



Memorandum


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Date: June 1, 2022
To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Michael Rogers, City Manager 
Via: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation
CC: Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager & Paula Jessup, Airport Manager
Subject: The West Open Aerobatics Championship

The City of Tracy and the local Chapter of the International Aerobatic Club (www.IAC38.org) are pleased to announce that the IAC OPEN West Aerobatic Championships will be held on June 2nd-4th at Tracy Municipal Airport. This is the Western USA Championships, where elite aerobatic pilots from all over the Western USA will be competing by demonstrating their skills in performing precision aerobatic sequences before a group of judges.

We recognize that there may be complaints due to the repetitiveness of noise and proximity to residential areas. The Airport staff is working closely with IAC#38 to create a unified approach in addressing any complaints received. Staff is the primary contact and will be present at the airport for the entire event. Designated viewing areas have been set up to allow spectators in the park and by the airport office.

Airport staff will be in place to monitor the event and to ensure the safety of both the pilots and the spectators. Routine walk throughs will occur within viewing areas and the interior perimeter of the airport. The airport has a safety plan in place and security will be present for both days of the event.

The schedule of the events are as follows:

- **Thursday, June 2nd:** 8:00am pilots will do practice flying all day.
- **Friday June 3rd:** 8:30am to sunset pilots will do contest flying.
- **Saturday June 4th:** 8:00am to 3:00pm pilots will do contest flying. The final event will be the Unlimited 4-minute Free where only the highest category pilots are allowed to use smoke and music. They will have exactly 4 minutes to demonstrate the most demanding of gyroscopic and graceful maneuvers.

The schedule is subject to change if there is bad weather. Sunday, June 5, 2022, will be added if needed to complete the championship dates. We are very excited about this opportunity to host this rare and elite event in our city of Tracy.