International Virtual Aviation Organisation Special Operations Instruction No 6

Divisional Special Operations Tours and Events

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Introduction

Divisions may create SO divisional tours for all users of IVAO. Special operation tours are tours that relate to SO airfields, organisations and convention missions/assignments for the pilot to complete. On completion of divisional SO tours, the division may award the SO division tour award.

How to Develop a SO Tour

Considerations

Before you develop a SO tour, you must ensure to consider the following points,

1. What will make the tour be special operations?
2. How will the tour be validated and ensure that the missions/assignments are completed correctly?
3. Does restricted airspace need to be created for the tour?
4. Is the full tour flyable without ATC?
5. Is there a requirement to make scenery for the tour? Do you have access to the resources to create similar scenery for XP11, P3d, FSX?
6. Do I need to obtain permission from another division to use their airspace/airfields?
7. What is the skill/knowledge level to fly the tour?

Creating the documents

SO HQ is not involved in the creation or validation of divisional tours but will be able to offer advice. Below are points that are advised to be included in the tour documentation.

1. Links or copies of charts and airfield information.
    a. For a lot of airfields and airspace related to SO, their charts and information may be harder to find than civil airfields.
2. Detail mission/assignment information
    a. Any mission/assignment must be easy to understand and follow, while not being overly simplified.
3. Legs list
    a. An overview list of all the flight/missions to be flown

Tour Validation

Divisional Tours shall be validated by the division, SO HQ will not be involved.

No.6b Divisional Events

Introduction

A divisional SO event are SO events intended to be for the divisions SO community. There is no minimum requirement to create divisional events.

How to develop a SO Event

Considerations

SO HQ is not involved in the validation of divisional events. Before you develop a Divisional SO event, you must ensure to consider the following points,

1. Disruption of non-participating traffic
    a. What disruption may be created to traffic not involved?
    b. Do you need to establish restricted airspace? How will this affect traffic?
    c. Do you have enough ATC services for the event? Do you require civil ATC?
2. Difficulty of the event
    a. What level of pilot/ATC is this event designed for? Will this limit participation?
    b. Is there enough guidance/documentation to allow a pilot to participate?
    c. How easy is it to understand the brief/plan? Is it too confusing?
3. Event length and size
    a. Are there enough slots for high-level participation?
    b. How long do you think the event will be? Too long? Too short?
    c. Have you tested the flight to ensure reasonable timing?
4. Documentation
    a. Are there suitable airfield charts available? Do you need to create your own?
5. Scenery and Aircrafts
    a. Are you providing scenery for the event? Is it needed?
    b. Have you provided scenery for XP11, FSX and P3d?
    c. Are you limiting the type of aircraft or equipment? Do you need to?

Creating the event documents

We advise that divisional events are created to the same detail as International events, for more information refers to SO Instruction No.4.

Only users from the division of the event may attend the event, any members for of divisions must get prior approval from the division's staff to participate. Therefore, divisional events should not be advertised externally of the division. Suppose a division wishes to invite other division members. In that case, we advise that they submit the event to SO HQ for approval as an International event.