

Section 5. Runway Selection

3-5-1. SELECTION

a. Except where a “runway use” program is in effect, use the runway most nearly aligned with the wind when 5 knots or more or the “calm wind” runway when less than 5 knots (set tetrahedron accordingly) unless use of another runway:

NOTE-

1. *If a pilot prefers to use a runway different from that specified, the pilot is expected to advise ATC.*

2. *At airports where a “runway use” program is established, ATC will assign runways deemed to have the least noise impact. If in the interest of safety a runway different from that specified is preferred, the pilot is expected to advise ATC accordingly. ATC will honor such requests and advise pilots when the requested runway is noise sensitive.*

REFERENCE-

FAA Order 8400.9, National Safety and Operational Criteria for Runway Use Programs.

1. Will be operationally advantageous, or
2. Is requested by the pilot.

b. When conducting aircraft operations on other than the advertised active runway, state the runway in use.

3-5-2. STOL RUNWAYS

Use STOL runways as follows:

a. A designated STOL runway may be assigned only when requested by the pilot or as specified in a letter of agreement with an aircraft operator.

b. Issue the measured STOL runway length if the pilot requests it.

3-5-3. TAILWIND COMPONENTS

When authorizing use of runways and a tailwind component exists, always state both wind direction and velocity.

NOTE-

The wind may be described as “calm” when appropriate.

REFERENCE-

FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 2-6-3, Reporting Weather Conditions