

2024 No. 732

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Virginia Water)
Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *29th May 2024*

Coming into force - - *16th September 2024*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering there of a large number of persons for the 2024 BMW PGA Golf Championships.

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Virginia Water) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 16th September 2024.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0400 hours on 16th September 2024 and 2100 hours on 23rd September 2024 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,300 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile whose centre is at 512357N 0003524W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the BMW PGA Golf Championships event Safety Officer.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

29th May 2024

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Department for Transport

(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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the 2024 BMW PGA Golf Championships, Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Surrey by the reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the event which is due to take place there from 16th September 2024 to 23rd September 2024, inclusive.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

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), the BMW PGA Golf Championships event Safety Officer may be contacted as notified.

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

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