

2025 No. 192

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Royal Portrush,
Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - 20th February 2025

Coming into force - - 13th July 2025

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 intended holding there of the 2025 British Open 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) (Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 13th July 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0430 hours on 13th July 2025 and ending at 2100 hours on 21st July 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 1,400 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.85 nautical miles centred at 551213N 0063741W.

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

- (a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Police Service of Northern Ireland Airspace Co-ordinator, or
- (b) operated by or behalf of—
 - (i) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

^(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.
^(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th February 2025

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Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland during the 2025 British Open Golf Championships that are due to take place there between 13th July 2025 and 21st July 2025 (inclusive).

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event location 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).

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

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Police Service of Northern Ireland Airspace Co-ordinator may be contacted as notified.

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382734.