

# Events

*You're required to bid your flights using the 'Bid Flight' button found on the Event page. You do not use the 'Flights' menu above. If you fail to follow this, you will not get the bonus for the Event – and we will not fix that.*

*You have a **3-hour grace period** after the event end time to have your PIREP submitted. If it's not submitted by the end of that grace period, you'll forfeit the double hours and points. Please make sure you note when the event ends (indicated on the event page) and add 3 hours to it to determine the submission deadline. **No exceptions will be made.***

*The calendar defaults to **UTC** time. If you wish to see this in your local timezone, click the button labeled **UTC** – or if you're mobile, click the button labeled **U**. Doing so will switch you to local time (denoted by **LOCAL** or **L**). Click it again to return to **UTC**.*

All of our Group Flights can take place on *PilotEdge* or *VATSIM*; however it's **not** required to use any of them or even be a Pilot with their services. It's just the preferred method so we can all see each other in a multiplayer setting and have air traffic control provided.

















If you want to join a group flight but you don't want to fly on *PilotEdge* or *VATSIM*, that's perfectly fine. You can participate by joining our *Group Flight* voice channel on *Discord*.

If you wish to learn more about *PilotEdge* and/or *VATSIM*, visit:

PilotEdge	VATSIM
<a href="https://pilotedge.net">https://pilotedge.net</a>	<a href="https://vatsim.net">https://vatsim.net</a>

Find an **Event** by clicking the *Events* icon in the *Navigation Bar* on the *Crew Ops* website.

Each Event is color-coded to help you identify the provider of ATC Network Services – as illustrated below.

PilotEdge	VATSIM EU	VATSIM PAC	VATSIM US
 <b>GROUP FLIGHT</b>  23:00 - 02:00 UTC  PilotEdge  KSBA, KSMX, KSZP, KIZ...	 <b>GROUP FLIGHT</b>  17:00 - 22:00 UTC  VATSIM EU  EPWA, EPKK, EDDL, ED...	 <b>GROUP FLIGHT</b>  05:00 - 10:00 UTC  VATSIM PAC  YSSY, NZAA	 <b>GROUP FLIGHT</b>  22:00 - 02:00 UTC  VATSIM US  CYHZ, CYQM, CYYT, CYQX

In the Calendar that appears, review the options for that month. Click on an **Event** that interests you within that day's square. This will take you to the Event's **Details Page**. Here, you can read more information about the **Event**.

- If you're interested in signing up for it, click the **Sign-Up** button.
- If you're **not** interested in signing-up for it, click the **Back To Events** button (*back arrow icon*) to return to the **Event Calendar**.

All Pilots attending an event will receive **double hours and points** for participating.

*You **do not** have to be at the airport location in order to participate.*

*Event flights **do not** change your location upon landing.*

There are four (4) types of Group Flights at *Walker Air Transport*. This allows our Event Directors and Pilots to have options and flexibility – in creating the Events *and* flying them. Find the type of event in which you're participating by reading the header *above* the list of airports. The types are explained below.

Fly-In	Fly-Out	Fly-In/Fly-Out	Specific
<i>You must fly into one of these airports.</i>	<i>You must fly out of one of these airports.</i>	<i>You must fly into or out of one of these airports.</i>	<i>You must fly between these airports.</i>

Let's talk about times and how they relate to our *Event System*.

Bidding Opens	Bidding Closes	Submission Period
<i>All bidding opens 3-hours <b>prior to</b> the start time.</i>	<i>All bidding closes 30 minutes <b>before</b> the event end time.</i>	<i>You have a 3-hour grace period <b>after</b> the event ends to submit your PIREP.</i>

So, let's review step-by-step how a group flight works:

1	Sign up for an Event.
2	Make note of the start time <i>and</i> end time. <div><i>You only get a 3-hour grace period <b>after</b> the end time for your PIREP to be submitted.</i></div>
3	<b>3-hour prior</b> to the Event <i>Start Time</i> and up to <b>30 minutes before</b> the Event <i>End Time</i> , you'll see a <b>Bid a Flight</b> button. It allows you to create a flight using any of our Fleet aircraft in order to participate in the Event.

4	If you see a <b>Bid Exists</b> button, that means you already made a Bid. You must delete it in order to make a new one.
5	The <b>Event Details</b> page will list a <i>preferred</i> route. You can use it or use <i>simBrief</i> to create your own routing.
6	<b>Read the Flight Briefing!</b> It may include important information such as what airport we will depart from and arrive to if it's necessary.
7	You get credit for flying the Event as long as you meet its requirement(s).
8	All event times are in UTC, though we also show the local time (to you) as well.
9	<p>The <b>Start Time</b> is our scheduled Pushback time. Plan to be online <i>at least</i> 30 minutes prior to the Event's <i>Start Time</i> in order to complete your Pre-Flight Check.</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> <i>Once the Bid Window opens, you may, if you desire, begin the flight. You do <b>not</b> have to wait for the Start/scheduled Pushback time.</i></p>
10	<div> <b>OPTIONAL   NOT REQUIRED:</b> <i>Get on Discord and join the Group Flight voice channel. This is how we communicate with one another.</i> </div>

Continue your reading **here** on **Events** and how to use the system.

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