# Alliance Airways

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## Pilot Regulations & Services
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Welcome to Alliance Airways. Created by, Tony Sanchez, and Dan Humphries in 2011. Alliance Airways began virtual airline operations on February 1st 2011. Alliance Airways is XPLANE's most sought out virtual airline. Our pilots, are from all walks of life, forming an elite group of aviation enthusiasts and creating a dynamic community, where, together in unity, Alliance Airways is transformed from ordinary to extraordinary.

# Pilot Regulations

**Pilot Conduct**

Administrators work hard to provide an environment where pilots can enjoy x-plane and have fun. It is a shame that it only takes a few bad apples to ruin the fun. Alliance Airways pilots represent an elite group, and the reputation of Alliance Airways is affected by the conduct of our pilots. Therefore, the Pilot Conduct rules apply in the following environments: Flying online; Alliance Airways message forums; Alliance Airways Voice Server; any social network. Breaking any of the following Pilot Conduct rules will not be tolerated and will result in termination of membership from Alliance Airways.

- First and foremost, HAVE FUN!!
- Negative comments or disrespect against fellow Alliance Airways members, members of other VAs, or members of any of our partners will not be tolerated.
- Opinions are always welcome. Disagreeing is a part of life but there is a respectful way to do it.
- You may not represent anyone else other than yourself, otherwise this will be considered false impersonation.
- Lying or cheating will not be tolerated.

**Message Forum and Voice Server Standards**

1. Members of AXX must always present themselves professionally on the forums and on the voice server.
2. When responding to comments/questions/concerns Alliance members will respond to the entire question in a matter of fact manner and be sure to cover the topic completely to prevent further confusion.
3. Regardless of any perceived disrespect or even direct insult, AXX pilots will not respond to personal attacks.
4. In the event of a disrespect from a pilot towards any other pilot; a complaint should be sent to any member of the Management Team, which will take direct statements/evidence from both sides, then vote on whether or not punishment should be given. Any member of the Management team involved in a conflict will not vote.
5. The Alliance Management Team has final say on all forum posts and with no warning, delete anything that is deemed by the Alliance Management Team as detrimental.

**Administration Positions**

Alliance Airways pilots may apply for administration positions as they become available. Some administration positions may have specific requisites such as but not limited to; number of reported flight hours, current rank, specific talents, etc... Anything that is developed by Alliance Airways

Administrators becomes the property of Alliance Airways and its Owners such as but not limited to; intellectual property, scenery, aircraft, software, graphics, logos, etc.

**New Pilots**
When a pilot first joins Alliance Airways, they are given the rank of Student Pilot, are added to the Alliance Flight School Roster, and are restricted to Alliance Flight School aircraft until they have been promoted to **Private Pilot** (PPL - 6 hrs of flight time and the New Pilot Quiz has been passed).

All Pilots with the rank of Student Pilot can only conduct Flight School (FLT) Flights that are listed in the Alliance Airways Flight Schedule.

Upon reaching a rank of Private Pilot of flight time, the pilot is promoted to **Private Pilot** (PPL) and is then transferred to the region that the pilot applied for in their initial pilot application.

**New Pilots flying with other Virtual Airlines (VA)**
New Pilots Joining Alliance will be able to transfer up to 50% of their confirmable hours flown with another Virtual Airline to Alliance Airways. The new Pilot will still have to start at flight School and fly the required 6 hours. After the pilot has been promoted from Flight School, 50% of the confirmable hours flown with the other VA will be added to the Pilot's total flight hours. At this time, the Pilot will also acquire the rank that their confirmed hours coincide with.

**Pilot Ranking and Limitation**
Private Pilots and above are ranked and promoted based on the total number of flight hours flown. Each rank also entitles pilots to operate specific Aircraft Categories (See aircraft Categories below).

Pilots with a rank of PPL and above are granted access to the complete set of Alliance Airways Scenery, Add-ons, and other Alliance Airways Aircraft based on rank.

**Aircraft and Aircraft Categories**
*Alliance Airways Aircraft* – Aircraft that is downloaded from the Alliance Airways Aircraft Hangar.

