

The Competition Director  
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**CLASS A CONTROLLED AIRSPACE: RULES OF THE AIR REGULATIONS 2007 RULE 18  
EXEMPTIONS FOR GLIDING COMPETITIONS**

Further to correspondence from Mike Collett concerning the Booker gliding competition planned for July 2009, I enclose an Exemption from the Mandatory IFR requirements of Rule 18 for the portions of Class A controlled airspace (London TMA) required for this events that have been agreed with NATS.

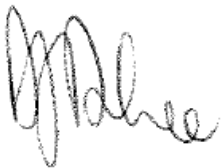
As in previous years the supporting Notes detail the responsibilities of the Competition Organisers in ensuring that participants are adequately briefed on the airspace delegations and for co-ordinating clearance with the airspace Controlling Authorities.

I have copied the exemption to the BGA, NATS LTC (which is the Controlling Authority for the affected airspace) and London Luton Airport Manager ATS.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there are any outstanding concerns with this Exemption. I would appreciate feedback after the competition on the success of the arrangements and the application of the Exemption.

Finally, I hope that the event is a success.

Best wishes



**Dave Drake**  
For Head, Controlled Airspace Section

Enclosure:

Rules of the Air Rule 18 Exemption – Booker Gliding Club Competition 11-19 July 2009.

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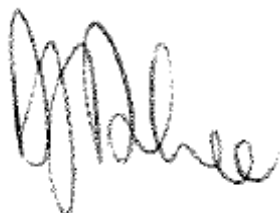
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## **EXEMPTION**

1. The Civil Aviation Authority in exercise of its powers under Article 153 of the Air Navigation Order 2005 ("the Order"), hereby exempts the aircraft specified in paragraph 2 hereof when flying within the airspace specified at paragraph 3 hereof ("the specified airspace") from the requirement to comply with Rule 18 of the Rules of the Air Regulations 2007 ("the Rules") subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 4 hereof.
  
2. Any glider practising for or participating in the Booker Gliding Club regional competition and in either case flying from Wycombe Air Park and any aeroplane on a flight during any part of which it has towed such a glider.
  
3. (1) Area A: The airspace forming that part of the London Terminal Control Area bounded by:  
  
514542N 0005550W  
514647N 0004936W  
514021N 0004916W  
514542N 0005550W  
  
from 3500 ft amsl to 4500 ft amsl  
  
(2) Area B: The airspace forming that part of the London Terminal Control Area bounded by:  
  
513433N 0010000W  
513451N 0005516W  
513238N 0005516W  
513233N 0010000W  
513433N 0010000W  
  
from 3500ft amsl to 4500ft amsl  
  
(3) Area C: The airspace forming that part of the London Terminal Control Area bounded by:  
  
513451N 0005516W  
513238N 0005516W  
513512N 0004942W  
513451N 0005516W  
  
from 2500ft amsl to 4500ft amsl
  
4. (1) An aircraft shall not fly pursuant to this exemption unless the commander of the aircraft has received from the competition organiser a full briefing on the airspace limits including in particular the need to contain the flights within the vertical and lateral limits of the specified airspace.

- (2) An aircraft shall not fly pursuant to this exemption unless -
    - (a) before entering the specified airspace the commander of the aircraft shall have obtained the permission of the Air Traffic Control Unit at London Terminal Control (Swanwick) in respect of the flight; and
    - (b) whilst flying within the specified airspace the commander of the aircraft complies with any conditions subject to which that permission may have been granted.
  - (3) On any flight pursuant to this exemption the aircraft shall remain at least 1500 metres horizontally and 1000ft vertically away from any cloud and in a flight visibility of at least 5km.
  - (4) On any flight pursuant to this exemption the commander of the aircraft shall maintain a listening watch on the appropriate frequency specified by the competition organiser and comply promptly with any instructions given by or on behalf of the competition organiser to vacate the specified airspace.
  - (5) On any flight pursuant to this exemption the commander of the aircraft is responsible for the avoidance of collisions and for maintaining separation from other gliders and towing aircraft.
5. This exemption shall have effect from 11 July 2009 to 19 July 2009 (both dates inclusive) between 1000 hours and 1800 hours UTC unless previously revoked, varied or suspended.



**Signed**

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Controlled Airspace Section  
Directorate of Airspace Policy

for the Civil Aviation Authority

Date 28 April 2009

## **NOTES**

### **TASKS FOR THE COMPETITION ORGANISER**

- (1) The competition organiser is to ensure that all competitors and tug pilots are given a full briefing on the airspace limits with particular emphasis on containing the flights within the vertical and lateral limits of the specified airspace.

- (2) The competition organiser shall advise the Terminal Control Group Supervisor (North) at London Terminal Control (Swanwick) (Tel 02380 401103) each day at least 30 minutes prior to the start of gliding activity and also on the completion or cancellation of the day's operations and will obtain permission for gliders and tugs to operate within the specified airspace in accordance with this exemption.

Exceptionally the Group Supervisor (North) may specify additional conditions with the permission. The competition organiser is responsible for ensuring that all competitors and tug pilots are aware of the permission and any additional conditions specified (see para 4(2) of the Exemption). The TC Group Supervisor (North) will advise ATC at London Luton Airport.

- (3) The competition organiser shall ensure that he/she or a designated representative can be contacted by the TC Group Supervisor (North) throughout the entire period of gliding operations.
- (4) The competition organiser shall ensure that a means of communicating with glider and tug pilots operating in the specified airspace is available.

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