

AIRSPACE CO-ORDINATION NOTICE

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group

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MOUNTAIN WAVE GLIDING FESTIVAL FESHIEBRIDGE

CAT Z

Subject to NOTAM: No**Date(s) of activity/Validity:**27th September – 5th October 2025**Times - ALL TIMES UTC**

SR - SS

Vertical Limits:

SFC – FL195 (or higher within a TRA(G))

Allocated Mode 3A (SSR):

Tactically Issued by ATC

Aircraft Details:

Up to 20 Gliders

NDS Approved:

Not Applicable

Event Sponsor(s):

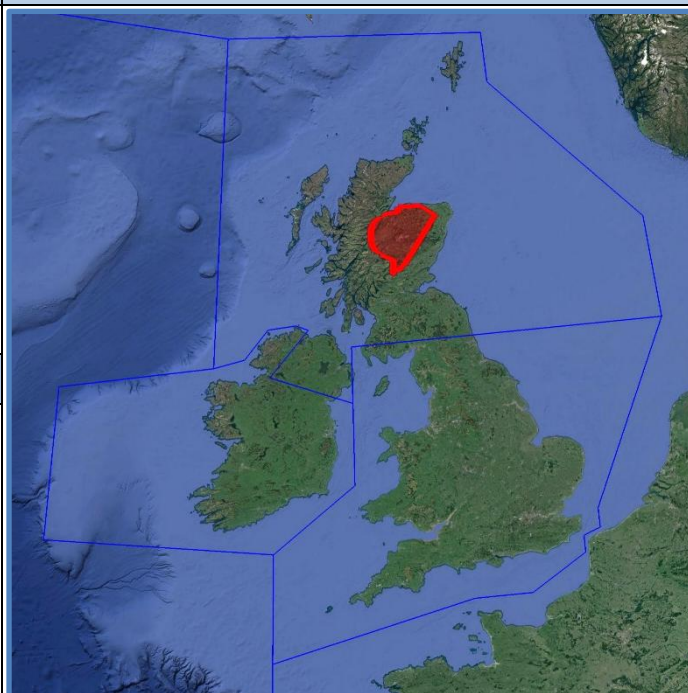
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Aircraft Operator(s):

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ATS Units/**Controlling Agencies:**

Prestwick ACC 01294 655300
Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn) - North 01489 612943
Info: Aberdeen, Inverness, Leuchars, Lossiemouth

Geographical Limits:**Airspace Reservations:**

NSGA1	Scotland	See Para 20
TRA(G)	Scottish Area North/South - Lower	
TRA(G)	Scottish Area North/South - Upper	

Departure/Destination Aerodrome(s)

Feshiebridge Airfield (570613N 0035330W)

ACN Issued by:

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SECTION 1: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (GENERAL)

1. The pilot/operator is requested to telephone the ATC authorities on the cover prior to departure in order to notify or update the sortie details including area(s) of operation and planned levels (quoting the ACN Reference). A minimum of 24 hours' notice should be given unless specified in Section 2.
2. There may be other aircraft and/or activities outside Controlled/Regulated Airspace unknown to ATC.
3. **The carriage and operation of a serviceable FLARM has been specified.**
4. The pilot will be responsible for obtaining all necessary ATC clearances and for maintaining R/T contact with appropriate ATC authorities.
5. The pilot/operator will be responsible for obtaining prior clearances to enter any UK Danger Areas affected by the flight profile from the appropriate Range Control Authority unless this is specifically detailed in Section 2.
6. Other Unusual Aerial Activities (UAAs) may be notified to the CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG) and may take place within the airspace encompassed by this flight. The pilot/operator is to ensure that UK Daily NOTAM Nav Warnings are consulted prior to each flight.
7. All flights within Controlled Airspace are subject to the requirements of a Flight Plan in accordance with UK AIP ENR1.10. The ACN Reference should be entered into Field 18 of the Flight Plan together with any relevant 'special handling' codes.
8. Flight prioritisation and Non-Deviating Status is in accordance with the information specified on the ACN Cover. Such status may be afforded to part or all of the flight – see Section 2.
9. Availability of an ATS from Plymouth Military, Swanwick Military (78 Sqn) or Western Radar is subject to unit capacity, priorities and limitations of radar and radio coverage. Minimum pre-flight notification as per UK AIP ENR 1.6 unless otherwise specified in Section 2 of this ACN.
10. The CAA actively encourages the use of Moving map technology in the planning and flying phases of flights to reduce the risk of airspace infringements.

PUBLICATIONS AND CHANGES

11. The activity area may lie within Controlled and Uncontrolled Airspace as well as airspace reserved for military use. Aircrew are to thoroughly familiarise themselves with UK airspace structures and procedures, in particular those laid down within the UK Aeronautical Information Publication (UK AIP), ENR 1.1 and be fully conversant with UK Flight Information Services in accordance with UK CAP 493 (MATS Pt 1).
12. The CAA VFR 1:500,000 and 1:250,000 charts and the UK AIP ENR 5 depict some, but not all aviation activity sites and amendments should also be checked. Please refer to <http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com>
13. This ACN details specific coordination essential to the activity taking place and does not remove the need for aircraft operators to comply with national flight planning and notification procedures. Pilots and ANSPs are required to ensure that all related aviation sites are aware of this planned activity and of subsequent changes not captured within this document.
14. The Sponsor or Event Organiser should co-ordinate any changes to this ACN with SARG quoting the ACN Reference at the top of the page.

Airspace Regulation (Utilisation)
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SECTION 2: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (SPECIFIC)

15. This ACN details the operating area and coordination required to facilitate a gliding festival, adjacent Cairngorm mountains, flying in thermal lift and flying in wave lift, the latter can be capable of taking gliders to over 30,000ft. Operations shall only take place between SR and SS and is subject to favourable weather.

16. Flight will be limited to FL195 except within the Scottish Area North and South - Lower and/or Upper TRA(G)s when activated in accordance with the relevant LoA and UK AIP ENR 1.1 (1.11 Glider Operations above FL195). In addition to weekends, this LoA authorises activation of the TRA(G) on weekdays.

17. Activity is likely to be limited to a radius of around 20 miles from the airfield but in good meteorological conditions may extend significantly beyond this. Most gliders operating from the site do not carry a transponder but are equipped with FLARM.

18. **Notification.** In addition to any existing notification procedures contains within an LoA, and those agencies listed on page one, the sponsor is to notify the agencies listed below of this ACN at least 1 hour prior to the first launch in order to confirm final details of the operating area.

a. Aberdeen	01224 727160
b. Inverness	01667 464293
c. Leuchars	01334 857282
d. Lossiemouth	01343 816075

19. **Priority.** This flight has been categorised as CAT Z, (*CAP 493 – Section 1, Ch4, Para 10c refers*) and attracts no priority.

20. **Non-SSR Gliding Areas.** The sponsor should exercise caution when operating in these areas, as gliders without transponders may be encountered up to FL195. For info see the UK AIP: *ENR 1.1 (Para 1.12), ENR 5.2 (NSGA) and ENR6-63.*

SECTION 3

Area of Operation

21. Charts highlighting the area of operation are shown below. These are for illustrative purposes only and not for operational planning.

Chart 1 – Overview

