel of the maneuvers they can expect to be performed by your team. The package will also be used when conducting site feasibility determinations for future demonstrations.

This office is available to answer any questions you may have concerning FAA aviation event policies. Sue Gardner, FAA National Aviation Event Specialist (NAES), can be reached by telephone at (630) 880-5834 or via email at [sue.gardner@faa.gov](mailto:sue.gardner@faa.gov).

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you and your entire team in assuring safety. We wish you a safe season in 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Viola". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

*For* James A. Viola  
Division Manager,  
General Aviation and Commercial Division