*3rd Party Aircraft* – Aircraft that are not downloaded from the Alliance Airways Aircraft Hangar and are either freeware or payware.

Aircraft used by Alliance Airways (Alliance Airways Aircraft and 3rd Party Aircraft) are classified into Aircraft Categories depending on various factors such as : aircraft range, maximum speed, maximum passengers, and maximum weight. The following is a list of the current aircraft categories:

Cargo Heavy, Cargo Light, Commuter, Helos, Long Range, Medium Range, Race, Short Range, Special Operations, Specialty, Training, Ultra Range, and Ultra Range Heavy.

Refer to the following link for a list of Aircraft Categories and their respective aircraft:

http://alliance-airways.net/aircraft/viewAircraftICAO.php

Pilots with the rank of "Student Pilot" initially gain the ability to ONLY fly Alliance Airways Aircraft that are listed in the "Training" Category.

As pilots are promoted to a new rank (beginning with Private Pilot), they gain access to additional Aircraft Categories and are thus able to operate any Alliance Airways Aircraft and 3rd Party Aircraft that belongs to the aircraft category that they gained access to.

**Pilot Active Status - Monthly Minimums**
Alliance Airways is a prestigious virtual airline (VA), and requires that each of its pilots maintain an active status. Active status is obtained by flying a minimum of two flights per month based on the pilot's rank as follows:

1. **Rank of Student Pilot to Executive Captain** - The 2 required flights must be from the flight schedules.
2. **Rank of Executive Chief Captain to less than 1000 flight hrs** - 2 flights are required to maintain active status, but only 1 flight needs to be from the flight schedules. The second flight can be any non-scheduled flight such as VFR, and CHR.
3. **When Pilot reaches 1000 hrs of flight time** - The 2 required flights no longer need to be from the flight schedules, ANY flight counts.

NOTAM : A **scheduled flight** is any flight on the Alliance Airways (AXX) flight schedule (see scheduled flights below for more details)

A pilot will know when they have met their monthly flight minimum through the use of colored indicator dots next to their name on the region's roster. The indicator dots have the following meanings:

> 🟢 = Flight minimums have been met for the current month.
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> 🟡 = Flight minimums have not been met for the current month.
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> 🔴 = Monthly Minimums have been not met. **Pilot will be removed (see Red Button Policy)**.
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> 🟣 = Suspended, contact the region director.
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> ⚪ = LOA - Leave of Absence (3 month maximum).
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> ⚫ = ELOA - Extended Leave of Absence (12 month maximum must be approved by the Management Team).

**Pilot Red Button Policy**
If the pilot's activity dot is red at the beginning of the month, the region manager will send the pilot an email letting them know that they have until the end of month to fly and report a minimum of two flights. If the pilot is unable to meet the two flight minimum to bring their activity dot to yellow, they

may request a leave of absence (LOA) for a maximum of 3 months (See LOA). If the pilot does not respond to the email sent by the region manager, or if the pilot's activity dot did not turn yellow after two weeks from the beginning of the current month, the region manager will then deletes the pilot from the hub roster and the message forums. This means that the pilot will lose all of the flight hours that they have accumulated with Alliance Airways. If the pilot reapplies to Alliance they will only be credited one half of their previous accumulated hours.

## Leave of Absence Policy (LOA)

1. Pilots may request a Leave of Absence (LOA) for a maximum of 3 months if they cannot meet their monthly minimums.
2. When a pilot is ready to come out of LOA, the pilot simply begins to fly before their LOA expires, nothing needs to be done by the region director, the system will automatically take the pilot out of LOA when their first PIREP is submitted.
3. When the LOA period expires, the pilot's activity dot will automatically become red and the region director will send the pilot an email and a personal message via the AXX message forums letting them know that their LOA has ended.
4. If a pilot does not conduct a flight on the month that their flight status dot turns red, the pilot is then removed from the pilot roster per the red dot policy (see above).
5. Pilots can only request one LOA per year.
6. Student Pilots cannot request LOA.
7. If a pilot logs hours for another VA while on LOA at Alliance, the pilot will be taken out of LOA and their activity dot becomes red, and the pilot is then removed per the red dot policy.

