

Basic Sample Communications per FAA NOTAM

VFR Arrival Communication:

1. 15 Miles from Ripon tune and monitor Fisk Approach (Teamspeak room 120.7)
2. At Ripon announce your aircraft type and color:
"Fisk Approach, White & Blue Cessna 172 over Ripon"
3. If told to hold, utilize the published Green Lake Hold; if response is "Roger" proceed to Fisk per Fisk VFR arrival
4. Approaching Fisk (about 2 miles from Fisk) you will receive one of three instructions:
 - a. "White & Blue Cessna 172, follow the railroad tracks northeast for runway 27 (or 9), contact tower on 118.5 (Teamspeak room 118.5)"
 - b. "White & Blue Cessna 172, reaching Fisk turn right and follow east/west road for runway 18R (or 36L), contact tower on 118.5"
 - c. "White & Blue Cessna 172, hold Rush Lake as published"

Do not respond to Fisk Approach unless you do not understand the instructions; just fly it.

5. Switch to Oshkosh Tower and monitor (do not report downwind or final) join the pattern and listen for instructions; for example:
 - a. "White & Blue Cessna 172, join right downwind runway 27"
 - b. "White & Blue Cessna 172, join left downwind runway 18R"
 - c. "White & Blue Cessna 172, join left base runway 36L"
 - d. "White & Blue Cessna 172, make straight in runway 9"
6. Be prepared for any instruction from tower, such as:
 - a. "White & Blue Cessna 172, make short approach runway 27 (or any runway) and land long"
 - b. "White & Blue Cessna 172, cleared to land long runway 27 (or any runway)"

Short Approach: A short approach, by definition means any time you start your base leg BEFORE your downwind leg reaches abeam the threshold of the runway. Any approach that goes beyond the approach end is NOT a short approach. It is assumed that any short approach will result in a landing down the runway.

In the short approach case, the tower will be landing you long and the following aircraft at the threshold end of the runway.

Warbird Arrival Communication:

1. 15 miles from Fond Du Lac tune to Oshkosh tower and monitor on 118.5 (Teamspeak room 118.5)
2. When over Fond Du Lac contact tower:
"Oshkosh Tower, Blue and yellow Wildcat, Fond du Lac"
3. Response: "Blue and yellow Wildcat, Oshkosh Tower, Roger"
4. When over Warbird Island:
"Oshkosh Tower, Blue and yellow Wildcat, Warbird Island"
5. Response could be one of three instructions:
 - a. "Blue and yellow Wildcat, hold Warbird island"
 - b. "Blue and yellow Wildcat, runway 36R (or 27), 360 degree overhead approach, right break at threshold (midfield), report the break"
 - c. "Blue and yellow Wildcat, runway 09 (or 18R), join left downwind"

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5. When on final or after the break:

"Blue and yellow Wildcat, cleared to land runway xx"

You could also get a short approach for any runway.