Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Instructions

This information is specific to establishing Airshow TFRs only.

Airshow TFRs prohibit the operation of any aircraft or device, or any activity within the designated airspace area, except in accordance with the authorizations, terms, and conditions of the TFR published in an FDC NOTAM, unless otherwise authorized by air traffic control. For airshow TFRs supporting aerial demonstrations, a restriction may be issued if the following criteria is met: (1) military aircraft are conducting aerobatic demonstrations; (2) civilian aircraft that operate in excess of 200 knots are conducting aerobatic demonstrations; and (3) parachute demonstration teams are performing.

The process for obtaining an airshow TFR requires a separate request (see the Service Area Request Worksheet) for the TFR submitted to the Air Traffic Organization Service Center Operations Support Group and an application (FAA Form 7711-2) for obtaining a certificate of waiver submitted to the Flight Standards District Office. The TFR worksheet must be submitted to the Service Center specialist for the Service Area that the airshow location falls within.

In order to prevent problems in obtaining an airshow TFR for your aviation event, each TFR request requires coordination by the aviation event's responsible person or air boss with the appropriate air traffic control (ATC) facility(ies) responsible for the proposed TFR airspace approximately 90 days prior to the event. Once the airspace and procedures coordination is completed with the ATC facility(ies), the request for the airshow TFR must be submitted by the event's responsible person or air boss to the Service Center specialist (based on the event's location), and copied to the appropriate ATC facility(ies), at least 45 days prior to the aviation event. This allows the Service Center to staff the request and issue approved airshow TFRs as FDC NOTAMs seven days prior to the aerial event. Any airspace special conditions considered necessary will be included in the NOTAM.