## Extended Leave of Absence Policy (ELOA)

1. Pilots may request an Extended Leave of Absence (ELOA) for a maximum of 12 months if they cannot meet their monthly minimums.
2. ELOA can only be approved by the Management Team and only unusual circumstances will be approved.
3. When a pilot is ready to come out of ELOA, the pilot simply begins to fly before their ELOA expires, nothing needs to be done by the region director, the system will automatically take the pilot out of ELOA when their first PIREP is submitted.
4. When the ELOA period expires, the pilot's activity dot will automatically become red and the region director will send the pilot an email and a personal message via the AXX message forums letting them know that their ELOA has ended.
5. If a pilot does not conduct a flight on the month that their dot turned red, the pilot is then removed per he red dot policy (see above).
6. If a pilot logs hours for another VA while on ELOA at Alliance, the pilot will be taken out of ELOA and their activity dot becomes red, and the pilot is then removed per the red dot policy.
7. Pilots cannot request two consecutive ELOAs.
8. If an ELOA is request, the pilot must be active for a minimum of 12 months before the Management Team considers the next ELOA.
9. Student pilots cannot request ELOA.

**Flight reporting and flight limitations**

Alliance Airways uses **ACARS** for flight reporting, therefore flight reports (PIREP's) must be sent using ACARS.

All IFR flights require an IFR flight plan entered in ACARS or in the comments section of a manual flight report.

On rare occasions a manual flight report can be filed, but this is strictly limited to a maximum of 2 manual reports per month. If you are not able to connect to the ACARS system, you may file a manual flight report and enter a comment why you were not able to send the PIREP using ACARS.

No manual flight reports may be sent by pilots with a rank of SP (student pilot) unless the flight was conducted with an Alliance Airways instructor. In such case, the name of the AXX instructor must be included in the comment section of the manual flight report.

Pilots may not conduct flights longer than 15 hrs. If a flight does exceed the 15 hrs maximum, only first 15 hrs of that flight will be added to the pilot's log.

**Scheduled Flights and Booking System**

Alliance Airways pilots with a rank of Private Pilot (PPL) and above may choose and fly ANY flight from the Alliance Airways Flight Schedules (independent of which region the pilot is listed under). Alliance Airways has a variety of scheduled flight types (flight prefix), such as but not limited to:

1. Airline Flights(AXX)
2. TransStar, Regional Flights (AXR)
3. Department of Justice (DOJ)
4. Cargo Flights (CRG)
5. Flight School Flights (FLT)
6. Special Operations (SPO)
7. Special Charters and Tours (SCH)
8. Helicopter Service (HSX)
9. Flyin Event Flights(FLY)
10. Certification Flight (CFT)

The flight schedules contain Aircraft Categories rather than individual aircraft for each of the scheduled flights. This provides pilots with greater flexibility as to which aircraft they fly for a given scheduled flight. Thus, pilots can fly any aircraft (Alliance Airways Aircraft or 3rd Party Aircraft) that belongs to the aircraft category that is listed on the flight from the flight schedule. These flights counts towards the pilot's monthly flight minimums.

In order to fly a flight from the Flight Schedules, the Flight scheduled flight must first be booked, then flown otherwise ACARS will reject your flight.  Here is how it works.

1. Located a flight that you want to book and fly from the Flight Schedules.
2. Click on the flight number link, and a new window with the flight information will appear.

3. Scroll to the bottom of the flight information window and click on the "Book this flight" box.
4. Fly your flight using acars (no manual reports).
5. When the flight is completed, the acars system will unbook the flight as soon as the pirep is sent via acars.

If you change your mind and decide that you no longer want to fly the flight, you can go back to the flight's information window (number 2-3 above) and you will be able to unbook the flight by clicking on the "unbook this flight" box. NOTE: Only the pilot that booked the flight has the ability to unbook the flight.

