

**2023 No. 426**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Liverpool Golf Course) Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - *13th April 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *16th July 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending holding there of the 2023 Open Championship.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016<sup>(a)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Liverpool Golf Course) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 16th July 2023.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0400 hours and 2200 hours on each of the eight days beginning on 16th July 2023 and ending on 23rd July 2023 no aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 532256N 0031130W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
  - (i) National Police Air Service,
  - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Services,
  - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency for the purposes of search and rescue only, or
  - (iv) Merseyside Police Service, or
- (b) operating with the permission of the Open Championship event safety officer.

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.  
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*

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Department for Transport

13th April 2023

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the Royal Liverpool golf course, Hoylake, Merseyside by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons due to attend the 151st Open Championship that is scheduled to take place there between the 16th July 2023 and the 23rd July 2023 (inclusive). The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Open Championship event safety officer may be contacted on telephone number 07801 271968.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.