2019 Region VII SAFECON Communications Procedures – KEWB
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ATIS – 126.85   New Bedford Ground - 121.9   New Bedford Tower - 118.1

NON-EVENT ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

Arrivals and departures that are not a part of a NIFA event (landings, message drop, nav) should be made according to normal operating practices. Ramp designations are addressed in the Pre-Arrival Briefing document. Aircraft should use their normal tail number or other FAA-approved call sign.

NAVIGATION EVENT

Aircraft competing in the navigation event should operate utilizing normal radio and transponder procedures. The event is conducted VFR and as such aircraft should squawk 1200 unless otherwise instructed by an air traffic facility. Contestants should use their normal tail number or other FAA-approved call sign.

LANDING EVENTS & MESSAGE DROP

Aircraft competing in the landing events will operate using individual tail numbers. ALL AIRCRAFT should use a transponder code of 1200 and squawk ALT while operating in the traffic pattern.

In order to allow the tower maximum flexibility, each aircraft in each heat will communicate with Ground and Tower utilizing the following phraseology:

Taxi Out	*New Bedford Ground, (aircraft tail number), at the NIFA ramp, ready for taxi with information (ATIS)*
Takeoff	*New Bedford Tower, (aircraft tail number), requesting closed traffic.*
Mid-field Downwind	*New Bedford Tower, (aircraft tail number), mid-field downwind, requesting the option.*

By requesting the option, each contestant will have the choice to make a touch-and-go, a full-stop landing, low approach, or a go-around. This should serve to minimize the chatter on the radio and allow the contestants the most flexibility during the event.

If an aircraft should have to go around on their final landing attempt, they will again need to make their own downwind call and request a full stop.

Please review and get familiar with these procedures prior to arrival at SAFECON. We will review them during the General Contestant Briefing and answer any questions that you may have.