**Non scheduled flights**
No need to worry if your favorite route is not found in the Alliance Airways Flight Schedules. Alliance pilots with the rank of PPL and above, may operate any aircraft (Alliance Airways Aircraft or 3rd Party Aircraft) that is listed in the Aircraft Category (for which a pilot is qualified to operate based on their Rank) between airports of their choice and report these flights as non-scheduled flights. Use one of the following flight types (prefixes) for non-scheduled flights; use the one that best matches your flight:

1. Charter Flight (CHR) – Used when conducting IFR operations.
2. VFR Flight (VFR) – Used when conducting VFR operations.

**NOTAM** : These flights DO NOT count towards the pilot's flight minimums.

**Long Haul Policy – Maximum allowable flight time per flight**
Flights that exceed 10 hours of flight time need to be verified by the Regional Manager before credit for the flight is given to the pilot. Unverified flights will have a letter "U" in the pilot's flight log. Regional managers have 72 hours to verify the flight. Once the flight is verified by the regional manager, the letter "U" is removed and the pilot is given credit for the flight.

Pilots may not conduct flights longer than 15 hrs. If a flight does exceed the 15 hrs maximum, only first 15 hrs of that flight will be added to the pilot's log.

**Online Regulations**
Flights can be flown on any online network, however, pilots are **NOT** required to fly their flights online. Pilots who choose to fly online must be Online Certified before they can log into any networks using the Alliance Airways ICAO call sign. Please refer to our Online Center for more information on using online networks. Although Alliance Airways allows pilots to fly their flights on any online network, Alliance Airways only provides technical support for the VATSIM network.

**Alliance Airways Call Signs**
Pilots are not permitted to use the Alliance Airways Call Sign (AXX) on any online network until the Online Certification has been granted. Also, pilots are assigned a three or four digit personal call sign when they are granted their Online Certification. The numbers included in this personal call sign can be any numbers, as long as it does not conflict with an existing pilot's call sign. The call sign must also be

approved by the administrator granting the Online Certification. Before the Online Certification, pilots are not reserved a personal call sign.

# Pilot Services

**The Pilot Lounge**
The Pilot Lounge contains everything a pilot needs to successfully plan and execute their flight. Prior to each flight, pilots are encouraged to check the weather and download the appropriate charts for their flight. After the completion of the flight, a pilot must file a Flight Report so that they receive proper credit for that flight. The Flight Report is entered in the pilot's log and a copy sent to the region director for review. Pilot's can view their flight logs by selecting their assigned region and clicking on the flight time next to the pilot's name.

**Pilot ID Cards**
All pilots are given a Pilot ID Card. The Pilot can access their ID Card by clicking on their name in their respective region's roster. The Pilot ID Card contains special pins that are awarded to the pilot.

**Advanced flight certifications**
Once you have mastered the topics and lessons found in the Alliance Airway's Flight School Training Center, it is time to test your aviation knowledge and skills in the form of certification flights. Each time a pilot passes a certification flight, a pin will be added to their Pilot ID Badge to reflect their accomplishment. Learn more about our certifications by going to the Certification Center.

Note: Certification flights must be flown using Alliance Airways Aircraft, no 3rd party Aircraft can be used for these flights.

**Message Forums**
Alliance Airways uses the Message Forums to post pilot promotions, access to special areas of the Alliance Airways web pages. The Alliance Airways message forums is also a great way to get know your fellow pilots as well as tech support for both Alliance Airways items and X-Plane. The pilot's username and password for the Alliance Airways Message forums is sent to each pilot by email when they first join Alliance Airways.

**Voice Server**
Alliance Airways uses the Team Speak voice server which allows you to talk with fellow pilots. It is a great way to get to know other AXX members, get answers to questions, find out about upcoming special events, or just enjoy the camaraderie. Further information can be found at the link below.

http://alliance-airways.net/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1504895321

**Download** the Team Speak client application from the following link:

https://www.teamspeak.com/en/downloads.html#client

**Note : you must be logged into the AXX message forums to access the link.**