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Subject: INFORMAL RUNWAY USE PROGRAM

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This Letter to Airman addresses the runway use program which has been in effect at Tampa International Airport for many years. This program was developed in the public interest, designed to enhance noise abatement efforts with regard to airport communities, and applies to all arriving and departing turbojet and, where noted, turboprop operations.

Pilots are expected to follow all informal noise abatement procedures. Pilots requesting to use a runway other than the active or deviate from noise abatement flight tracks for reasons of operational necessity are expected to advise Tampa Tower/Approach.

When in South Flow operations, commercial turbojet aircraft are encouraged to use Runway 19R for departure. There is no preferred arrival runway for South Flow operations.

When in North Flow operations, all turbojet aircraft are encouraged to use Runway 1L for arrival. There is no preferred departure runway for North Flow operations.

1. RUNWAY USE FOR TURBOJET AIRCRAFT, IN ORDER OF USE:

- a. SOUTH OPERATION: ARRIVE 19L/19R
 - (1) DEPART 19R (2) DEPART 19L
- b. NORTH OPERATION: DEPART 1L/1R
 - (1) ARRIVE 1L (2) ARRIVE 1R
- c. EAST/WEST: ARRIVE/DEPART 10/28

2. TO PREVENT THE OVERFLIGHT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE INTERBAY AREA (PENINSULA SOUTH OF RUNWAY 1L/1R) ON A NORTH OPERATION:

Turbojet aircraft will be vectored to a base leg south of MacDill Air Force Base's Runway 5 unless wind, weather, field and/or traffic conditions do not permit.

3. INITIAL DEPARTURE TRACKS FOR TURBOJET AIRCRAFT:

Headings will be assigned to ensure aircraft remain on the designated tracks. Do not expect turns from initial headings until the aircraft has reached 3,000 feet, unless operationally required.

- a. Runway 1L or 1R – track 005.
- b. Runway 19R – track 205.
- c. Runway 19L – track 215.
- d. Runway 28 – track 280.
- e. Runway 10 – track 100.

4. INITIAL DEPARTURE TRACKS FOR TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT FROM 7:00 PM TO 7:00 AM.

Unless operationally required, turboprop aircraft departing Runway 1L/1R will not be permitted to turn more than 30 degrees left from the runway heading until the aircraft has reached 3 NM.

5. CORPORATE TURBOJET DEPARTURES ON RUNWAY 19L:

Non-Air Carrier-type turbojet departures may depart Runway 19L at any time provided assigned headings are issued to ensure tracks emulate Runway 19R departures.

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