Welcome to the neighborhood and the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, one of the busiest single-runway general aviation airports in the nation. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. This brochure introduces you to the Santa Monica Airport’s Fly Neighborly Program and will help you operate your aircraft in the least impactful manner possible while providing a safe environment.

The Airport is in the heart of a neighborhood surrounded by over 130,000 residents. The City of Santa Monica is proactively committed to its extensive noise mitigation program, which includes a maximum allowable noise level, limited aircraft operations hours, and requested VFR noise mitigation flight paths and procedures. This brochure is designed to assist you with compliance of these procedures; helping you be a good neighbor.

The City and Airport staff recognize that pilots truly are the key to a successful noise mitigation program. We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation in making the Airport a good neighbor.

DISCLAIMER: The procedures described in this brochure are not intended to preempt the prerogatives or responsibilities of the pilot-in-command, conflict with safe aircraft operations, or interfere with ATC instructions or any command that is the exclusive authority of the FAA.

Fly Neighborly Program

SMO Fly Neighborly, Fly Quietly

Not to Scale

Santa Monica Airport (SMO)

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FIXED-WING PROPELLER AIRCRAFT
Mandatory Restrictions
The following procedures and limitations are enforced per the City's Aircraft Noise Ordinance. Violations may result in the imposition of fines and/or exclusion from Santa Monica Airport.

- Maximum Noise Level: 95.0 dBA Single Event Noise Exposure Level (SENEL) as measured 2,200' from either ends of the runway.
- Intersection departures are prohibited.
- Formation takeoffs and landings are prohibited.
- Touch and go, stop and go and low approaches are prohibited weekends, holidays, and weekdays one half hour after sunset until 7am the following day.
- Prior Permission Required from the Airport Director for dual wheel aircraft in excess of 60,000 lbs. MCLW. Call (310) 458-8591.

Mandatory Night Departure Curfew
No takeoffs or engine starts, including Auxiliary Power Units (APU) between 11pm and 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends. Exceptions are allowed for bona fide medical or public safety emergencies only. Contact Airport Administration.

Voluntary Night Arrival Curfew
11pm and 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends. Pilots are requested to avoid operations during this time period due to the negative noise impact on the community.

Note: Compliance with the Airport Ordinance is mandatory unless deviations are made necessary by weather, ATC instructions or clearances, inflight emergencies or other safety considerations.

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Fixed-Wing Propeller Aircraft Procedures

VFR Departures

Westerly Flow: Runway 21
Standard traffic pattern is left. Please over-fly the Penmar Golf Course west of SMO. This procedure requires an initial 10° left turn over the VOR and then a right turn to overfly the length of the golf course. Please do not initiate the left 10° turn prior to the VOR (See map).

Special Flights Rules Area: Runway 21
Right climbing 270° turn at shoreline to head southeast along SMO 132° radial at 3,500 feet MSL (see map).

Mini Route
Remain outside class B airspace until receiving clearance from LAX. SMO tower will coordinate transitions through the Mini Route. Crossing altitude 2500’

Easterly Flow: Runway 03
Standard traffic pattern is right. Turn crosswind over 405 FWY.

Special Flights Rules Area: Runway 03
Left climbing 270° turn to fly southeast along the SMO 132° radial at 3,500 feet MSL. No crosswind turns prior to the 405 FWY.

VFR Arrivals

Runways 03/21
Maintain pattern altitude or above as long as practical.

Special Flights Rules Area Arrivals
Contact SMO Tower for north crossing midfield to enter right traffic (see map).

Not For Navigational Use

Santa Monica Airport Information

Frequencies
CTAF 120.1 MHz
ATIS 119.15 MHz or (310) 450-4620
Tower 120.1 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Ground Control 121.9 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Unicom 122.95 MHz (after hours)
VOR 113.9 MHz
SMO VORTAC 110.8 MHz

Traffic Pattern
- Left Traffic: Runway 21
- Right Traffic: Runway 03
- Pattern Altitude: 1,370 feet MSL Single-Engine

Instrument Approach Procedure
- VOR: Runway 21
- RNAV (GPS): Runway 03 & 21

Airfield Information
- Field Elevation: 170 feet MSL
- Runway 21: 170 feet MSL
- Runway 03: 126 feet MSL
- Runway Length/Width: 3,500 feet X 150 feet (ASPH)
- Runway Slope: 1.2% down SW
- Runway Lighting: MIRLs, PAPI R03, REIL & PAPI R21
- Maximum Weight: 60,000 lbs. Maximum Certified Landing Weight (dual wheel)

Fixed Based Operator
- Atlantic Aviation
  2828 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, CA 90405
  Phone: 310-396-6770 Frequency: 128.55
- Aeroplex
  Self-Serve Fuel Station
  Fuel: 100LL
  Located Southwest of the field

Noise Mitigation Policies
- Fly Neighborly, Fly Quietly