

Information for Flight Group Leaders

1. Flight Groups will be treated as one entity, they will taxi and take off as a group unless told or preferred otherwise. The Flight Group Leader is responsible for ATC communications and will always be the point of contact unless an individual gets separated or encounters a problem.
2. Flight Group Leaders will contact ATC on the ground and should clearly state the number of aircraft in the formation, your intentions in taxiing as a group and lining up as a group. You need to establish how ATC wish you to squawk, some prefer only the Flight Group Leader to squawk mode C with the rest of the group on standby.
3. Flight Group Leaders should give a short briefing on the ground including:
Radio frequencies to be used
Airfield information (runway in use, pressure settings, etc.)
Taxi instructions
Make sure the group understand the radio procedures for changing frequencies (see Radio Procedures briefing document).
4. Pilots should plan their flying sequence such that they can always regain the Display Line without infringing the minimum lateral separation distance from the Crowd Line. For practise purposes, always use a runway centreline. The Flying Display Director will confirm whether the centreline is appropriate for a certain display, you may need to fly offset your display from the centreline if required.
5. Where Flying Displays are held at an aerodrome, the CAA will normally authorise the Flying Display Director to allow pilots to fly down to the minimum height specified in their individual Display Authorisation (DA). Flight Group Leaders must make sure that the display does not compromise any individual's DA.
6. Where Flying Displays are held away from an aerodrome, the CAA will impose a minimum height. This is usually 200 feet above ground level over land and 100 feet above surface level over water. Higher or lower minima may be imposed if considered appropriate at a particular venue. The Flying Display Director will advise of the minimum heights applicable at the Flying Display in both verbal and written briefs.
7. Flight Group Leaders should arrange practise times to suit his group and chair any discussion on the display routine and work towards a routine that lasts for 8 – 10 minutes.
8. Only manoeuvres that are known and have been practised are to be flown.